

**Report from the TA Citizens Advisory Committee
Meeting of June 1, 2021**

The TA CAC meeting held on June 1 was chaired by John Fox due to Chair Barbara Arietta's inability to access Internet via cell phone service. Chair Arietta did participate by calling in from a landline.

The committee met online via a Zoom meeting with TA staff. The CAC heard presentations and reviewed reports, and there were both informational items as well as agenda items requiring a motion with roll call vote.

The informational items were

- CAC Item 4 - public comments for items not on the agenda, a comment was offered to clarify the minutes of the May meeting
- TA Board item 11b - SMCEL-JPA request to the TA re: credit enhancement fee

April Chan provided a presentation, and extensive discussion, on the proposed use of a credit enhancement fee associated with the 100M\$ loan the TA provided to the Express Lanes Joint Powers Authority. The information is provided in order to place this item on a future agenda. In short, the TA as stated in the agreed upon terms and condition of the loan agreement are paid a credit enhancement fee for the credit risk assumed by loaning funds to the Express Lanes Joint Powers Authority. The JPA has requested the TA to consider using some of these funds to support an equity program. There was discussion on the forms the equity program might take, including \$50 credit on a flex toll tag, or a \$50 yearly credit on a Clipper card, etc. The CAC was interested in understanding how the equity program would qualify members of the public, would the program renew every year, and other details to understand.

- TA Board Item 12 State and Federal Legislative Update

Ryan McCauley briefed the CAC on both Federal and State legislation and possible actions. Federal infrastructure funding could bring significant support to transit projects, but details are not in final form. The State is likely to have a budget surplus, the amount that might go to transportation investments is unclear. The Governor's Budget proposal is out for negotiation.

- TA board item 5(a) Approval of Minutes of the Board of directors Meeting of May 6, 2021

There were no comments or suggested edits.

There were agenda items requiring a motion and vote.

- Approval of CAC Minutes from May 4, 2021

Minutes were approved unanimously after some editing suggestions provided through public comment.

- TA board item 10a - Short Range Highway Plan Adoption

Patrick Gilster gave a summary of the plan, the May meeting had extensive discussion on the content. This presentation was the last step in a long process, this motion called for adoption of the plan. The implementation will start with a call for projects. These proposals will be ranked, studied and potentially funded as described in the plan. The motion of adoption passed unanimously.

- TA Board Item 11(a) Adoption of Proposed Budget for FY2022

Virginia Baum provided a summary of the proposed budget for FY2022. After some discussions, comments about how well San Mateo County tax revenues have rebounded during the pandemic year, the motion to adopt the budget passed unanimously.

- TA board Item 5(b) Acceptance of Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for Period Ending April 30, 2021

The Motion passed unanimously. Vice-Chair Fox encouraged the CAC to examine the reports and pass any questions to staff through Joe Hurley.

- TA board item 5(c) Acceptance of Capital Projects Quarterly Status Report for 3rd Quarter Fiscal year 2021

Joe Hurley explained that the TA is updating the format of these Quarterly Status Report; this is a work in progress. Joe asked the CAC to examine the reports and

new formats, and to suggest to the TA staff what works well, what might be improved, and especially if there is some aspect the CAC would like to see added. The Motion passed unanimously. Vice-Chair Fox encouraged the CAC to examine the reports and to help with possible new formats or report features.

- TA board item 5(d) - Establishing the appropriations limits for FY22

Virginia Baum explained the necessity of using a formula to adjust the appropriations limit each year, using adjustments for population as well as tax revenue. While there was a small decrease in population in the county, tax revenue is up, so there is a small increase in the appropriation limit for FY22. The Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting concluded with

- Report of the Chair

Barbara Arietta informed the CAC about the MTC and ABAG Draft Plan Bay Area 2050. This has been over three years in process, with many public meetings and technical analysis. This 30-year plan charts a course for a Bay Area that is affordable, connected, diverse, healthy and vibrant for all its residents through 2050 and beyond.

Draft Plan Bay Area 2050, along with drafts of the Implementation Plan and various supplemental reports, are now all available for review and comment. The MTC and ABAG are asking you to read Draft Plan Bay Area 2050 and give your comments at the Planbayarea.org website by July 20. In addition, when you go to that website, you will also find out how to virtually participate in a number of webinars, workshops and hearings on the Draft Plan Bay Area 2050.

You will also find out how to leave your comments, by either voicemail or email, if you can't attend the webinars, workshops or hearings. All comments must be received by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, July 20.

Barbara forwarded the MTC-ABAG email to Jean Brooks, CAC secretary. Barbara asks the entire CAC for help in responding to the MTC-ABAG request for comment submission.

- Report from Staff

Joe Hurley reported for the TA, and asked that we close our meeting by remembering the families who have lost loved ones in the recent tragedy at the Santa Clara VTA.

- Report from Members

Steven Green was thanked by everyone on the CAC for his service and participation in the committee. He is leaving for Portland. Thanks were expressed to all the meeting presenters, as well as Jean Brook for her consistent skill keeping the Zoom meeting running smoothly.

Submitted June 2, 2021

John D. Fox

TA CAC Vice Chair