

SAN MATEO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
1250 SAN CARLOS AVENUE, SAN CARLOS, CA 94070
MINUTES OF JANUARY 6, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: E. Beach, C. Groom, D. Horsley, J. Mates, R. Medina (Chair),
M. Nagales, C. Romero (Vice Chair)
Via
Teleconference

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: C. Mau, A. Chan, J. Hurley, H. El-Guindy, S. van Hoften, P. Gilster,
P. Skinner, J. Williams, J. Brook, D. Seamans

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Emily Beach called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

2. SWEARING-IN

- a) **Emily Beach (Cities-at-large Representative)**
- b) **Mark Nagales (Cities – Northern County Representative)**
- c) **Board of Supervisors Representative**

Chair Beach and Directors Carole Groom and Mark Nagales were sworn in for two-year terms expiring December 2023.

3. ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Beach requested that Director Nagales lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Seamans confirmed that a quorum was present.

4. ELECTION OF 2022 OFFICERS

Chair Beach made a motion to nominate Director Rico Medina to serve as Chair.

Motion/Second: Beach/Romero

Ayes: Beach, Groom, Horsley, Mates, Medina, Nagales, Romero

Noes: None

Absent: None

Director Don Horsley made a motion to nominate Director Carlos Romero as Vice Chair.

Motion/Second: Horsley/Nagales

Ayes: Beach, Groom, Horsley, Mates, Medina, Nagales, Romero

Noes: None

Absent: None

5. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no comments.

6. REPORT OF THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chair Medina noted that the report was posted on the website.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

- a) Adoption of Resolution Making Findings that the Proclaimed State of Emergency for COVID-19 Continues to Impact the Board's and Committees' Ability to Meet Safely in Person – Approved by Resolution No. 2022-1**
- b) Approval of Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of December 2, 2021**
- c) Acceptance of Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the Period Ending November 30, 2021**

Motion/Second: Romero/Groom

Ayes: Beach, Groom, Horsley, Mates, Medina, Nagales, Romero

Noes: None

Absent: None

8. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Medina announced the ribbon cutting for the SSF Caltrain station on January 13.

Director Julia Mates thanked outgoing Chair Beach for her leadership over the past two years.

Director Nagales expressed his appreciation for Director Beach's leadership, especially during the pandemic.

Director Groom noted Director Beach's efficiency in running the meetings.

Director Horsley said he appreciated her passionate leadership.

Vice Chair Romero commended Director Beach for her thorough preparedness.

9. SAN MATEO COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT LIAISON REPORT

Director Rico Medina said that the report was posted on the website and provided a brief summary of Board actions.

10. JOINT POWERS BOARD LIAISON REPORT

Carter Mau, Acting Executive Director, said the report was posted on the website. He said the primary topic of the morning's meeting was on Caltrain governance. He said they focused on a term sheet that would provide a framework for the new governance structure. He said there is still no consensus on how Caltrain will repay SamTrans for the right of way. He said the JPB would be scheduling another special meeting to continue the discussion. He announced that Director Steve Heminger was appointed Chair and Director Charles Stone was appointed as Vice Chair of the JPB for 2022.

11. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Mau said that his report was in the packet. He expressed his thanks on behalf of TA staff for Director Beach's leadership as TA Chair, and welcomed Chair Medina and Vice Chair Romero. He announced the Complete Streets webinar on January 25.

12. STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Casey Fromson, Acting Chief Communications Officer, introduced the TA's federal advocates Ben Miller and Chris Kierig from Kadash and Associates, LLC.

Mr. Miller provided a recap of 2021 legislation. He noted that the President's State of the Union address would likely be delayed.

Mr. Kierig noted that the continuing resolution would expire on February 18. He said they are keeping an eye on the rollout of the signing of the infrastructure bill and are working with staff on how to best position the TA to receive funding.

Vice Chair Romero asked re rolling out the new programs, can they get it out the door relatively quickly. Mr. Kierig said there will be emphasis to move the newer programs along. He added that most of the focus is on working with the administration on where to spend the money.

Director Horsley asked if there was interest in high-speed rail at the federal level. Mr. Kierig said there was money earmarked for high-speed rail in the Build Back Better Bill.

Director Groom asked if a high-ranking federal official could visit the District. Mr. Kierig said any requests for federal funding would come with an invitation to visit. He commended TA staff for their cooperation. Ms. Fromson thanked her staff.

13. ADOPTION OF 2022 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

Motion/Second: Groom/Horsley

Ayes: Beach, Groom, Horsley, Mates, Medina, Nagales, Romero

Noes: None

Absent: None

14. PROGRAM

a) Program Report: Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project Update

This item was removed from the agenda prior to the meeting.

15. FINANCE

a. Amendment of the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget to Increase Total Expenditures from \$148,893,304 to \$162,834,813 – Approved by Resolution No. 2022-2

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

Motion/Second: Beach/Groom

Ayes: Beach, Groom, Horsley, Mates, Medina, Nagales, Romero

Noes: None

Absent: None

b) Adoption of Alternative Congestion Relief and Transportation Demand Management Plan; Programming and Allocation of Funds for TDM Monitoring and Equity Programs – Approved by Resolution No. 2022-3

Patrick Gilster, Manager, Programming and Monitoring, presented the staff report.

Public Comment:

John Ford, Executive Director, Commute.org, expressed his support for the programs.

Vice Chair Romero requested to include in the plan document some local TDM plans that have already been approved.

Motion/Second: Nagales/Romero

Ayes: Beach, Groom, Horsley, Mates, Medina, Nagales, Romero

Noes: None

Absent: None

c) Authorize the Filing of a Letter of No Prejudice Request for Regional Measure 3 Funding in the Amount of \$2.025 Million for the State Route 92/US 101 Direct Connector and Area Improvements Projects – *Approved by Resolution No. 2022-4*

Peter Skinner, Director, Grants and Fund Programming, presented the staff report.

Motion/Second: Groom/Mates

Ayes: Beach, Groom, Horsley, Mates, Medina, Nagales, Romero

Noes: None

Absent: None

16. REQUESTS FROM THE AUTHORITY

Director Nagales invited the directors to attend the January 13 ribbon-cutting for the reopening of the South San Francisco Caltrain station.

17. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE AUTHORITY

Chair Medina noted that the correspondence was available on the website.

18. DATE/TIME OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Chair Medina announced that the next meeting would be on Thursday, February 3, 2022, 5:00 pm via Zoom teleconference.

19. REPORT OF LEGAL COUNSEL

Joan Cassman, Legal Counsel, said that there was nothing to report.

20. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:59 pm.

An audio/video recording of this meeting is available online at 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.