

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

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

**FEBRUARY 1, 2022**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** B. Arietta (Chair)\*, D. Bautista, A. Chen, J. Fox (Vice Chair),  
**(Via** R. Hedges, N. Hsu, K. Kuklin, S. Lang, J. Londer, P. Ohtaki, D. Reed  
**Teleconference)** (joined at 4:38 pm and left at 5:26 pm), M. Rendon (left at 5:29 pm)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** K. Chin

**STAFF PRESENT:** P. Skinner, A. Chan, J. Hurley, C. Mobley-Ritter, H. El-Guindy,  
A. Linehan, P. Gilster, J. Brook

\* Vice Chair John Fox 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**

Vice Chair John Fox called the meeting to order at 4:33 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2) Roll Call**

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

**3) Report of the Nominating Committee for 2022 Chair and Vice Chair**

On behalf of the Nominating Committee consisting of members Ken Chin, Rich Hedges, and Karen Kuklin, Mr. Hedges reported that the current Chair and Vice Chair were interested and willing to continue to serve in their respective capacities. He then called for additional nominations from the Committee, and there were none. He said that the Nominating Committee proposed Barbara Arietta remain as Chair and John Fox remain as Vice Chair.

*Dave Reed joined the meeting at 4:38 pm.*

Motion/Second: Hedges/Lang

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

Absent: Chin

**4) Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda**

There were no comments.

**5) Consent Calendar**

**a) Approval of Minutes of the CAC Meeting of January 4, 2022**

**TA Board Meeting Agenda for February 3, 2022**

- b) TA Board Item 6 (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 6 (c) Acceptance of Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the Period Ending December 31, 2021**
- d) TA Board Item 6 (d) Acceptance of Quarterly Investment Report and Fixed Income Market Review and Outlook**

Motion/Second: Hedges/Arietta

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

Absent: Chin

**6) TA Board Item 6 (b) Approval of Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of January 6, 2022**

There were no comments.

**7) TA Board Item 11 (a) Program Report: Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project Update**

Joe Hurley, TA Director, introduced Pranaya Shrestha, Chief Officer, CalMod, who provided the presentation with Jadie Wasilco, Manager, Government and Community Affairs.

Dave Reed asked about the contingencies. Mr. Shrestha said that there is a contingency of \$40 million that is directly tied to the project and that contingency will be used for anything unforeseen or for items that are out of contract scope. He said they had done a complete budget scrub and risk assessment.

Sandra Lang asked about the effect of PG&E's (Pacific Gas and Electric) Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) program on outages. Mr. Shrestha said to mitigate the effect of PSPS on outages, each substation has two separate feeds.

*Dave Reed left the meeting at 5:26 pm.*

Vice Chair John Fox asked if there was a publicity program that communicates to the public about the electrification project. Mr. Shrestha said the Communications team is keeping the public well informed. Ms. Wasilco said they work closely with city staff about the best ways to reach the residents of individual communities, including social media, press releases, and city council meetings.

*Mario Rendon left the meeting at 5:29 pm.*

**8) TA Board Item 11 (b) San Mateo 101 Express Lanes Quarterly Project Update**

Leo Scott, Co-Project Manager, Gray-Bowen-Scott, provided the presentation.

Mr. Hurley commented that they have and continue work with a very lean contingency for the project.

Diana Bautista noted that the merge lane going southbound on US 101 from I-380 was gone but the signage still refers to the lane drop.

An Chen said she was pleased that the contingency had not been raised when so many other projects that she is familiar with have had significant cost increases. She asked if drivers would need to purchase new transponders. Mr. Scott said they could use their current non-switchable transponder but would be charged as a single-occupant vehicle. He provided information on how drivers can exchange their old tag or order a new switchable tag. April Chan, Chief Officer, Planning, Grants/Transportation Authority, added that SMCEL-JPA (San Mateo County Express Lanes Joint Powers Authority) will also have all the FasTrak information on their website.

### **9) TA Board Item 12 State and Federal Legislative Update**

Amy Linehan, Public Affairs Specialist, provided a summary of federal and state legislation. She said the state legislature began their 2022 legislative session and the Governor recently released his budget, which includes significant new funding for various projects including transportation infrastructure. She noted that there was \$2 billion in the Governor's budget for priority transit and rail projects and \$500 million for grade separations and grade processing improvement projects.

On the federal side, Ms. Linehan said the government is still operating under a continuing resolution that expires February 18. She said they will need another continuing resolution to continue beyond this date.

### **10) Report of the Chair**

Chair Arietta gave a report on Caltrain governance. She said that the JPB (Joint Powers Board) will be presenting a new report at their February 3 Board meeting.

### **11) Report From Staff**

Mr. Hurley noted the recent TA-sponsored Complete Streets webinar that took place on January 25. He said that the TA updated the South San Francisco City Council on January 12 on the state of the environmental process and technical studies regarding managed lanes north of I-380 to the San Francisco County line. He said the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the opening of the Express Lanes would be on February 10 at 10:00 am and that the CAC members would be invited to participate virtually.

### **12) Member Comments/Requests**

Mr. Hedges announced that Bob Planthold, disabilities activist, had passed away. Ms. Lang commented that Transit Equity Day would be dedicated to Mr. Planthold.

### **13) Date, Time, and Place of Next Regular Meeting**

Vice Chair Fox announced that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 4:30 pm, with teleconference or location details to be provided prior to the meeting.

### **14) Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 6:09 pm.