

San Mateo County Transportation Authority
1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, California
Minutes of August 4, 2022

Members Present: C. Groom, D. Horsley, C. Romero (Vice Chair)

(In Person)

Members Present: E. Beach, R. Medina (Chair), M. Nagales

(Via Teleconference)

Members Absent: J. Mates

Staff Present: C. Mau, A. Chan, J. Cassman, S. van Hoften, P. Gilster, P. Skinner, J. Hurley, H. El-Guindy, C. Fromson, J. Epstein, K. Scribner, J. Brook

1. Call to Order

Chair Rico Medina called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

2. Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

Jean Brook, Assistant District Secretary, confirmed that a quorum was present. Chair Medina requested that Director Carole Groom lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

There were no comments.

4. Report of the Citizens Advisory Committee

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

5. Consent Calendar

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, and Authorizing Remote Teleconference Board and Committee Meetings to Continue – *Approved by Resolution No. 2022-25*

5.b. Approval of Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of July 7, 2022

5.c. Acceptance of Quarterly Investment Report and Fixed Income Market Review and Outlook

5.d. Reaffirm the San Mateo County Transportation Authority Investment Policy and Reauthorize Investment of Monies with the Local Agency Investment Fund – *Approved by Resolutions No. 2022-26 and No. 2022-27*

5.e. Information on Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the Period Ending June 30, 2022

Motion/Second: Horsley/Romero

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

Noes: None

Absent: Mates

6. Nominating Committee Report for the Citizens Advisory Committee (C. Groom/D. Horsley)

6.a. Appointment of Citizens Advisory Committee Members

Director Don Horsley announced the following recommendations for CAC membership:

Incumbent Members Proposed to be Reappointed

- John Fox
- Karen Kuklin
- Jeff Londer
- Peter Ohtaki

New Members Proposed to be Appointed

- Ivan Bucio
- Mike Swire

Director Groom commented on the qualifications of the new candidates and said they would be an asset to the CAC.

Motion/Second: Horsley/Groom

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

Noes: None

Absent: Mates

7. Report of the Chair

Chair Medina said that he had no report.

8. San Mateo County Transit District Liaison Report

Chair Medina said that the report was posted on the website and provided a brief summary of SamTrans Board actions. He announced that starting August 7, there would be modifications to some of SamTrans' routes.

9. Joint Powers Board Liaison Report

Carter Mau, Acting Executive Director, said that the report was posted on the website. He noted that the JPB Board authorized staff to explore the use of the Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) method for the delivery of the Mountain View Grade Separation Project.

10. Report of the Executive Director

Mr. Mau said that the report was in the packet. He said the TA has more than \$17 million available in this cycle for bicycle/pedestrian projects. He congratulated staff for the awards

recently received by the ACR/TDM program. April Chan, Acting Deputy General Manager/CEO, invited Board and staff to join a retirement celebration for Joe Hurley, TA Director, on August 30 following the upcoming TA CAC meeting.

11. Program

11.a. San Mateo 101 Express Lanes Quarterly Project Update

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

Vice Chair Carlos Romero asked about the amount needed for the bridge loan for the planting/landscaping that Mr. Scott spoke of during the presentation. Mr. Scott said it would be approximately \$2.5 to \$3 million, clarifying that the TA may need to provide the bridge loan to get the work started and that the potential savings from the contracts would then be used to repay the TA. Vice Chair Romero also asked if the end of system testing would happen in January 2023. Mr. Scott said they did not yet have a final schedule from TransCore, but that testing is expected to end in the mid-November to December timeframe with tolling anticipated to begin in January 2023.

11.b. Highway Project Update: US 101/Peninsula Avenue Interchange

Ms. Chan introduced Heba El-Guindy, Deputy TA Director, who provided the presentation.

Director Emily Beach asked about the difference between the tight diamond and spread diamond designs for the right-of-way acquisitions. Ms. El-Guindy clarified that the spread diamond alternative is expected to have more right-of-way acquisitions since the southbound off- and on-ramps would meet Peninsula Avenue further from the freeway. Vice Chair Romero asked if the \$70 million includes the relocation costs per the Uniform Relocation Act. Ms. El-Guindy said that amount was an initial estimate and that more work needs to be done before she could provide a more comprehensive estimate that would include relocation costs. Vice Chair Romero asked how the tight diamond affected the neighborhood in terms of traffic flow into the community compared to the spread diamond. Ms. El-Guindy said that the tight diamond is not expected to cause queuing based on the analysis, because they are increasing the number of lanes on the ramps as well as increasing the number of lanes on the overcrossing.

Director Groom said they would not be able to find housing in San Mateo County for the displaced residents of the 76-unit apartment building proposed for removal under the spread diamond alternative. Ms. El-Guindy said this would be evaluated further and that a community impact study is included in the environmental impact report. Chair Medina asked how is the City of San Mateo reaching out to notify citizens with updates on the project. Ms. El-Guindy said the TA is coordinating with the City and other stakeholders on a regular basis. She said the TA enhanced the project scope by increasing the number of community meetings and approached the City about an extension to allow sufficient time to do due diligence to communicate with the community and stakeholders.

Director Don Horsley said he anticipated that there would be a lot of community pushback on the amount of money being spent on freeways as opposed to bicycle/pedestrian projects and public transportation and asked what reaction from the affected property owners had been so

far. Ms. El-Guindy noted the retrofitting of highway projects to better accommodate multimodal road users in an equitable manner. She added that there has been positive feedback on the expected safety and operational improvements and concerns regarding right-of-way intake and that more outreach is planned.

Public Comment:

Geno Caccia requested that the TA consider in its decision-making things that help affected businesses sustain their footprint in the City and the County of San Mateo. He added that the City of San Mateo needed to do more outreach to business owners.

Drew said with the tight diamond configuration, there would be a ramp just outside the window of many of the units and noted that it would affect the residents' quality of life.

Ms. El-Guindy said that the decision is ultimately up to several factors, including preference of the property owner. Chair Medina said that outreach by the TA and the City is crucial to ensure everybody is aware of what is happening.

12. Finance

12.a. Program and Allocate \$4,356,300 in Measure A Alternative Congestion Relief and Measure W Transportation Demand Management Funds for the Cycle 1 Call for Projects and Direct Allocations – Approved by Resolution No. 2022-28

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

Vice Chair Romero asked for confirmation that the entire amount made available for this cycle would not be fully expended, which Mr. Gilster confirmed.

Director Mark Nagales congratulated cities participating in the e-bike program.

Motion/Second: Nagales/Beach

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

Noes: None

Absent: Mates

13. State and Federal Legislative Update

Jessica Epstein, Manager, Government and Community Affairs, provided a summary of federal and state legislation.

On the federal side, she noted that the Senate was scheduled to start its recess on August 5 but will stay in session until the reconciliation bill passes. She said on July 20, the House passed a package of six Fiscal Year 2023 federal funding bills, including the Transportation Housing Urban Development bill.

At the state level, she said most of the bills the TA has been tracking have come to an end of their useful life.

14. Requests from the Authority

There were no requests.

15. Written Communications to the Authority

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

16. Date/Time of Next Regular Meeting

Chair Medina announced that the next meeting would be on Thursday, September 1, 2022, 5:00 pm in person at the SamTrans Auditorium and via Zoom teleconference.

17. Report of Legal Counsel

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

18. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

An audio/video recording of this meeting is available online at <https://www.smcta.com/about-us/board-directors/video-board-directors>. Questions may be referred to the Authority Secretary's office by phone at 650.508.6242 or by email to board@smcta.com.