

**SAN MATEO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
1250 SAN CARLOS AVENUE, SAN CARLOS, CALIFORNIA**

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)
MEETING MINUTES**

MARCH 1, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: B. Arietta (Chair)*, D. Bautista, A. Chen, K. Chin (left at 5:14 pm),
(Via Teleconference) J. Fox (Vice Chair) (joined at 5:04 pm), R. Hedges, N. Hsu, K. Kuklin
(joined at 5:05 pm), S. Lang, J. Londer, P. Ohtaki, M. Rendon

MEMBERS ABSENT: D. Reed

STAFF PRESENT: P. Skinner, A. Chan, J. Hurley, J. Lipps, A. Linehan, P. Gilster,
J. Williams, J. Brook

* Rich Hedges chaired the meeting in place of Chair Barbara Arietta due to the technical considerations of conducting the meeting via teleconference.

1) Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Rich Hedges called the meeting to order at 4:31 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2) Roll Call

CAC Secretary Jean Brook called the roll. A quorum was present.

3) Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

There were no comments.

4) Consent Calendar

a) Approval of Minutes of the CAC Meeting of February 1, 2022

TA Board Meeting Agenda for March 3, 2022

b) TA Board Item 5 (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

c) TA Board Item 5 (c) Acceptance of Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the Period Ending January 31, 2022

d) TA Board Item 5 (d) Acceptance of Capital Projects Quarterly Status Report for 2nd Quarter Fiscal Year 2022

e) TA Board Item 5 (e) Award of Contracts for On-call Executive Recruitment Services

Motion/Second: Lang/Arietta

Ayes: Arietta, Bautista, Chen, Chin, Hedges, Hsu, Lang, Londer, Ohtaki, Rendon

Absent: Fox, Kuklin, Reed

5) TA Board Item 5 (b) Approval of Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of February 3, 2022

There were no comments.

6) TA Board Item 10 (a) US 101 Managed Lanes North of I-380 Project Update

Joe Hurley, TA Director, and Jessica Epstein, Manager, Government and Community Affairs, provided the presentation.

Chair Arietta asked what impact would Caltrain establishing new stations on the northern end have on the project. Mr. Hurley said the traffic modelers would include the proposed stations in the model to predict the amount of traffic such a project would generate. She asked how far the lanes would extend in light of San Francisco's proposal to demolish I-280 east of US 101. Mr. Hurley said that the City of San Francisco, whom the TA had partnered with during the first phase of the project, was contemplating having managed lanes on the I-280 corridor.

Peter Ohtaki asked about how rideshare services such as Lyft and Uber would be studied as part of the EIR process to guide the best policy on how to handle those services on the corridor. Mr. Hurley said he would pass those questions on to the traffic modelers.

Sandra Lang asked about trucking and Mr. Hurley confirmed that trucking hubs would be included in the traffic modeling.

Mr. Hedges said there is a group in South San Francisco that is trying to defeat the managed lanes project. Ms. Epstein said they had been doing outreach to the group and stated that the environmental phase is a scientific process and we need to let the science play out.

7) TA Board Item 11 (a) Program and Allocate \$4,950,000 in Measure A Grade Separation Category Funds for the South Linden Avenue/Scott Street Grade Separation Project

Peter Skinner, Director, Grants and Fund Programming, provided the background of the project and introduced Hae Won Ritchie, Deputy Director of Public Works, City of San Bruno, who provided the presentation.

Vice Chair John Fox joined the meeting at 5:04 pm

Karen Kuklin joined the meeting at 5:05 pm

Vice Chair Fox asked regarding the City of San Bruno's bike plan if the City had looked at what external signage and routing would be needed to bring pedestrians and bicyclists safely to the new undercrossing. Ms. Ritchie said they will be evaluating these types of infrastructure that are attempting to provide connectivity throughout the City and will be looking during the design phase at wayfinding signage and other tools that would be helpful for pedestrians and bicyclists to navigate their way through the crossing.

Bianca Liu, Project Manager and Senior Civil Engineer, City of South San Francisco, said there is a grade-separate bike and pedestrian underpass as part of the project at Scott Street.

Mr. Ohtaki asked what the sources of funding were and if it would be beneficial to bundle projects when requesting funding. Mr. Skinner said there was nascent interest at the regional level to combine grade separation projects.

Ken Chin left the meeting at 5:14 pm

Public Comment:

Drew suggested using quarters instead of months when discussing the timeline of projects in the future. He suggested looking at having additional under-crossings to improve connectivity for bikes and pedestrians.

Motion/Second: Arietta/Fox

Ayes: Arietta, Bautista, Chen, Fox, Hedges, Hsu, Kuklin, Lang, Londer, Ohtaki, Rendon

Absent: Chin, Reed

8) TA Board Item 11 (b) Programming and Allocation of Measure A Local Shuttle Program Funds for 28 Shuttles for Fiscal Year 2023

Jennifer Williams, Administrative Analyst II, presented the staff report.

Motion/Second: Bautista/Londer

Ayes: Arietta, Bautista, Chen, Fox, Hedges, Hsu, Kuklin, Lang, Londer, Ohtaki, Rendon

Absent: Chin, Reed

9) TA Board Item 12 New TA Website Launch

Jeremy Lipps, Digital Communications Manager, provided the presentation.

Public Comment:

Drew asked if the current email subscribers would be migrated over to the new website's back-end. Mr. Lipps said they would likely be requesting that people re-subscribe to receive website updates.

Mr. Hedges asked if there would be apps available for download off the Caltrain and SamTrans websites. Mr. Lipps said the mobile functionality of the new sites would behave more like an app.

Diana Bautista asked if there would be a seamless experience for users of multiple modes such as bus and train. Mr. Lipps said there is a trip planner that shows multiple modes in the Bay Area.

10) TA Board Item 13 State and Federal Legislative Update and Approval of Legislative Proposal: Support AB 2197 (Mullin)

Amy Linehan, Public Affairs Specialist, provided a summary of federal and state legislation. She said that everything is now focused on the mid-term elections. She said the President was talking about his priorities during his State of the Union address.

She said the State legislature has been focused on budgetary hearings. She said AB (Assembly Bill) 2197 would provide money from the state's general fund.

Mr. Ohtaki asked if the PEPR (California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act) issue had been resolved. Ms. Linehan said that the Dept of Labor has been directed to not withhold any transportation funds. Ms. Epstein added that the court had ordered that grant funds be issued as if the PEPR issue had been resolved.

Motion/Second: Lang/Londer

Ayes: Arietta, Bautista, Chen, Fox, Hedges, Hsu, Kuklin, Lang, Londer, Ohtaki, Rendon

Absent: Chin, Reed

11) Report of the Chair

Chair Arietta reported on Caltrain governance as discussed at the February 3 Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (JPB) meeting.

12) Report From Staff

Mr. Hurley noted that the first section of the 101 Express Lanes opened at 5:00 am on February 11. He said the South San Francisco Caltrain ribbon cutting ceremony had been scheduled for April 5.

13) Member Comments/Requests

Mr. Hedges noted that Derek Hansel was leaving the TA, JPB, and SamTrans and joining MTC (Metropolitan Transportation Commission) and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) as their new Chief Financial Officer.

14) Date, Time, and Place of Next Regular Meeting

Mr. Hedges announced that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 4:30 pm, with teleconference or location details to be provided prior to the meeting.

15) Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:02 pm.