

Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (JPB) Summary
Meeting of January 4, 2024

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

- Launch of the 2023 Year-In-Review webpage showcasing the significant progress of the team
- Upcoming third Electric Multiple Unit (EMU) Tour in San Mateo County combined with the 160 Years of Rail Service Celebration
- The Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration Train is scheduled for January 15th and is organized in partnership with Northern California Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Foundation
- Congratulations and appreciation extended to retiree Jim Ritchie for 31 years of service
- Updates on Safety Key Performance Indicators (KPI) – emphasize safety first and always
- The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) provided direction on language to include in enabling legislation for a potential 2026 Regional Transportation Revenue Measure; MTC Commissioners directed staff to focus on coordination, not consolidation
- Senate Bill (SB) 397 by Senator Wahab is being amended to require CalSTA (California State Transportation Agency) to develop a plan to consolidate all regional transit agencies in the Bay Area; a hearing is likely scheduled for January 9th and staff to follow this closely
- A timeline and staff recommendation will be shared with the Board in February and the Finance Committee in January regarding the new SamTrans headquarters

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

- San Mateo County Sheriffs is the contracted provider of safety and security for our passengers; therefore, they handle most calls. How are calls dealt with when they come from other counties? What is the percentage of calls per county? Staff will look into this and get back to the board
- Potential timing of proposed enabling legislation – MTC action probably in January Legislative Committee and then onto full MTC Board January or February; request to send future link and information on Senator Wahab’s amended bill once it is available
- Ridership levels compared to Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) and the impact of electrification
- Proposed legislation by MTC

JPB Board of Directors Received and Approved the Following Items:

- Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2023
- Accept Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the Period Ending November 30, 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 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023
- Amend and Increase the Fiscal Year 2024 Caltrain Capital Budget By \$3,250,000 from \$517,525,7074 to \$520,775,704
- Authorization for the Executive Director to Enter into a 3-year Lease with Elevate PropCo IV LLC for Warehouse Space in San Francisco

- Authorize the Disposition of 34 Gallery Cars and Two Locomotives
- Award of Contracts for On-Call Construction Management
- Award of Contracts for On-Call General Engineering Consultant Design Services
- Award of Contracts for On-Call Program Management Oversight Services
- Authorize Execution of Agreement to Receive Section 130 Funding for the Preliminary Engineering of Charleston Road Grade Crossing Improvements
- Award of Contract for Mini-High Platform Project
- Authorize Amendment to On-Call Owner's Representative Electric Multiple Unit (EMU) Rail Vehicle Support Services Contract 14-PCJJPB-P-06 for Caltrain Modernization (CalMod)

Resolution Recognizing National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month

Tasha Bartholomew, Manager of Media Relations, provided a report that included the following:

- 14,500 to 17,500 individuals are trafficked into the United States each year
- Caltrain supported AB 2034 for training on how to recognize and report human trafficking
- SamTrans and Caltrain are developing training material for all levels of employees and creating signage to place on rail cars

Resolution to Commemorate 160 Years of Rail Service on the Corridor

Tasha Bartholomew, Manager of Media Relations, provided a report that included the following:

- Tracks were completed on January 16, 1864, running from San Francisco to San Jose
- Today, the Corridor sees a record high 104 passenger trains each weekday

Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project (PCEP Monthly Progress Report)

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

- Project is on budget and on schedule; Balfour Beatty is working towards issuing substantial completion on April 1st
- Six train sets have been delivered; the fourth train set will commence the burn-in test today
- Internal and local emergency responder training completed
- Additional contract resources were brought in to help with verification
- Short circuit test dates are January 9th – January 23rd approved by Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E); once completed live run testing will commence
- Permanent solution to mitigate theft of impedance bond cables in development
- Safety certification process and final check by safety team to ensure safety quality met

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 work on San Francisco station will be completed by the end of January

- Category A and B punch list items are scheduled to be completed by January 13th
- 40 percent completion of punch list items with resources dedicated to accomplishment
- 66 percent completion of close out execution for final acceptance of as-built
- Mainline panning loop and high pot testing in the San Francisco yard is complete

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- Project budget analysis with regards to overall project contingency funds
- Project contingency for 5 or 6 days in the schedule that allow for inclement weather
- Adequate law enforcement assistance to address impedance bonds theft
- Cost and responsible party for redesign of impedance bond to prevent theft
- Minimize gate down times and two speed check system and backup
- Corridor-wide Safety and Security Comprehensive Program

Corridor Crossing Strategy Update: Program Strategy and Delivery Guide

Jill Gibson, Transportation Planner, Kimley-Horn, provided the presentation that included the following information:

- November Workshop goal is to explore potential organizational approaches to operationalize the shared strategy in the development of a system-wide corridor crossing approach
- Benefits of a coordinated program approach: holistic methodology and proactively looking at projects; maintaining unique characteristics and connections to community goals
- Joint application to be submitted for the US DOT (United States Department of Transportation) Rail Crossing Elimination (RCE) funding program as a formalized corridor approach for the upcoming funding cycle
- Development of draft program strategy report available by the end of January

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- Federal Rail Authority (FRA) and the State are interested in prioritizing and grouping projects
- The draft strategy will articulate a tiered approach that prioritizes closing the funding gap and projects with significant local investments in active local projects, and safety treatments
- Targeted federal funds with program lists and various grant sources available online
- Funding and financing strategies for grade separation projects along the entire corridor for efficiencies, safety, and looking at mega projects and possible consolidations

Monthly Reports were provided on the following items:

- Report of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) – Brian Shaw, Chair, provided an update on CAC discussions, which included the following:
 - Elected 2024 Brian Shaw as Chair and Adrian Brandt as Vice Chair

- Corridor Crossing Strategy recommendations included the development of a priority list of individual grade separation projects based on statistics and safety; the study should address revising the maximum grade standard to increase feasible alternatives; provide a list detailing agency responsibility for funding projects
- Received a report on Caltrain Ridership Reporting Methodology Changes
- CAC suggested that staff provide data for vehicle incursions in the corridor

- Report of the Chair – Chair Gee noted he had asked Director Heminger and Director Chavez to serve as an ad hoc committee for the appointment of Officers for 2024. He announced the passing of the gavel to Vice Chair Davis as the Chair and Director Heminger as Vice Chair
 - Director Davis reported on the meeting with Balfour Beatty leadership to reiterate the focus on quality, safety, and the desire for the project to stay on schedule

- Report of the Local Policy Maker Group (LPMG) - Chair Burt notes that the earlier agenda item presentation on the Corridor Crossing Strategy Update was well covered, and I don't have anything more to report

- Report of the Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA) - Chair Gee noted that they were not awarded grant funding and their work plan will be recalibrated to align with available funding in the next grant cycle that they would be eligible for, which is very competitive