

Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (JPB) Summary
Meeting of November 7, 2024

Closed Sessions:

- Public Employee Performance Evaluation: Executive Director (Gov. Code § 54957(b)(1))
- Public Employee Performance Evaluation: General Counsel (Gov. Code § 54957(b)(1))

Conference with Real Property Negotiator (Gov. Code § 54956.8) for the following properties: Property: 375 Beale Street, San Francisco, CA; 166 N. Rollins Road, Millbrae, CA; 153 Townsend Street, San Francisco, CA; 305 Main Street, Redwood City, CA; 488 South Almaden Boulevard, San Jose, CA - There were no reportable actions.

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

- Weekly On-Time Performance (OTP) since electrification hard launch
- Addressing known issues and action items, train horn decibel levels are reduced to the lowest level by legal requirement and following the strict compliance of legal requirements, and localized grade crossing tools that can be installed
- Low Carbon Fuel Standards (LCFS) credits received and accounted for in strategic financial plan
- Google and Waze GPS (global positioning system) navigation updates completed after meeting with companies and a meeting is scheduled with Apple
- Grade crossing enhancements at grade level crossings incorporating new technologies of LIDAR (Light Detection and Ranging), CCTV (closed caption television), Analysis and Alert (AI)
- Pilot installation of bike decals on platforms at Palo Alto and Redwood City stations
- Provided update on the locomotives and gallery cars fleet disposition and stated Municipality of Lima, Peru expressed interest in 90 gallery cars and 20 retired diesel locomotives; U.S. Embassy in Lima stated sale will reduce air combined pollutants and Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) removed requirement to destroy the locomotives, thus can sell functional to Lima and the vehicles can be used only for passenger service to ensure maximum reduction of air pollution10-year Capital Investment Program (CIP) reprioritizes projects that will deliver the greatest benefit

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

- Grade crossing optimization
- Contingency planning for restoration of up to five trains an hour at major stations should ridership drive the need for increased train service and the budgetary impact of increased service

- Storage, transfer, and delivery costs of diesel locomotives and terms and conditions under negotiation which is favorable in costs to JPB. Majority of the available fleet is currently part of the negotiations except for a few cars and locomotives involved in an incident.

JPB Board of Directors Received and Approved the Following Items:

- Meeting Minutes of October 3, 2024
- Appointment of the Citizens Advisory Committee Representative and Alternate for Santa Clara County
- Accept Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the Period Ending June 30, 2024, and Approve Retroactive Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget
- Accept Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the Period Ending September 30, 2024
- Authorize Executive Director to Execute Agreement with SamTrans to Add Rail Safety Direct Service Positions* **
- Adoption of Caltrain 10-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
- Authorize an Amendment to the Contract with Allied Universal for Security Guard Services to Extend the Term by 18 Months and Increase the Contract Amount by \$1,977,976*
- Receive Railyards Preliminary Business Case Update and Authorize Execution of Caltrain/Prologis Cooperation Agreement*
- Authorize Execution of a Cooperative Agreement with Diridon Partner Agencies to Establish Interim Project Organization Structure* **

State and Federal Legislative Update – Casey Fromson, Chief of Staff, Jason Baker, Director of Government and Communication Affairs, and Devon Ryan, Government Affairs Officer provided the presentation that included the following information:

- Select Committee Framework Approved forwarding all scenarios to the Commission for their review
- Overview of Caltrain funding over 15 years and addressing Caltrain’s 10-year deficit for each regional measure scenario
- Reviewed the new San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA)/Operator Proposal option which is a parcel tax, variable rate by county, for five counties with opt-in option for the other four counties, Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) favorability poll for all agencies resulted in Caltrain total favorable at 58 percent and unfavorable at 11 percent (within the three countries serviced by Caltrain)
- Caltrain-Only Measure examples by sales tax and parcel tax and either will need authorization legislation
- Reviewed timeline for a 2026 ballot measure including expected Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Polling in December 2024

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- Caltrain updated deficit numbers will be presented as part of the update to the Strategic Plan to the JPB Finance Committee in November
- Caltrain-only authorization decision discussion and coalition building (ad hoc meeting before Finance Committee)
- Regional measure scenarios prioritization
- Regional measure polling, future economic circumstances, and revenue shortfalls due to reduced ridership
- Contingency plan to fund a public transit agency and measure ballots conflicts
- Per county measure coordination for Caltrain and local transit agencies for a successful path

Monthly Reports were provided on the following items:

- Report of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) – Adrian Brandt provided an update on CAC discussions which included the following:
 - Appointment of Alternate member from San Francisco County
 - Rail safety and crossing violations including crossing signs indicating vehicle code and fines
 - Proposed pilot program at Burlingame Broadway Crossing with camera enforcement for a proactive approach
 - Traffic signal preemption to clear tracks prior to gates activation
 - Anti-trespassing panels to prevent cars accidentally driving on the tracks
 - Train schedule feedback and external factors out of Caltrain’s control that impacted the train performance such as heat wave, power outages, vandalism
 - Bike boarding signage improvements
- Report of the Chair – Chair Davis stated waiting post elections, due to Board of Directors changes, to meet with Directors Walton and Gee on ad hoc nominating committee to bring forward in December; reinstating the location of the Board of Directors meetings will be held in the other counties as represented per quarter for at least once a year; and fare checks and enforcement, train cleanliness inside and out, and branding on train car.
- Report of the Local Policy Maker Group (LPMG) – Chair Burt reported CIP update, evolution of corridor crossing strategy for low priority grade separation package improvements to improve capacity and circulation, and horn noise reduction. Mr. Burt expressed appreciation for San Carlos Councilperson Ron Collins, for his active and valuable role on LPMG for over 12 years, and thanked him for his lasting contributions.
- Report of the Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA) – Deferred to next meeting.

Board Member Requests:

- Director Abe-Koga requested Caltrain staff to work with Santa Clara Valley Transportation Agency (VTA) staff to value engineer the Rengstorff grade separation project and for the project to be agendaized to discuss how to reign in the cost rather than continually find funding.
- JPB Board of Directors meeting for December 5, 2024 will be held at the San José City Hall Council Chambers, 200 E Santa Clara Street, San Jose, CA 95113