

**Report from the TA Citizens Advisory Committee
Meeting of March 31, 2020**

The TA CAC meeting held on March 31 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 portion of the agenda that had motions was not controversial; motions to approve the following items passed unanimously:

- **TA Board Item 10 (a) Authorizing Examination of Authority Transactions and Use Tax Records**
- **TA Board Item 11 (a) State and Federal Legislative Update and Approval of Legislative Proposals**
- **TA Board Item 5 (b) Acceptance of Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for February 2020**
- **TA Board Item 5 (c) Acceptance of Measure A Semiannual Program Status Report**
- **TA Board Item 5 (a) Approval of Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of March 5, 2020**

The CAC heard with interest the staff presentations on the San Mateo County draft funding recommendations for the shuttle program, and a detailed progress report on the 25th Avenue Grade Separation Project. There was considerable discussion by the CAC members on the grade separation project and the plans to temporarily suspend Caltrain service at the Hillsdale station. The plans to mitigate this station closure include extensive outreach and the use of the SamTrans ECR and 292 routes to help riders board Caltrain at either the Belmont or San Mateo stations.

As part of the discussions on COVID-19 impacts, the CAC heard from staff that sales tax revenues will likely be reduced and that the magnitude will be better known in approximately two months. We do know that Caltrain funding is 70 percent sourced via farebox recovery, and that current Caltrain ridership appears to be about 5 percent of normal.

As to more positive news, the CAC heard via the staff report of TA Director Joe Hurley that while the 101 express lanes construction halted for two weeks with the shelter-in-place order, this project has been determined to be "essential" and the work has resumed. The construction work project daily hours have been increased, and it is anticipated that with the extra hours (work starting at 8:00 pm instead of 9:00 pm), the overall project can keep on schedule. The initial measure of traffic impact of the earlier start did not show any negative effects. This good news was well received by the CAC.

Submitted April 1, 2020
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TA CAC Vice Chair