

**Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (JPB) Summary
Meeting of September 7, 2023**

The Board met in Closed Session on Conference with Legal Counsel – Pending Litigation (Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(1)) [Abel Cuevas v. Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board, Santa Clara County Superior Court, Case No.: 21CV385375] - There were no actions to report.

Report of the Executive Director - Michelle Bouchard, Executive Director, provided updates which included the following:

- September is Rail Safety and Suicide Prevention Month as well as Transit Month
- Hosting public event with a street closure in San Francisco on Saturday, September 23, 2023, for electric train tours; working to socialize an electric train schedule commencing with revenue service. Conducting a series of public and Committee meetings to outline the schedule
- The fourth train to Gilroy is operating on September 25th. Changing schedule to align transfers with BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit) Millbrae station
- Temporary weekend shutdowns for the remainder of the year in preparation for electrification program
- Fare promotions starting September 1st introduce unlimited 3-day pass geared toward 3-day per week workers, family and group day pass, and \$1 one-way youth fare, all available through mobile app or ticket vending machines; 50 percent parking discount at all stations
- Working closely with MTC (Metropolitan Transportation Commission) on the second phase of the pilot program; concerned with moving forward without affecting Go Pass, but discussions with MTC and the project management team outlined a second phase pilot that will work. Returning in October or November timeframe to recommend the signing of a participation agreement for the next phase
- Received \$80 million from the State of California for BEMU (battery electric multiple unit)

JPB Board of Directors Received and Approved the Following Items:

- Meeting Minutes of August 3, 2023
- Renew Findings of an Emergency Regarding the North Channel Embankment of the San Francisquito Creek Bridge Due to Erosion Pursuant to Public Contract Code §22050*
- Accept Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the Period Ending July 31, 2023
- Authorize Rejection of Proposal for On-Call Soil and Hazardous Waste Environmental Compliance Planning and Support Services and Re-Solicit of RFP (Request for Proposal)*
- Amendment 1 to Contract with Bell Burnett & Associates to Provide Additional Scope and Capacity for Financial Strategy Planning Consulting Services*
- Amend and Increase the Fiscal Year 2024 Caltrain Capital Budget by \$5,292,413 from \$510,153,014 to \$515,445,427 and Delegate Authority to Amend Capital Budget Under Specified Circumstances
- Adopt Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Prior Expenditures

Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2024-2028 Caltrain Fare Structure and Approval of Associated Title VI Equity Analysis - Bruce Thompson, Fare Manager, provided the presentation which included the following:

- High-level goals for financial sustainability, equity, customer experience, and ridership guides fare-related decisions
- Proposed changes result in lower prices than the current adopted fare structure
- Transfer discounts benefit riders, especially those with lower income
- Title VI analysis focused on disparate impact or disproportionate burden
- Significant reduction in Go Pass program participation: currently 39 companies, but had 135 in 2019

State and Federal Legislative Update and Approval of Legislative Proposal: Support SB 410

Casey Fromson, Chief Communications Officer, provided updates which included the following:

- Bill introduced by Senator would hold utilities accountable to reasonable timelines for energization
- At the State level, a bill would lower the threshold for local sales tax measure passed the Assembly. The reduced sales tax measure would need a two-thirds vote to 55 percent vote and going through the Senate next

Hispanic Heritage Month - Tasha Bartholomew, Media Relations Manager, provided the report which included the following highlights:

- United States celebrates from September 15 through October 15
- A rider survey from 2022 indicates 17 percent of riders are of Hispanic origin

Proclamation Declaring September Railroad Safety and Suicide Prevention Month - Tasha

Bartholomew, Media Relations Manager, provided the proclamation which included the following:

- Approximately 70 percent of deaths occurring on the corridor are ruled as suicides; switching to a 3-digit number to call or text for help for oneself or others and publicizing it on trains and at stations
- San Francisco public event on September 23, 2023 to have a rail safety booth to educate the public
- Rail safety blitz in partnership with Operation Lifesaver and Amtrak police for targeted enforcement and education at grade crossings, messaging through social platforms, hosting two-part lunch and learn webinar – Be Sensitive and Be Brave training on September 14 and September 21 for employees

Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project (PCEP) Monthly Progress Report - Pranaya Shrestha, CalMOD

Chief, provided the presentation which included the following:

- Short circuit testing is scheduled – in October, and five tests will end the first week in December for TPS-1 (traction power substation)
- The ongoing challenge of quality control and quality assurance – added additional resources to make sure the system can be maintained and operated efficiently
- One major risk is theft of impedance bond cables, as testing cannot be conducted if cables are not in place
- Multiple test runs needed for each segment. Mitigate damage and limit damage with 5 mph (miles per hour) test and increase to 79 mph. 1,000 mile burn in test conducted to ensure each train meets all contract requirements. Tests conducted late nights and weekends to mitigate the impact on operations

Casey Fromson, Chief Communications Officer, provided the presentation which included the following:

- Weekend shutdowns should end at the end of calendar year
- September 23rd event in San Francisco, and another to be scheduled in San Mateo County, and the San Jose event had over 4,000 from public attending

Keith McCoy, Project Director for Balfour Beatty Infrastructure Company, provided the presentation which included the following:

- Overhead Catenary System (OCS) - punch list execution at 67 percent. OCS production should be 100 percent in two weeks.
- Three more weeks of pulling wire and a goal to turn over at the end of the year for completion

San Francisco Downtown Rail Extension (DTX): Relation to Other San Francisco Rail Projects

Dahlia Chazan, Deputy Chief of Caltrain Planning, provided the presentation which included the following:

- Noted significant real estate issues related to Fourth and King railyards and multiple rail projects. Fourth and King property belongs to Prologis Incorporated
- Downtown extension to extend from Fourth and Townsend Streets into the Salesforce Transit Center. Link 21 program considering a tunnel across the bay that would connect to the east end

- Pennsylvania Avenue extension, also known as PAX, is led by San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA) and Caltrain coordinating with the SFCTA team. Link 21 is led jointly by Bart and Capitol Corridor. High-speed rail led by the California High Speed Rail Authority
- Station is underground, and tracks are above ground - significant work is needed to connect to the underground station, and ultimately, the tunnel to Salesforce Transit Center
- Key focus areas for the preliminary business case to identify initial phase that is feasible for both rail operations and commercial development
- Intent is to identify the first phase that provides a development opportunity for Prologis Incorporated and renewed Caltrain infrastructure while generating funding to support rail and other infrastructure necessary to support subsequent phases of the development

Diridon Station Business Case Update - Deferred to next Board meeting to allow time for presentation and Board discussion

Monthly Reports were provided on the following items:

Report of the Citizens Advisory Committee – Brian Shaw, Chair, reported on CAC discussions:

- Long downed gate times since crossing servers were installed at the Whipple Avenue crossing in Redwood City
- Trespasser strike in tunnel four resulted in passengers being stuck on the train for four hours
- Millbrae station signs need replacement with correct information
- No air conditioning in train 504, and issue should be a part of emergency maintenance
- San Mateo station visual messaging sign is not functioning
- Status on ongoing discussions with Union Pacific regarding more service or long-term plans as part of the electrification update
- New schedule for Gilroy station - platform has standard shelters and shaded shelters
- Request for a plan to maintain parking to support the use of the station and lighting on the platform
- Discussed how cross-activation is being used to track trains coming through crossings – gates drop when trains approach
- An interim solution for cross activation can be implemented until permanent one is done when fully electric

Report of the Chair – Chair Gee mentioned encouraged attendance to the two public electrification events: September 23rd in San Francisco and September 25th at 7:00 a.m. in Gilroy.

Report of the Local Policy Maker Group (LPMG) – Director Burt provided an update on the primary focus of corridor-wide grade separation strategies: staff and consultants went through a series of design scenarios, context, and update on funding sources. He also noted the interest by cities is increasing with more engagement and participation.

Report of the Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA) – Chair Gee reported that right-of-way acquisition is moving forward for new alignment to Salesforce Transit Center. The board approved submitting request to formally enter engineering for the project and both Boards approved the interim agreement with Caltrain and Joint Powers Authority.