

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

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

MAY 4, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: B. Arietta (Chair)*, D. Bautista, A. Chen, K. Chin, J. Fox (Vice Chair)*,
(Via S. Green, R. Hedges, N. Hsu, K. Kuklin, S. Lang, J. Londer (left at 6:45
Teleconference) pm, rejoined at 6:52 pm), P. Ohtaki, D. Reed (joined at 5:03 pm),
M. Rendon

MEMBERS ABSENT: O. O'Neill

STAFF PRESENT: J. Hurley, P. Skinner, A. Chan, P. Gilster, A. Linehan, J. Williams,
D. Hansel, J. Sangha, M. Bouchard, R. Barnard, 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) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE TA CAC MEETING OF MARCH 30, 2021

Motion/Second: Bautista/Kuklin

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

Abstentions: Ohtaki

Absent: O'Neill, Reed

4) PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no comments.

5) TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING AGENDA FOR MAY 6, 2021

**a) TA Board Item 10 (a) State and Federal Legislative Update and Approval of
Legislative Proposal: Support AB 1499 (Daly)**

Amy Linehan, Public Affairs Specialist, provided a recent federal and state legislation relevant to transportation.

She noted that the Board was being asked to support Assembly Bill 1499 for TA-sponsored projects.

Rich Hedges asked how the design bill would help the TA. Joe Hurley, TA Director, said that there were multiple options for project delivery, including having the contractor being part of the design team or having the project being designed in parallel with the construction.

Diana Bautista said that the fiscal effect of the bill is unclear. She asked if it would cost the state anything. Ms. Linehan said she would find out and get back to her.

Sandra Lang asked about the difference between Senate Bill (SB) 7 and SB 44 in terms of oversight. Mr. Hurley said that staff would respond later.

Motion/Second: Ohtaki/Hedges

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

Noes: Green

Absent: O'Neill, Reed

b) TA Board Item 10 (b) TA Federal Advocacy Update

Ms. Linehan presented the staff report.

Dave Reed joined the meeting at 5:03 pm.

Peter Ohtaki asked about the availability of additional federal funding for grade separations. Ms. Linehan answered that the appropriations level could be increased. Mr. Ohtaki asked about earmarks. April Chan, Chief Officer, Planning, Grants/Transportation Authority, said they were evaluating the most accessible option.

Mr. Hedges asked if earmarks were still in existence. Ms. Linehan said that a lot of the earmarks have disappeared.

c) TA Board Item 11 (a) San Mateo US 101 Express Lanes Quarterly Project Update

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

Vice Chair Fox said that the impact to traffic as a result of the pandemic has afforded the contract opportunities that otherwise would not have existed.

d) TA Board Item 11 (b) Program Report: 25th Avenue Grade Separation Project

Michelle Bouchard, Acting Executive Director, Caltrain, provided a background on the project and introduced Robert Barnard, Deputy Chief, Rail Development.

Mr. Barnard provided his background and then provided the presentation.

Vice Chair Fox asked what the plan was going forward for the Hillsdale Station bicycle facilities and the 28th Avenue accommodations, which have generated a lot of discussion in the past. Mr. Barnard said there was a long-term vision to put a shared-use path on the north side of the facility.

Public Comment:

Drew questioned the fencing along East 28th Avenue, saying that it was not aesthetically appropriate or necessary. Mr. Barnard noted that it was important to have public comment from the community during the design phase so that the public has no surprises when improvements are built.

e) TA Board Item 11 (c) Short Range Highway Plan Update

Patrick Gilster, Manager, Programming and Monitoring, provided the presentation.

Ms. Lang asked if there were a set-aside for Highway 82 - El Camino Real as part of the highway program; Mr. Gilster said no, but that there are five projects that would qualify for planning funds.

Dave Reed asked how the shortfall of 62 percent has held up historically. Mr. Gilster said that that was not completely normal and that the TA currently has some very large Countywide projects that represent 70 percent of its total funding need.

Public Comment:

Drew said that Draft Measure A, Appendix B indicated that some of the orientations of the project maps do not align, such as for the US 101/Produce Avenue Interchange Project. He suggested having all the north arrows be in the same place. He also said that the location map for the Highway 1 Safety and Operational Improvement Project: Wavecrest Road to Poplar Street in Half Moon Bay appeared to be off.

f) TA Board Item 12 (a) Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2022

Derek Hansel, Chief Financial Officer, provided the presentation.

Mr. Ohtaki said he was pleased that the economy was recovering.

Mr. Hedges asked about the significance of the comparison of 2011 and 2020 sales tax revenue by industry. Mr. Hansel said the proportional source of revenue would likely change over time.

g) TA Board Item 5 (b) Acceptance of Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the Period Ending March 31, 2021

Motion/Second: Hedges/Arietta

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

Absent: O'Neill

h) TA Board Item 5 (c) Acceptance of Quarterly Investment Report and Fixed Income Market Review and Outlook for the Period Ending March 31, 2021

Mr. Ohtaki noted that returns on the investment portfolio are lower than previous years due to the pandemic. He asked if the TA should be looking for better returns on the

portfolio that is consistent with the TA's investment policy and maintaining the safety of the portfolio. Mr. Hansel said they would be discussing their investment priorities with the investment manager. Mr. Ohtaki asked if the \$490 million was spoken for by previous projects. Mr. Hansel said the budget is not the same as the revenue process. He said the \$490 million is a mixture of funds not yet spent and allocated monies. Ms. Chan said a good portion of the funding in the portfolio is available for future projects.

Jeff Londer left the meeting at 6:45 pm

Motion/Second: Ohtaki/Reed

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

Absent: Londer, O'Neill

i) TA Board Item 5 (d) Call for a Public Hearing at the June 3, 2021 Meeting on the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2022

There were no comments.

j) TA Board Item 5 (a) Approval of Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of April 1, 2021

There were no comments.

6) REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Arietta spoke about a poll of registered voters regarding their support of merging Caltrain and BART.

Jeff Londer rejoined the meeting at 6:52 pm.

7) REPORT FROM STAFF

Mr. Hurley provided a brief summary of ongoing projects. He noted that there would be an informational meeting on the 101/92 improvement project at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, May 5, and said he would have Ms. Brook share Zoom login information with the Committee members.

He announced the open membership slots for the TA CAC and that the deadline to submit an application was Friday, June 4.

8) MEMBER COMMENTS/REQUESTS

Mr. Hedges said that a major challenge with both BART and Caltrain is how many board members they have representing San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties as opposed to San Francisco. He said he felt that the BART board was not interested in the ongoing safety issues, especially during off-peak times.

Karen Kuklin said she had attended a Reimagine SamTrans community meeting.

An Chen said she had heard that the Bay Trail was closed in Foster City. Mario Rendon said it was only a temporary closure due to construction. Vice Chair Fox asked Mr. Rendon to report back before the next meeting. Mr. Hedges said to contact the City of

Foster City or the City of San Mateo for details about the detours. Vice Chair Fox said the advocacy groups would be good sources of information about the detours.

9) DATE, TIME, AND PLACE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Vice Chair Fox announced that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 4:30 pm, with teleconference or location details to be provided prior to the meeting.

10) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.