

**Report from the TA Citizens Advisory Committee
Meeting of September 29, 2020**

The TA CAC meeting held on September 29 was chaired by John Fox due to Chair Barbara Arietta's inability to access Internet and 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

- San Mateo county Transit District Website Replacement project

Jeremy Lipps gave a presentation on the plans to upgrade and modernize the web material for the Transit District. The existing material and web sites are 10 years old, and over the next year new web designs, features and implementation will be designed and released to the public. Improved security is an important aspect of the new implementation, as are features optimized for use with phone as well as full-screen users. There was discussion about capability for real-time bus location and schedule information, the news is that while these are very desirable, the features have been turned off until a faster, more consistent refresh rate is possible from the GPS transponders in the field. The Committee will follow this rollout and looks forward to having real-time schedule and location information available.

- US 101/Produce Avenue Project Update

The Committee heard presentations from Michelle Cheung (Staff) and Ramsey Hissen (Consultant to SSF). Several options and designs for this congested interchange were reviewed, features such as better pedestrian and bike connections to existing routes were discussed. There was some concerns expressed by TA members that the area is so congested that trying to improve the situation with interchange changes and improved design won't have as much impact as hoped, as the larger area is so congested the interchange may not be a bottleneck.

- San Mateo County Transit District Paratransit Program update

Tina Dubost(staff) gave the committee a PowerPoint presentation on how the Paratransit Program is operating, and the Committee was impressed by the good performance metrics. All agreed this is a vital transportation service for some of the most transit-dependent members of our community. The service is currently run by two providers, using District-owner vans and shuttles. There is use of private Taxi service for overflow needs in order to meet the schedule time and availability goals.

- State and Federal legislative update

We heard a report from Brent Tietjen on both State and Federal actions.

- Approval of Minutes of the Board of directors Meeting of September 3, 2020

There were no comments or suggested edits

There were agenda items requiring a motion and vote.

- Approval of CAC Minutes from September 1, 2020

Minutes were approved without edits or additions

- Approval of the TA CAC Calendar for 2021

Calendar was approved without discussion or edits

- TA Board Item 10(a) Allocation Measure A in Support Funding in Support of the Paratransit and Caltrain Programs for FY2021

The discussion was led by Virginia Baum (staff). There was brief discussion, concerns with Caltrain funding going forward. A combined motion to fund both Caltrain and Paratransit programs passed unanimously

- TA Board Item 5(c) and 5(d) Acceptance of Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the Periods Ending June 30, 2020 and Period Ending August 31, 2020

The discussion was led by Joe Hurley (staff). At the September CAC meeting the review of the June 30 statement was delayed until tax revenue data might be available consistent with the delay in submission of tax data. Both statements

were reviewed and Motion for Acceptance passed unanimously after brief discussion.

- TA Board Item 5(a) Acceptance of Measure A Semi-Annual Report

The report was accepted via a unanimous vote

The meeting concluded with

- Report of the Chair

Barbara Arietta reported that MTC and ABAG are seeking comments from the public about the scope and content of the environmental impact assessments that will be conducted for the plan Bay Area 2050. They are seeking comments from both organizations and individuals with particular interest in hearing views on any alternatives MTC should evaluate and or what types of mitigation measures that would help avoid or minimize potential environmental effects. Written comments will be accepted by either email or mail.

- Report from Staff

Joe Hurley reported for the TA. Much of the update was on the status of the 101 Lane projects.

- Report from Members

There were minimal comments, the committee wrapped up in time for the National events at 6 PM.

Submitted October 1, 2020
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