

**Report from the TA Citizens Advisory Committee
Meeting of February 2, 2021**

The TA CAC meeting held on February 2 was chaired by John Fox due to Chair Barbara Arietta's inability to access internet. Chair Arietta did participate by phone.

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:

- TA Board Item 11 (a) San Mateo 101 Express Lanes Quarterly Project Update

We heard details on the progress on the 101 Express Lanes Project. The four blocks (longitudinal sections of the 22-mile stretch of 101) are all in various stages of completion, with the most completed sections at the south. Electronic toll system equipment and signage are going in, many sound walls are completed, etc. There was discussion of public concerns after a recent closure of 101 with marked detours - apparently some members of the public managed to drive on the closed on-ramp shoulder. The CAC wants an update of what happened and what better measures can be taken to improve the situation with information to the public. There is an extensive on the project both online and other outreach efforts. One positive aspect of the pandemic is reduced traffic volume, which makes this construction easier with less impact on traffic and delays.

- TA Board Item 11 (b) South San Francisco Caltrain Station Improvement Project Update

We heard from the JPB staff about progress on the relocated station platform, and how this station redevelopment is part of South San Francisco's ambitious plans for housing and retail near the train station. Part of the design includes a tunnel to provide safe passage under the rail line, as well as provide access to the center platform. There was considerable discussion on the public perception of tunnels, and what features the design can incorporate to make an attractive tunnel the public will use and feel safe. Barbara Arietta asked if there was a plan to have a satellite police station as part of the future plans. Renderings were shown of some new mixed-use buildings proposed for the site.

The schedule to complete shows seven months; there was a lot of time lost with issues that included unexpected utility and fiber communication lines requiring relocation and new easements. The project planners emphasize they need to get this completed before electrification of Caltrain would interfere with the work. There are significant cost concerns that the current budget may be insufficient to address. We expect to hear more on this in the near term.

- Approval of Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of January 7, 2021

There were no comments or suggested edits.

There were agenda items requiring a motion and vote.

- Approval of CAC Minutes from January 5, 2021

Minutes were approved without edits or additions.

- TA Board Item 12 (a) Approval of Procurement Policy

Joe Hurley and staff explained the need to update the procurement policy. Jeff Londer suggested that as part of this update the TA use “green” and other considerations in making purchasing decisions. The Staff response was that this policy isn't the place to put such goals, this is a high-level framework to govern all purchasing. Many on the CAC agreed including social goals of sustainability and other measures are very appropriate for the TA in making purchasing decisions. The motion passed unanimously.

- TA Board Item 13 State and Federal Legislative Update and Approval of Legislative Proposals: Support ACA 1

Ryan McCauley had comments on possible directions the new administration might take, as well as updates on state legislative actions. The CAC was asked to endorse the ACA 1 bill. This motion passed unanimously.

- TA Board Item 6 (b) Acceptance of Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the Period Ending December 31, 2020

There was some quick discussion on the relative revenue for 2020-2021 vs historical levels, so far the changes in revenue are not that dramatic. There is a large bump in outflow of funds to the 101 toll project. As explained by Joe Hurley, the funds will be repaid over time from toll revenue. Peter Ohtaki reminded the CAC that the TA gets interest back on this loan as part of the deal. This motion passed unanimously.

- TA Board Item 6 (c) Acceptance of Quarterly Investment Report and Fixed Income Market Review and Outlook for the Period Ending December 31, 2020

We heard a brief summary of the report, which is in the board packet. This motion passed unanimously.

- TA Board Item 6 (d) Amendment of the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget to Increase Total Expenditures from \$212,055,740 to \$212,239,942

Joe Hurley explained the origin of this accounting adjustment, which is based on actual revenues and expenditure numbers rather than estimates. This motion passed unanimously.

The meeting concluded with

- Report of the Chair

Barbara Arietta reported on a February 4 Zoom workshop to expand public participation in all modalities of transportation planning with emphasis on imagining carbon-neutral transportation, “Bikes, Trains, and (Electric) Automobiles: Plans for Carbon-Free Transit in SMC”

- Report from Staff

Joe Hurley reported for the TA.

- Member Comments/Requests

Rick Hedges related information on local transit patterns. The committee members had general comments on looking forward to the positive impacts from COVID vaccines, and all encouraged each other to get vaccinated as soon as their tier is scheduled.

Submitted February 4, 2021

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