

Report of the TA Citizens Advisory Committee

Meeting of November 29, 2022

Committee Actions

- Approved the Minutes of the CAC Meeting of November 1, 2022
- Appointed the Nominating Committee for 2023 Chair and Vice Chair (Ivan Bucio, Rich Hedges, and Ethan Mizzi)

Committee Motions Regarding TA Board Items for November 3, 2022

- Approved the consent calendar including:
 - 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
 - Acceptance of the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the Period Ending October 31, 2022
 - Acceptance of the Capital Projects Quarterly Status Report for 1st Quarter of Fiscal Year 2023
- Approved the Reallocation of Funds from Construction to the Landscaping Phase of US 101 Express Lanes Project
- Adopted the Pedestrian and Bicycle Program 2022 Cycle 6 Program of Projects

Discussion Highlights

Reallocation of Funds from Construction to Landscaping Phase of US 101 Express Lanes Project

Peter Skinner, Executive Officer, Transportation Authority, presented the staff report and responded to questions raised regarding the scope of the project, which includes irrigation along the corridor as well as tree planting.

Adoption of Pedestrian and Bicycle Program 2022 Cycle 6 Call for Projects Program

Patrick Gilster, Manager, Planning and Fund Management, presented the staff report and responded to questions raised by the members regarding the prioritization of the various projects.

2023 Draft Legislative Program

Amy Linehan, Government and Community Affairs Officer, reviewed the legislative program for the upcoming year. The members provided their input to potentially be incorporated into the final Legislative Program to be approved at the January 3 TA CAC meeting.

State and Federal Legislative Update

Ms. Linehan provided a summary of federal and state legislation. On the federal side, she noted the recent leadership shifts in both the Senate and Congress and said the continuing resolution funding the federal government would expire on December 16. On the state side, she said a new session would convene briefly on December 5 and then resume in January 2023. She noted the state government may have a deficit in the next fiscal year and as a result, transportation is less likely to be state a priority so it is important to aggressively seek available funding wherever possible.

Report of the Chair

Chair Barbara Arietta reported on a seminar she attended a Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) webinar on the future of freeways on November 17 and recommended the other CAC members listen to the webinar recording.

Report From Staff

Peter Skinner, Executive Officer, Transportation Authority, said his report was in the packet. April Chan, Executive Director, on behalf of staff thanked the members for their dedication to and support of the TA.

Member Comments/Requests

The members expressed their appreciation for the TA staff and one another for their hard work and support over the course of the year and wished everyone a happy holiday season.