

**SAN MATEO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
1250 SAN CARLOS AVENUE, SAN CARLOS, CA 94070  
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 3, 2019**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** M. Freschet, D. Horsley (Chair), K. Matsumoto, R. Medina, C. Romero

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** E. Beach (Vice Chair), C. Groom

**STAFF PRESENT:** J. Hartnett, C. Mau, A. Chan, J. Slavitt, J. Hurley, J. Taylor,  
S. van Hoften, P. Kwan, J. Epstein, C. Fromson, J. Brook, D. Seamans

**CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Don Horsley called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Authority Secretary Dora Seamans called the roll. A quorum was confirmed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

- Sandra Lang talked about the draft Strategic Plan and expressed concern for seniors, low-income residents, and people with disabilities.

**REPORT OF THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Chair Horsley noted that the report was in the packet.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- Approval of Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of September 5, 2019
- Acceptance of Statement of Revenues and Expenses for June 2019
- Acceptance of Statement of Revenues and Expenses for August 2019
- Acceptance of Measure A Semi-Annual Program Status Report
- Reaffirmation of the San Mateo County Transportation Authority's Investment Policy  
– Approved by Resolution No. 2019-18
- Reauthorization of the Investment of Monies with the Local Agency Investment Fund  
– Approved by Resolution No. 2019-19

Motion/Second: Freschet/Medina

Ayes: Freschet, Horsley, Matsumoto, Medina, Romero

Absent: Beach, Groom

**REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

Chair Horsley had nothing to report.

### **Resolution of Appreciation for Maureen Freschet**

Chair Horsley read the resolution of appreciation for outgoing member, Director Maureen Freschet. Director Freschet thanked the Board and added that she was proud to have served on the Board, the Joint TA and C/CAG (City/County Association of Governments) Managed Lanes Committee, and San Mateo County Express Lanes JPA and was honored to have worked with such a dedicated staff.

Approved by Resolution No. 2019-20:

Motion/Second: Horsley/Medina

Ayes: Freschet, Horsley, Matsumoto, Medina, Romero

Absent: Beach, Groom

### **SAN MATEO COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT LIAISON REPORT**

Jim Hartnett, Executive Director, said that the report was in the packet.

Director Karyl Matsumoto noted that Jim Hartnett, SamTrans General Manager/CEO, had been named one of the most-admired CEOs in the San Francisco Bay Area by the *San Francisco Business Times*.

She also noted that the District's law firm, Hanson Bridgett, had been named to the inaugural hall of fame by *Working Mother* magazine for having made its Best Law Firms list for women for 10 consecutive years. Mr. Hartnett added that Joan Cassman, Legal Counsel, has the distinction of being the first woman attorney at the firm.

She commended Casey Fromson, Director, Government and Community Affairs, for receiving *Mass Transit* magazine's 2019 "40 Under 40" award, which recognizes outstanding young individuals in the public transit industry.

#### Public Comment:

Drew said that one-third of the FCX (Foster City Express) riders are San Mateo residents. He noted that the bus slows down on Mariner's Island Boulevard at the State Route 92 overcrossing because of the approaches, which he said need to be fixed.

### **JOINT POWERS BOARD LIAISON REPORT**

Mr. Hartnett noted that the report was in the packet.

Director Matsumoto noted that the JPB had approved the moderate growth version of the Caltrain Business Plan.

### **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Mr. Hartnett said that the Caltrain Business Plan was not a strategic plan. He said that the study team consisted of 40 professionals and that the business plan would take substantial additional resources to implement. He said that Caltrain is the country's seventh-largest commuter rail service and the most efficiently run in the US, yet it has no dedicated tax support. He added that the TA has a Caltrain funding category, while San Francisco and Santa Clara Counties do not.

Mr. Hartnett said that TA staff would keep the Board up to date on the outcomes of the proposed FASTER Bay Area regional measure, which could be a potential source of funding.

Chair Horsley remarked that the future of the whole Bay Area economy and quality of life is connected to the success of Caltrain. He commended Mr. Hartnett on receiving the honor of being one of the most-admired CEOs in the Bay Area.

## **FINANCE**

### **Authorization of Loan to Partially Fund Fiscal Year 2020 Operations of San Mateo County Express Lanes Joint Powers Authority**

Derek Hansel, Chief Financial Officer, presented the staff report.

Director Carlos Romero asked if the TA and C/CAG were both providing funding. Mr. Hansel said yes, with two separate loans, which will fund this year's operating budget.

Chair Horsley asked if the budget amount would be smaller next year. Mr. Hansel said it would be smaller for some items.

Approved by Resolution No. 2019-21:

Motion/Second: Medina/Romero

Ayes: Freschet, Horsley, Matsumoto, Medina, Romero

Absent: Beach, Groom

### **Award of Contracts to Provide On-Call Environmental Planning, Permitting, and Support Services**

Julie Taylor, Director of Contracts and Procurement, provided a brief summary of the staff report.

Approved by Resolution No. 2019-22:

Motion/Second: Matsumoto/Freschet

Ayes: Freschet, Horsley, Matsumoto, Medina, Romero

Absent: Beach, Groom

### **Award of Contract to Provide On-Call Construction Management Services for the US 101 Express Lanes Project**

Ms. Taylor briefly summarized her staff report.

Director Matsumoto said she thought that Director Carole Groom would be pleased that all the contractors are local.

Approved by Resolution No. 2019-23:

Motion/Second: Medina/Matsumoto

Ayes: Freschet, Horsley, Matsumoto, Medina, Romero

Absent: Beach, Groom

### **Allocation of Construction Funds for SR 1 Safety and Operational Improvements in Half Moon Bay**

Pam Kwan, Project Manager, presented the staff report and noted the presence of the project sponsors in the audience.

Ray Razavi, Transportation Engineer, Half Moon Bay thanked the TA on behalf of the City.

Approved by Resolution No. 2019-24:

Motion/Second: Romero/Freschet

Ayes: Freschet, Horsley, Matsumoto, Medina, Romero

Absent: Beach, Groom

## **PROGRAM**

### **101/SR 92 Interchange Projects Update**

Ms. Kwan gave a presentation illustrating the proposed options for the interchange, showing both short-term and long-term improvements.

Director Matsumoto asked for clarification about the role of C/CAG besides being a funding partner. Ms. Kwan said that they anticipate that C/CAG and the TA will be co-sponsors for the environmental phase of the project.

Director Romero said that he supported reducing the number of single-occupancy vehicles (SOVs).

Director Freschet asked if a concrete barrier would be installed for the non-HOV lanes on the direct connector from northbound 101 to eastbound 92 to prevent unsafe last-minute lane changes. Ms. Kwan said that the regular lanes would remain the same and that they would reassess the issue during the next phase of the project.

Director Matsumoto asked if the HOV (high-occupancy vehicle) lanes were for two or three passengers. Joe Hurley, TA Director, said that studies assume that the HOV lanes are for three or more passengers. Director Matsumoto said that she supported the lanes being three-plus (HOV3).

### **Minor Amendment of 2004 Transportation Expenditure Plan to Allow the TA to Sponsor the 101/SR 92 Interchange Projects**

Joe Hurley, TA Director, acknowledged Brad Underwood, Director of Public Works, City of San Mateo, and Norm Dorais, Director of Public Works, City of Foster City, who were in attendance.

#### City of San Mateo Staff Comment:

- Brad Underwood, Director of Public Works, said that the project serves regional traffic, not just local traffic. He said he appreciated that team was also looking at the Fashion Island and Hillsdale off-ramp projects, which he said would have a major impact on US 101 traffic and congestion.

#### City of Foster City Staff Comment:

- Norm Dorais, Director of Public Works, concurred with Mr. Underwood about the regional impact of the project.

#### Public Comment:

- Drew said he was unsure of when the opportunity had been for the community to give their input and feedback on the plan. He said the interchanges had a number of dangerous weave patterns.

Chair Horsley said that the Willow Road overpass took 30 years to get fixed.

Director Romero asked when the last time was that the TA sponsored a project. Mr. Hurley said the TA is the sponsor along with C/CAG on the 101 Express Lanes Project.

April Chan, Chief Officer, Planning, Grants/Transportation Authority, said that the regional approach to the project makes sense, with the TA taking on a larger role. Director Rico Medina said that he agreed with Ms. Chan.

Mr. Hurley said they were in the very early phase of the project and had not yet begun the environmental process.

Mr. Hartnett noted that there would be many more opportunities for public input and outreach once the environmental process begins.

Director Romero remarked that the 92 interchange had been a topic when he served on the C/CAG board.

Approved by Resolution No. 2019-25:

Motion/Second: Freschet/Medina

Ayes: Freschet, Horsley, Matsumoto, Medina, Romero

Absent: Beach, Groom

### **State and Federal Legislative Update**

Casey Fromson, Director, Government and Community Affairs, briefly summarized highlights of recent federal and state legislation. She noted that on the federal front, there has been much discussion of the impeachment inquiry put forth by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. She said that the State Legislature finished the first half of their session on September 14 and that Governor Newsom has until October 13 to take action on any bills.

### **Update on the 2020-2024 TA Strategic Plan**

Joel Slavit, Manager, Programming and Monitoring, gave a presentation that provided an overview of the Strategic Plan. Jessica Epstein, Government and Community Affairs Officer, presented on the outreach program.

Director Freschet asked how the 2,500 survey responders were identified. Ms. Epstein said they were tracked via the cities.

Mr. Slavit compared the Measure A and Measure W program categories and staff recommendations for project selection.

Director Matsumoto suggested simplifying the project application process, which Mr. Slavit said he would look into.

Director Freschet asked about the requirement that funding for a bicycle/pedestrian overcrossing needed to happen in conjunction with a highway project happening in the same location. Mr. Slavit clarified that the requirement was just for the highway program and that the bicycle/pedestrian overcrossings could be funded under the same category.

Director Romero asked if money allotted to the regional transit connections category could be used for TDM (transportation demand management). Mr. Slavit said that funding could be used for promotion and marketing.

Director Matsumoto said she observed duplicate efforts being made by C/CAG and the TA. Mr. Slavit said that the TA and C/CAG were exploring every effort to work together.

Director Romero said that he wanted to respect the autonomy of the two agencies in their ability to move projects forward.

Mr. Hartnett clarified the role of the TA.

Public Comment:

- Theresa Vallez-Kelly talked about funding for Safe Routes to School (SRTS) and thanked the TA Board and staff.
- Sandhya Laddha, Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition/TEAMC, thanked staff and suggested changes in the weighting of the Core Principles.
- Don Cecil, SAMCEDA (San Mateo County Economic Development Association), said he thought that staff should not be too restrictive.
- Eduardo Gonzalez, Youth Leadership Institute, said he thought that there is too much emphasis on project criteria.
- Chris Lepe, Transform, thanked staff and suggested that TDM be considered as a baseline rather than a cap.
- Paul Krupka, Redwood City, talked about the 101/Woodside Road interchange project.
- Drew asked about the possibility of SamTrans being a sponsor on highway projects. He said that there needs to be a call for projects process for grade separations.

Mr. Slavitt talked about the evaluation criteria.

Director Romero asked about manually changing the weighting of the core principles.

Director Medina noted that a lot of outreach went into quantifying the principles.

Director Freschet said that the Strategic Plan represented a lot of work from the SAG (stakeholder advisory group), TAG (technical advisory group), and staff.

Mr. Slavitt noted that the Plan gets updated every five years.

Director Romero said that the SAG and TAG will review the Plan again in November before going back to the Board.

Mr. Hartnett said that the Plan was very transparent. Director Romero remarked that the Plan material is very dense.

**REQUESTS FROM THE AUTHORITY**

Chair Horsley expressed thanks to Director Freschet for her work on the Express Lanes project.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE AUTHORITY**

The correspondence was included in the reading files.

**DATE/TIME OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

Chair Horsley announced that the next meeting would be on Thursday, November 7, 2019, 5:00 pm at the San Mateo County Transit District Administrative Building, Bacciocco Auditorium, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, CA 94070.

**REPORT OF LEGAL COUNSEL**

**Report on Closed Session of July 11, 2019 Regarding Transaction to Sell Property at 1220 Old Bayshore Highway, Burlingame (APN 026-142-020 and 030) and 1200 Old Bayshore Highway, Burlingame (APN 026-142-130)**

Shayna van Hoften, Legal Counsel, reported that escrow for the sale of the property closed on September 13, 2019.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.

An audio/video recording of this meeting is available online at [www.smcta.com](http://www.smcta.com). Questions may be referred to the Authority Secretary's office by phone at 650.508.6242 or by email to [board@smcta.com](mailto:board@smcta.com).