

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

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

- Congratulated team for a successful holiday train event with tremendous crowds over the weekend; collected more than 1,400 toys in collaboration with the Salvation Army
- Another wet winter, which narrowed the window of time available to undertake work while the creek was dry; declared an emergency at the San Francisco Creek Bridge on November 18<sup>th</sup> and directed staff to undertake temporary repairs to guard against further erosion to protect the integrity of the structure supporting the bridge
- FRA (Federal Railroad Administration) held its second annual Rail Share event last week in Kansas City, Missouri. Mike Meader, Chief Safety Officer, and John Hogan, Chief Operations Officer, provided a well-received presentation on the path to a strong safety culture and enhanced roadway worker protection. The event was opened by Chairwoman Jennifer Homendy, National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB)
- Conducting emergency responder drill this weekend at the Bayshore station as part of our ongoing preparation for electrified operations
- Final electrified service plan presentation later in the meeting; received waiver earlier this month and can move forward with anticipated service
- Acknowledged the first convening of the Regional Network Management Council last week to consider the draft Charter and Workplan; focused highly on outcomes for the customer (fares and payment; customer information (including wayfinding); transit network planning and management; accessibility; and, new funding
- Returning to the Board in February with an update on the strategic financial plan

**JPB Board of Directors Received and Approved the Following Items:**

- Meeting Minutes of November 2, 2023
- Accept Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the Period Ending October 31, 2023
- Approval of the 2024 JPB Finance Committee Meeting Calendar
- 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
- Award of Contract for On-Call Alternate Project Delivery Negotiation Support Services
- Increase Contract Capacity for (3) On-Call Environmental Planning, Permitting and Support Services Contracts 19-J-P-072A, B and C
- Approval of the 2024 JPB Technology, Operations, Planning, and Safety (TOPS) Committee Meeting Calendar
- Award of Contract for Final Design Services for the Rengstorff Avenue Grade Separation Project

- Amend Budget for Broadband Wireless Communication System Project
- Authorize Execution of the Amended Memorandum of Understanding to Receive Funding for the Construction Manager General Contractor (CMGC) Pre-Construction Phase for the Broadway Grade Separation
- Award of Contract for San Mateo Replacement Parking Track Project
- Approval of the 2024 JPB Advocacy and Major Projects (AMP) Committee Meeting Calendar
- Authorize the Second Amendment to the Contract with JBR Partners for On-Call Ambassador Services

### **State and Federal Legislative Update and Approval of the 2024 Legislative Program**

Casey Fromson, Chief Communications Officer, introduced Matthew Robinson, Shaw, Yoder, Antwih, Schmelzer, and Lange Partner, and Michael Pimentel, Legislative and Regulatory Advocate.

Mr. Robinson provided the report that included the following:

- Two-year bill deadline - any bill that is still sitting in the first house and has to get over to the second house has to move in the month of January
- Governor releasing his proposed budget for fiscal year (FY) 2023-2024 on January 10<sup>th</sup> with a \$68 billion problem (deficit)
- Senator Scott Wiener and a couple of his colleagues are going to be running point on an authorization measure for the regional transportation proposal
- Resources and climate bonds remain to be seen at the level of funding permitted by the administration; bonds have been looked at to fund transit electrification and infrastructure for electrified transit

Mr. Pimentel provided the report that included the following:

- The state budget of FY23-24 provided \$5.1 billion in one-time funding spread over four years to Californian transit agencies to preserve operations
- Money allocated to each of the Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) will receive funds to allocate to services and projects within their region. The MTC (Metropolitan Transportation Commission) will receive about \$1.2 billion over four-year time, and Caltrain will receive about \$25 million
- CalSTA (California State Transportation Agency) charged with convening a Transit Transformation Task Force to evaluate the status of public transit recognizing transit operations and develop recommendations for strengthening public transit

Devon Ryan, Government Affairs Officer, provided the presentation, which included the following:

- Advocate at the state and federal levels for ongoing transit operations funding
- Summarized guiding framework for participation in a regional measure for the legislative program

The Board Members had a robust and lengthy discussion, and staff provided further clarification in response to Board comments and questions, which included the following:

- Concerns that MTC had discussed consolidation of different transit agencies and being a requirement on a regional measure without Caltrain Board at the table
- Most Members supported a recommendation to send a letter to MTC expressing concern about the requirement and having the ability to weigh in, especially given the short timeframe MTC staff has expressed to bring legislation for the regional measure as quickly as January
- Encouraged follow-up discussion with MTC and to have an accompanying letter if staff can meet with MTC staff to understand their position and objectives and to work closely as an opportunity to re-engage and get on the right path together

**Authorize Use of the Construction Manager General Contractor (CMGC) Delivery Method Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 103395 for the 4th and King Yard Preparation Track and Systems Package (4KY Package B)**

Ms. Bouchard introduced Adam Van de Water, TJPA (Transbay Joint Powers Authority) Executive Director and Greg Oslund, Senior Project Manager, Jacobs.

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

- Allow trains on existing surface railroad to transition below to access the new underground 4<sup>th</sup> and Townsend Station
- Project requires site clearing and preparation work at existing 4<sup>th</sup> and King railyard
- Caltrain and TJPA have agreed in concept that Caltrain should be the delivery agency for work in operating right-of-way (ROW) and best delivered using the CMGC contracting method
- State law requires that the Board make findings before initiating CMGC procurement

Mr. Van de Water introduced Alfonso Rodriguez, TJPA Project Director, who joined remotely.

Mr. Van de Water provided the report that included the following:

- Expect to advance into the engineering phase of the FTA's capital investment grant process, allowing one of eight projects in that pipeline nationally for significant federal investment for the project to access funds needed to advance technical work

- Once the contractor is on board and work is underway, the integrated project delivery team is designed to have collaborative decision-making at every level throughout both agencies
  - Provided two invitations: (1) Kick off Winter Fest in the rooftop park at the Salesforce Transit Center tomorrow evening at 6:00 pm
  - Tour of the Salesforce Transit Center constructed infrastructure

Mr. Oslund provided the presentation that included the following:

- Package A and package B are independent of one another with specific goals and objectives
- Package A to move assets in advance prior to 2026 plan start of DTX (downtown rail extension)
- Package B's objective is all within operating ROW. The objective is to shift all systems to the south to make enough room to connect to the two-track portal that will allow trains to go underground and proceed up to Townsend Station and up to the Salesforce Center

Ms. Chazan provided a report on the procurement process for Package B, process and timeline, and the recommended action pursuant to the Public Utilities code.

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- Reason for splitting the packages into two
- Clarification for total amounts of both packages – request to add all the contracts together and advance PDB (progressive design-build) contractor to advance design
- Concern with not considering trainsets in the project
- Request for ridership analysis to show any decrease in downtown subway boardings
- Potential service disruptions and costs associated during implementation of Package B

**Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project (PCEP) Monthly Progress Report**

Pranaya Shrestha, CalMod Chief Officer, provided the presentation that included the following information:

- Challenges in the last few weeks where the overhead contact system path of completion came up short
- Drawn \$22 million from contingency due to a few factors; extended construction date and brought in new crews
- Returning to Board for contract authority, but does not impact budget

Keith McCoy, Senior Vice President, Operations, Balfour Beatty Infrastructure, Inc., provided the presentation that included the following information:

- Completed OCS (overhead catenary system) regulation on the main line and still working on San Francisco station
- Focused on completing regulation to start short-circuit testing, close out execution, and as-built drawings
- Short circuit testing dates are set but still confirming with PG & E (Pacific Gas and Electric)

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- Timeline for live run and end-to-end testing
- Process in liquidating any encumbrance balance
- Plans for keeping safety issues at a minimum

#### **Final Fall 2024 Electrified Service Plan**

Theodore Burgwyn, Director of Rail Network and Operations Planning, provided the presentation that included the following information:

- Started with the long-range business plan and built into the equity connectivity recovery growth policy
- Kept the original peak hour stopping pattern that was presented in October; imperative to run an express service that provides the San Jose to San Francisco trip in under an hour
- Service plan is consistent with the original financial forecast for the FY25 budget
- Offset the added cost of the hourly weekend service with increased weekend ridership and revenue and a reduction in extra special event service

#### **Update on SamTrans' Search for a New Headquarters Building and Caltrain Analysis of its Options** – Deferred to January meeting

#### **Monthly Reports were provided on the following items:**

- Report of the Citizens Advisory Committee – Brian Shaw, Chair, provided an update on CAC discussions, which included the following:
  - Introduced two new members from San Mateo County
  - Approved bylaws change to allow more latitude on order of agenda
  - Several comments about service in Gilroy and South County regarding communication challenges or lack of signage
  - Received complaints about bike bumps happening at Hillsdale station, update on legislative program, electrified service plan
  - Use a clock face type schedule when the schedule is set to make it easier for people to know when the trains are coming to their station
  - Member of public commented on distanced base fares

- Look into process for lack of service at Gilroy and bringing back coins at vending machines
- For December, will hear about corridor crossing strategy, update on public comment process, and how ridership is being reported and changes to that methodology
- Last meeting of 2023 is December 20<sup>th</sup>
  
- Report of the Chair – Deferred to January meeting
  
- Report of the Local Policy Maker Group (LPMG)  
Director Burt reported on a well-attended in-person workshop in Mountain View to review corridor-wide funding approach as well as how to begin the process of developing a methodology to rationalize the prioritization of grade crossings. Received substantive feedback from the group and will provide a written report in the coming weeks.
  
- Report of the Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA) - Deferred to January meeting