

**SAN MATEO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (TA)  
1250 SAN CARLOS AVENUE, SAN CARLOS, CA 94070**

**MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2011**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** R. Foust (Chair), C. Groom, D. Horsley, J. Lee, K. Matsumoto, T. Nagel, J. Vreeland

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** J.Cassman, A. Chan, M. Choy, G. Harrington, C. Harvey, R. Haskin, A. Hughes, J. Hurley, M. Martinez, N. McKenna, D. Miller, S. Murphy, M. Scanlon, M. Simon

Chair Rosanne Foust called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. Director Jim Vreeland led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Chair Barbara Arietta said that at its August 30, 2011 meeting the CAC:

- Welcomed new member Jeff Londer.
- Received a presentation on the allocation of funds to the City of Pacifica for the San Pedro Creek/Highway 1 Bridge Replacement Project.
- Received a presentation on the State Route 1/Calera Parkway Project.
- Supported all TA items on the September 1, 2011 agenda.
- Heard reports from her on SB 791, groundbreaking for the Highway 101 Marsh to San Mateo/Santa Clara County Line (Auxiliary Lanes Project), and Paul Young's resignation from the CAC.

Director Carole Groom arrived at 5:10 p.m.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Director Don Horsley requested severing Consent Calendar Item 4c – Acceptance of Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for July 2011.

- **Approval of Minutes of July 7, 2011**
- **Information on Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the Period Ending June 30, 2011**

A motion (Nagel/Vreeland) to approve the Consent Calendar was unanimously approved. (Groom abstained.)

**Acceptance of Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for July 2011**

Director Horsley said total revenues of \$5,200,000 in the second paragraph of the staff report are not worse than prior year performance but better by \$125,000.

Chair Foust said the word worse in the second paragraph should be changed to better.

Deputy CEO Gigi Harrington said it would be fixed.

A motion (Horsley/Vreeland) to accept the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for July 2011 as corrected was approved.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Greg Conlon, Atherton, said he was speaking on behalf of Atherton City Council member Jerry Carlson. The city council sent a letter to the TA Board requesting funding for quad gates at Watkins Avenue, East Meadow Drive and Charleston Road. He said people may not see a train coming and drive around the gate and get hit by an oncoming train. There have been 12 fatalities this year. He asked the California Public Utilities Commission to fund \$15 million for Caltrans to improve the right of way. If this fails he suggested use of the governor's emergency monies to fund \$1.5 million to install gates at Watkins Avenue.

Chair Foust clarified there have been 12 fatalities along the entire Caltrain corridor this year and these have nothing to do with the Watkins Avenue crossing. She said the TA has a 30-year Measure and a Strategic Plan broken up into ferries, roads and streets and assistance to Caltrain. She said there is a process for calls for projects for the TA and Joint Powers Board (JPB) and asked if this item would come through a recommendation from the JPB or through a call for projects on a specific area.

Deputy CEO Chuck Harvey said there is a category for grade separations in the TA Measure A and this would not classify as a grade separation account. The only account with funds for a quad gate at any intersection on the Caltrain corridor would be from the Caltrain line item in Measure A. Those projects typically come through a capital improvement process that the JPB runs. They evaluate projects and develop a final funding capital program that is adopted by the JPB. The appropriate venue is to work with the JPB to determine whether they feel this is a priority project and to then put it into some type of a project initiation plan and get it funded that way.

Chair Foust suggested the TA Board review the letter from the mayor of Atherton and explain the process outlined by Mr. Harvey for clarity on the right venue with a copy to Mr. Conlon.

Pat Giorni, Burlingame, said she would like the TA to form a Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC). The City/County Association of Governments (C/CAG) recently discussed the joint bike/pedestrian call for projects. She said the TA judged the projects behind closed doors and should have a BPAC including a member from the TA CAC, TA Board, staff member and a public member. She suggested this be agendaized for consideration and asked if Director Vreeland would be a member because he has been on a bicycle advisory committee.

Mr. Conlon said the intersection of Fair Oaks in Atherton has quad gates so there was funding but he isn't aware of the process. Executive Director Michael Scanlon said it was through the JPB Capital Budget.

Mr. Scanlon said staff would address Ms. Giorni's concerns and report to the TA Board.

Mr. Scanlon said there are more than 40 grade crossings along the Caltrain corridor. There are questions about how to prioritize a list of the 15 worst crossings – it's a matter of where to put available monies.

Mr. Scanlon said staff can prepare a report on a recommendation for a TA BPAC and agendaize for a future meeting.

Chair Foust asked about the opening of the Belmont bike/pedestrian overcrossing. Mr. Scanlon said the date isn't finalized due to construction delays.

### **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – ROSANNE FOUST**

Chair Foust thanked staff and commended Mr. Scanlon for their excellent celebrations at the recent groundbreaking ceremonies for transportation projects in Menlo Park and San Bruno.

### **SAMTRANS LIAISON REPORT – KARYL MATSUMOTO**

The July 13, 2011 SamTrans report is included in the agenda packet.

### **JOINT POWERS BOARD REPORT**

Mr. Scanlon reported on the meeting of September 1, 2011:

- Tom Nolan was sworn in to represent the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency. Mr. Nolan was instrumental in the purchase of the Caltrain right of way.
- Public comments covered quad gates, a blended service proposal and bikes.
- Received a report from the JPB CAC.
- Received a report on Caltrain safety efforts and presented a proclamation declaring September as "Railroad Safety Month" to a member of Operation Lifesaver.
- Monthly Performance Statistics – June 2011 compared to June 2010
  - a. Total Ridership was 1,189,173, an increase of 12.6 percent.
  - b. Average Weekday Ridership was 44,453, an increase of 11.6 percent.
  - c. Total Revenue was \$4,890,895, an increase of 25.2 percent.
  - d. On-time Performance was 88 percent, a decrease of 6.4 percent.
  - e. Caltrain Shuttle Ridership was 6,944, an increase of 32.1 percent.
- Year-to-Date Performance Statistics – Fiscal Year ending June 2011 compared to June 2010
  - f. Total Ridership was 12,673,420, an increase of 5.9 percent.
  - g. Average Weekday Ridership was 39,909, an increase of 5.6 percent.
  - h. Total Revenue was \$49,025,747, an increase of 14.5 percent.
  - i. On-time Performance was 92.8 percent, a decrease of 1.4 percent.
  - j. Caltrain Shuttle Ridership was 5,312, a decrease of 3.2 percent.
- Monthly Performance Statistics – July 2011 compared to July 2010
  - k. Total Ridership was 1,166,044, an increase of 7.7 percent.
  - l. Average Weekday Ridership was 44,127, an increase of 8.4 percent.
  - m. Total Revenue was \$4,996,833, an increase of 26.4 percent.
  - n. On-time Performance was 92.1 percent, a decrease of 1.6 percent.
  - o. Caltrain Shuttle Ridership was 6,451, an increase of 27.2 percent.
- Reported on the Bicycle Advisory Committee.
- Baseball ridership for 16 home games is about 100,000 and averaged about 6,000 per game. Year-to-date ridership for 68 games is about 400,000, an increase of 8 percent over 2010. Twelve games are scheduled for September.

- Special service:
  - Stanford football begins Saturday, September 3.
  - The Cal Bears will play football at AT&T Park this year with the first game on September 17.
- Updated the Board on the Jerrold Avenue Bridge Replacement Project in San Francisco and the three new control points on the control and signaling system at the San Jose Diridon South Terminal Project.
- The reading file included the June/July Safety and Security report.
- Acting Director, Caltrain Modernization Project Marian Lee provided an update on the blended rail service concept.
- Received an update on the execution of the Fuel Hedging Program, which locks in the agency's price for fuel at \$2.90 per gallon.
- The Board:
  - a. Accepted the Quarterly Investment Report and Fixed Income Market Review and Outlook for the Quarter Ended June 30, 2011.
  - b. Accepted the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for July 2011.
  - c. Awarded 10 contracts for on-call information technology consulting and support services for a not-to-exceed amount of \$8,500,000 for a three-year term.
  - d. Awarded a contract to Day Wireless Systems for narrowbanding of the JPB Voice Radio System for a total not-to-exceed cost of \$547,723.
  - e. Awarded a contract to Transit America Services, Inc. (TASI) to provide rail operations, maintenance and support services for a total cost of \$398,591,286 for a five-year term. There were four competitive proposals. The proposal evaluation process included site visits, reference checks and scoring of the system. The advisory committee included JPB Chair Sean Elsbernd, Director Ken Yeager from Santa Clara County and the late Director Omar Ahmad. Job protections are in place and TASI is obligated to absorb existing labor contracts.
  - f. Authorized approval to increase the Executive Director's change order authority by \$1,500,000 from \$2,412,700 to \$3,912,700 with SJ Amoroso Construction Company, Inc., for the South Terminal and Santa Clara Station Improvement Project.
  - g. Authorized an application for \$16 million in Federal Rail Administration funds through the California High Speed Rail Authority for the Caltrain Communication-Based Overlay Signal System/Positive Train Control Project.
  - h. Appointed Scott Klemmer to the JPB CAC, representing San Francisco County.
  - i. Received a State and Federal legislative report.
  - j. Received the Quarterly Capital Progress Report – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Fiscal Year 2011.

Director John Lee asked where TASI has been and what their experience is across the country. Mr. Scanlon said Herzog Construction Company is TASI's parent company and operates in Texas, New Mexico, California and Florida.

Director Lee asked how the TASI proposal compared to Amtrak's. Mr. Scanlon said TASI's proposal was lower than Amtrak's proposal. Mr. Scanlon said Caltrain is buying management services. TASI has to earn their management fee by meeting the benchmarks that have been negotiated in the final contract.

Chair Foust said she read an article on the selection process and some people questioned the fact

that TASI was the second lowest bidder versus the lowest bidder but the pricing was only 25 percent of the decision; TASI was scored 68 and the next had a 48 based on the different parameters. Mr. Scanlon said there was an article in the Bay Area News Group and was devoid of facts. The process was a competitive procurement. It is a cost plus contract so that the agency is responsible for actual costs, the bulk of which are dictated by Federal regulations. The goal was to live up to the spirit, not just the letter of the law, and to ensure that we honored those Federal protections extended to the men and women who deliver the service.

## **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Mr. Scanlon reported:

- The Draft Environmental Document for the State Route 1/Calera Parkway Project was released on August 8. Caltrans is accepting comments through October 7. A public meeting is scheduled for September 22 at 7 p.m. at the Pacifica Community Center at 540 Crespi Drive.
- The TA continues to work with C/CAG and Caltrans on the freeway ramp metering system in San Mateo County. On August 30, ramp metering began in the mornings between 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. on southbound Highway 280 from Daly City and on John Daly Boulevard in Daly City to Avalon Drive in South San Francisco.
- Design has begun on the Highway 101/Broadway Interchange Project. On August 10, the California Transportation Commission allocated \$4.2 million in State funds, which will be leveraged with TA Measure A funds to fully fund the design phase.
- Complimented Chair Foust for her remarks at the groundbreaking for the Highway 101-Marsh to San Mateo/Santa Clara County Line Auxiliary Lanes Project.

## **FINANCE**

### **Acceptance of Quarterly Investment Report and Fixed Income Market Review and Outlook for the Quarter Ended June 30, 2011**

CSI Capital Investment Advisor Bill Osher said the portfolio is being managed safely in order to protect it in the event interest rates increase. All individual holdings are guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Standards and Poor's have downgraded the sovereign debt of the U.S. The monetary policy has been a bit more restricted and is one of the reasons the equity markets have struggled and why interest rates have fallen to remarkably low levels. The Federal government also reiterated they were going to keep interest rates at the zero area for at least another two years and hope businesses could have some certainty about their cost of bonds and go out and maybe start some projects. The focus is on trying to keep things safe rather than earning some kind of outside return.

A motion (Horsley/Vreeland) to accept the report was approved.

### **Authorize Amendment to Increase the Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 Budget in the Amount of \$2,733,100 for a Total of \$87,842,002**

Director, Budgets and Grants April Chan said the amendment is to increase Grant Revenues by \$2,733,100 and Program Expenditures by the same amount for Caltrain capital projects in the FY2012 Budget. The grant funding is Proposition (Prop) 1B funds from the State. This is consistent with an action the TA Board took at the June 2 meeting to agree to do a fund swap with SamTrans.

A motion (Horsley/Nagel) to authorize the amendment the increase the FY2012 Budget was approved.

**Authorize Allocation of \$10,113,100 in New Measure A Funds:**

- **\$2,733,100 to the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board for San Mateo County's Share of Local Match for Caltrain's FY2012 Capital Budget**
- **\$4,920,000 to the San Mateo County Transit District for a Portion of San Mateo County's Share of Caltrain's Fiscal Year 2012 Operating Budget**
- **\$2,460,000 to San Mateo County Transit District for Its Paratransit Program for FY2012 Operating Budget**

Ms. Chan said all items are consistent with the adopted FY2012 Budget.

Director Terry Nagel asked if paratransit funding is up or down from previous years. Ms. Chan said it is about the same and basically at the 4 percent allowable within Measure A.

A motion (Nagel/Horsley) to authorize the allocations of \$10,113,100 was approved.

**Authorize Allocation up to \$398,103 in New Measure A Funds to the Peninsula Traffic Congestion Relief Alliance (Alliance) to Support the Countywide Alternative Congestion Relief Program for FY2012**

Manager, Programming and Monitoring Melanie Choy said the Alliance implements countywide Transportation Demand Management programs and projects to reduce traffic congestion, including transit incentive programs, employer outreach and marketing programs and bike rack and locker incentives. The TA began funding this program under the original Measure A program and will continue to fund the Alliance's programs at historical levels until a call for projects is issued for the new Measure A program.

Director Nagel said the Alliance does great work and the TA gets a lot of bang for its buck.

A motion (Lee/Matsumoto) to authorize the allocation of \$398,103 was approved.

Chair Foust thanked Alliance Director Christine Maley-Grubl and her staff for all the work they accomplish.

**Authorize Allocation of \$3,200,000 to the City of Pacifica for the San Pedro Creek/ Highway 1 Bridge Replacement Project**

Ms. Choy reported:

- The City of Pacifica is requesting \$3.2 million in Measure A Highway Program funds for the project. Of the funding, \$3 million is a request for design and construction work and \$200,000 is for project management support for the design phase, which the city is asking the TA to perform.
- The project replaces and raises the existing bridge structure and the bridge will be brought up to seismic standards and be brought above the flood zone level. The project will also provide a Class I multi-purpose path that will connect the existing coastal trails.
- The city anticipates National Environmental Policy Act and California Environmental Quality Act clearance in the next couple of months. Project completion is expected in 2013.

- This request is outside the TA's anticipated Highway Call for Projects as well as any short-range planning effort. In order to meet the project delivery milestones dictated by Federal and State funds, the project has to be fully designed and ready for construction by June 30, 2012 or the city would lose the funds.
- This is consistent with the policies laid out in the TA Strategic Plan.
- This project is listed in the Measure A Expenditure Plan under the Key Congested Area category. It also leverages a significant amount of funds; Measure A funds provide 32 percent of the project share and Federal and State funds provide 68 percent funding. This funding has minimal impact on other Measure A projects. There is funding of \$24 million in the Key Congested Area category and this project is about 13 percent of the total.

Director Vreeland thanked everyone involved with the project. He said it is a critical element for traffic along the coast by raising the bridge and making it seismically safe. It will keep State Route 1 open in the event of a major storm. He said it is also a bike/pedestrian project. It is an important environmental project and completes about \$10-12 million that has been put into the San Pedro Creek Restoration and Flood Control Project.

Director Karyl Matsumoto asked if the \$200,000 for TA project management support pays for in-house staff engineers. Ms. Choy said it would include in-house staff and consultant services to provide project management support.

Director Lee asked about the requirement of local matching funds. Ms. Choy said there are various earmarks the city is receiving for the Federal funds. In order to receive the Federal funds, 20 percent of local funds need to be brought to the table. There are also State Transportation Improvement Plan funds with separate local match requirements.

Director Lee said the staff report indicated the total project design was \$9.7 million: \$3.5 million Federal funds, \$3 million State funds and \$3.2 million new Measure A funds. He said he didn't see the local match.

Mr. Scanlon said Measure A funds qualify as the match and allow the TA to leverage so much money.

Chair Foust said the correspondence packet includes a letter from the City of Pacifica's Director of Public Works/City Engineer Van Dominic Ocampo and an email from a resident of Pacifica.

The motion (Vreeland/Horsley) to authorize the allocation of \$3,200,000 for the Bridge Replacement Project was approved.

**Authorize Expenditure of \$11.3 Million of Original Measure A Funds to the 101/Broadway Interchange Project for Right-of-Way and Utility Relocation Activities**

Director, TA Program Joe Hurley said the TA secured environmental clearance on the project this spring and began final design in summer. The TA must now begin the right-of-way acquisition and utility relocation in order to keep the project on schedule and avoid costly delays. In anticipation of this action the Board, as part of the adoption of the FY2012 Budget, programmed funding for these particular activities. Any subsequent funding associated with this project will follow the call for projects process.

Director Lee asked about the acquisition of 27 parcels for the project. Mr. Hurley said it is a combination of primarily businesses and some vacant property.

Director Lee asked if any of the businesses have started to march on the project. Mr. Hurley replied no and said they participated in the environmental process and were supportive of the project.

Director Nagel thanked Mr. Hurley, Project Manager Jim McKim, other TA staff and the TA CAC for their concerted effort on the project, which is a wonderful partnership with Caltrans. She said she thought this is the oldest seismically unsafe interchange left on Highway 101.

Director Nagel said the City of Burlingame receives many comments on safety issues at this interchange. Mr. Hurley said it has been a pleasure to work with the city on this project and he acknowledged the work done by Mr. McKim.

#### Public Comment

Pat Giorni, Burlingame, said former TA Director Rosalie O'Mahony worked very hard for many years to get this interchange project completed.

A motion (Nagel/Lee) to authorize the expenditure of \$11.3 million for the Interchange Project was approved.

### **PROGRAM**

#### **Program: Transit: Highways: State Route 1/Calera Parkway Project**

Mr. Harvey said the purpose of the presentation is to keep the TA Board informed of project details prior to the public meeting on September 22. He said there has been no decision made on any further phase of the project beyond the environmental phase. The TA is not advocating construction of the project at this time. He said the goal of the project is to take it through the environmental phase because it is listed as an original Measure A project and Caltrans and the City of Pacifica, partners in the project, asked to have this project go through the environmental phase to see if it could be cleared because of the difficult location. Mr. Harvey said any future phases of this project would go through a competitive call for projects for funding including whether the project has local support, whether there is leveraged funding available, if it is cost effective and if environmental mitigations are required.

Chair Foust said the Board received two emails and they will be included in the public record for this discussion.

Mr. Hurley reported:

- The project is located on State Route 1 within the City of Pacifica.
- The purpose of the project is to address traffic congestion in the morning and afternoon peak travel periods. Traffic backs up at the intersections of Reina Del Mar and Fassler avenues and affects feeder roads that back up with traffic for about a mile or two depending on the time of day.
- Environmental clearance of this project will result in substantial congestion relief with minimal impact to the environment, adjacent residents and business and one that is financially feasible.



- A number of concepts have been explored: highway widening, grade separations, roundabouts, frontage roads, signal timing changes, increased transit and reversible lanes.
- Environmental constraints included proximity of homes and businesses, topography, archaeological resources, historic property, Calera Creek, two endangered species, wetlands and the coastal zone.
- The project will widen four lanes to six at a length of 1.3 miles, add standard 10-foot shoulders and improvements to bike and pedestrian access, and include a 16-foot wide landscaped median.
- Public output included a scoping meeting in March 2010, an informational meeting in June 2010, and circulation of the Draft Environmental Document on August 8, 2011 with review until October 7, 2011. A public meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2011.
- The Environmental Document involved 14 technical studies and describes project alternatives, potential environmental impacts and mitigation measures.
- As the lead agency, Caltrans will issue environmental approval, require additional studies or abandon the project.
- No decisions have been made on funding subsequent phases of the project.

Director Nagel said she keeps hearing the project would only improve commute time by less than two minutes. Mr. Hurley said the expectation is for a much more significant change. The project is moving from three to two lanes but the two lane facility is a freeway and the capacity of a lane on a freeway is much higher than a conventional highway, which will eliminate any bottleneck.

Director Nagel asked why the frontage alternative was discarded. Mr. Hurley said it was due to the lack of effectiveness and would only temporarily solve the problem in the northbound direction.

Director Nagel said the comment was made by Pacifica that this go through to see if it could be cleared environmentally. She understands the council has not voted on this and asked if the direction on this came from staff. Mr. Hurley said the request was to do the science and understand the alternatives and their benefits and associated environmental impacts in order to have information for the appropriate decision.

Director Matsumoto said this is a State highway and asked about funding for landscaping. She said it is challenging to deal with the State on issues along El Camino Real. Mr. Hurley said Caltrans has indicated that the condition of approving the landscaping median would be a maintenance agreement with a party, other than Caltrans.

Director Horsley asked about a projection in increased vehicle traffic. Mr. Hurley said the TA is required to build a facility that meets today's and future needs. Future needs are based on the latest Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) demographic projections with a growth rate of about 0.75 percent per year.

Director Vreeland said the City of Pacifica has not taken a position on this project but took a position in a letter by former mayor of Pacifica Pete DeJarnatt to move forward with basic science to see if this project could even be built and make a difference. After Caltrans completes its work, the city council will make a decision as a community on the project.

Chair Foust clarified that the TA Board is not being asked to make a decision, there are no funding requests and this is an informational item to understand next steps.

Director Horsley said in the last 10 years, San Mateo County grew by 1.6 percent. He said the Local Coastal Plan, which would allow about 40 units to be built a year has not been approved by the California Coastal Commission, so he is not sure where all the growth would be along the coast.

#### Public Comment

Pat Giorni, Burlingame, reiterated the need for a bike/pedestrian committee because if this project is developed, there is no way a pedestrian could cross eight lanes of traffic with a 16-foot wide median.

Bill Collins, Pacifica, shared concerns about the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to do with bus schedules and shelters, carpooling, loss of businesses and a home, years of construction, pile driving noise near homes, no sound barriers, high cost and that the project is not a permanent fix.

Chair Foust encouraged Mr. Collins to attend the public meeting on September 22 and provide his written comments to the draft EIR phase, so the comments will be included in the final EIR.

#### **Measure A Program Status Report as of June 30, 2011**

No comments

#### **Capital Projects Quarterly Status Report – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Fiscal Year 2011**

Director Matsumoto asked about the South San Francisco Parking Lot Project. She said construction costs are \$591,000 and administration costs are \$306,000, which equates to 20 percent of the \$1.5 million. Administration costs increased from projected costs of \$148,000 to \$306,000 and she asked why the administration costs increased so much. She said the project involved repaving with some slurry and lights. Mr. Harvey said the project wasn't just a slurry seal; it involved quite extensive design work, which required additional lighting and there were changes in the drainage patterns. He will provide the Board with a breakdown of costs.

#### **Legislative Update**

Government Affairs Manager Seamus Murphy reported:

##### State

There is encouraging news about SB 791, which allows the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and other regional metropolitan planning organizations around the State to impose a gasoline surcharge to fund transportation and transit projects in the area. This has potential to be a real game changer for the way these projects are funded. Staff is supporting the bill through the State and Federal Legislative Program adopted by the TA for 2011. The potential is encouraging because it is a 50 percent threshold, which is rare in the post-Prop 26 environment. The funds would be eligible for transit operations, particularly for Caltrain. Staff is working with legislative leadership to get this bill pushed through before the end of the session.

### Federal

It has been two years since the existing Surface Transportation authorization expired and there have been short-term extensions for a couple of years. There is hope for an extension in the 4-6 month range but there would be the same debate after approval of the extension with the House wanting to reduce funding by 30-40 percent and the Senate wanting to move forward with a shorter two-year reauthorization package that would maintain existing funding levels, which is the option staff would prefer. The challenge with this proposal is that it would require about \$12 billion in additional revenue beyond what the Highway Trust Fund will currently support. There are some ideas on how to secure the revenues but a lot of work needs to be done and after the extension is approved, staff will monitor the process and encourage the Senate to move forward with its plan. The process must be finalized before the 2012 elections and it will be a major political issue with the choice to reduce transportation investments and putting about one million jobs at risk or trying to find revenues to prevent those impacts from happening.

### **REQUESTS FROM THE AUTHORITY**

Director Nagel asked for an update on the status of the Countywide Transportation Plan and asked about the role of the TA in the process. Interim Executive Officer, Planning and Development Aidan Hughes said staff is working with C/CAG.

Director Nagel said the Mike Harvey Automobile Dealership in Burlingame is providing a free Nissan LEAF charging station for LEAF owners and said there will be more demand for this.

Director Matsumoto and Chair Foust said there are free charging stations in their downtown parking structures.

Director Groom said the California Air Resource Board has released millions of dollars to the various air quality management districts who are starting proposals for private and public developers.

### **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE AUTHORITY**

Previously discussed

### **REPORT OF LEGAL COUNSEL**

No report

### **DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

October 6, 2011 at 5 p.m. in the San Mateo County Transit District Administrative Building, Bacciocco Auditorium, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos CA 94070.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.