

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

**MINUTES OF JUNE 7, 2012**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** R. Foust, C. Groom (Chair), D. Horsley, K. Matsumoto, T. Nagel, S. Richardson

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** N. Patridge

**STAFF PRESENT:** J. Averill, L. Bhuller, G. Harrington, C. Harvey, R. Haskin, J. Hurley, M. Martinez, N. McKenna, D. Miller, S. Murphy, M. Scanlon, M. Simon

Chair Carole Groom called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m. and asked for a moment of silence in memory of former Director John Lee. She then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) REPORT**

CAC Chair Barbara Arietta reported on the June 5 meeting. The CAC:

- Received a presentation on the new TA website.
- Supported authorization of adoption of Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 Budget.
- Supported acceptance of Statement of Revenues and Expenses for April 2012.
- Supported adoption of appropriations limit for FY2013.
- Supported funding of shuttle program.
- Received a State and Federal legislative update.
- Received Quarterly Capital Projects Report update.
- CAC Chair Arietta reported Caltrain was adding service, and there will be a bike ride sponsored by TransForm.
- Five CAC members were recommended for reappointment.
- Mr. Lee was eulogized and the CAC meeting was closed in his memory.

**PUBLIC HEARING – FISCAL YEAR 2013 BUDGET**

Authority Secretary Martha Martinez reported Section 131265 (a) of the California Public Utilities Code requires all county transportation authorities to adopt an annual budget. In addition, Section 131266 of the code requires a public hearing be held concerning the annual budget after notifying the public of the time and place of the public hearing by published notice at least 15 days prior to the date of the hearing.

In accordance with the applicable law, staff prepared and submitted for review at the May meeting the proposed annual budget for Fiscal Year FY2013.

Notice of public hearing appeared in the *Half Moon Bay Review* on May 16, 2012, the *San Mateo Daily Journal* on May 21, 2012, and the lobby of the SamTrans building in San Carlos. No comments have been received.

Manager, Budgets Ladi Bhuller said:

- Total revenues include sales tax of \$65 million, interest income of \$4 million, and rental income of \$1.1 million, for a total projected revenue of \$70.1 million.
- Changes from FY2012 are sales tax revenues are projected to increase by \$2 million, interest income to decrease by \$0.8 million, and grant proceeds to decrease by \$2.7 million.
- FY2012 revised budget includes \$2.7 million for SamTrans Proposition 1B State Local Partnership Program flowing to the Caltrain Capital Budget.
- Total annual allocations are \$23.7 million.
  - Local Streets/Transportation is \$14.6 million.
  - Caltrain Improvements is \$5.2 million.
  - Accessible Services Paratransit is \$2.6 million.
  - San Francisco International Airport/Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) extension is \$1.3 million.
- Program expenditures are \$73.2 million.
  - Alternative Congestion Relief is \$0.7 million.
  - Dumbarton is \$0.4 million.
  - Caltrain System-wide Capital Improvements is \$3 million.
  - Pedestrian and Bicycle is \$2 million.
  - Local Shuttle is \$2.6 million.
  - Streets and Highways is \$64.6 million.
- Oversight expenditures are \$0.5 million.
- Administrative expenditures at \$1 million.
- Total projected expenditures for FY2013 are \$98.4 million.
- Annual allocations will decrease by \$0.7 million.
- Program expenditures are projected to increase by \$10.7 million.
- The projected fund balance at the end of FY2013 is \$377 million.

Director Karyl Matsumoto said in the staff report under Pedestrian and Bicycle it states these funds are going to be used for the FY2014 and FY2015 Call for Projects (CFP). She asked if we are not going to have a CFP in FY2013 and FY2014. Manager, Capital Budgets Eva Goode said it is a two-year CFP for FY2014 and FY2015, and there will not be one for FY2013.

Director Terry Nagel said annual allocations shows the BART extension as \$1.3 million per year and it was not that amount earlier. Executive Director Michael Scanlon said it is 2 percent of the collected tax revenue so the number changes.

Director Nagel asked what the PeopleSoft hosting site is. Ms. Bhuller said it is a financial software system.

#### Public Comment

Jim Bigelow, Redwood City/San Mateo County Chamber of Commerce and Menlo Park Chamber of Commerce, said there are over 50 counties in this state and fewer than 20 have a self-help program and don't have an opportunity to keep transportation going in their counties. This is a great budget put together by staff. Also, he would appreciate Board support for shuttle programming as this completes the last mile. Mr. Bigelow knew Mr. Lee for many years and

said he supported housing and was a man of extreme principle, a great Marine, businessman, and person. His death is a huge loss.

Legal Counsel David Miller said the Board has met all the legal requirements for the hearing.

A motion (Horsley/Foust) to close the public hearing was unanimous.

**AUTHORIZE ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2013 BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$98,370,230**

Director Rosanne Foust said the fact that this is a self-help county makes this county unique and she is proud to be a part of a Board and a county forward-thinking enough to pass the Measure.

A motion (Richardson/Nagel) to adopt the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget in the amount of \$98,370,230 was approved unanimously.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- a) Approval of Minutes of May 3, 2012
- b) Acceptance of Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for April 2012
- c) Authorize Adoption of the Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2013 in the Amount of \$548,869,416

A motion (Foust/Nagel) to approve the Consent Calendar was unanimously passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mike Harding, Menlo Park, said he would like to speak about future project funding for striping bicycle lanes at Interstate 280 and Alpine Road that was not funded by City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG). It needs to come up in 2013 because if another cyclist is killed the litigation that just ended will come back and the county will be at risk for not mitigating the hazard.

Shannon Lloyd, Portola Valley, said she would like the Board to consider supporting San Mateo County Planning and Building Advisory Member Diana Shu's proposal to redesign the Interstate 280/Alpine Road intersection. Ms. Lloyd thinks it could go with Measure A funds for highways because it is also an issue with merging onto Interstate 280 since there is no striping anymore, and there needs to be some striping for the cyclists.

Leslie Latham, Portola Valley, Silicon Valley Bike Coalition and Portola Valley Bicycle Pedestrian Traffic Safety Committee, said she would like the Board to consider an upcoming funding proposal for the Interstate 280/Alpine interchange and hopes this item could be funded at this CFP.

Director Richardson said she had a niece who had a bike accident at this exact location and would urge this Board to do something about this location.

Executive Director Michael Scanlon asked Director, Transportation Authority Program Joe Hurley to contact the guests who spoke and work with them to find out if there is something that can be done.

Director Don Horsley said the county has a traffic engineer who has a design that will be brought forward.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
(FOUST, MATSUMOTO)**

Director Foust said she and Director Matsumoto reviewed the five applications and are recommending the following members be reappointed for a three-year term to expire on May 31, 2015:

- Barbara Arietta
- Elizabeth Lasensky
- Daniel Mensing
- Laurie Simonson
- April Vargas

A motion (Foust/Horsley) to approve the reappointments was unanimously passed.

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – CAROLE GROOM**

No report

**SAMTRANS LIAISON REPORT – KARYL MATSUMOTO**

The May 9, 2012 SamTrans report is included in the agenda packet.

**JOINT POWERS BOARD (JPB) REPORT**

Mr. Scanlon reported on the meeting of June 7, 2012:

- Key Caltrain Performance Statistics
  - Monthly Performance Statistics – April 2012 compared to April 2011
    - Total Ridership was 1,206,519, an increase of 12.1 percent.
    - Average Weekday Ridership was 45,928, an increase of 12.7 percent.
    - Total Revenue was \$5,173,588, an increase of 18.3 percent.
    - On-time Performance was 93.7 percent, an increase of 3.9 percent.
    - Caltrain Shuttle Ridership was 8,022, an increase of 15.5 percent.
  - Year-to-Date Performance Statistics – April 2012 compared to April 2011
    - Total Ridership was 11,480,812, an increase of 11 percent.
    - Average Weekday Ridership was 43,114, an increase of 10 percent.
    - Total Revenue was \$48,416,420, an increase of 22.5 percent.
    - On-time Performance was 93.5 percent, no change.
    - Caltrain Shuttle Ridership was 7,117, an increase of 29.6 percent.
- In May there were three fatalities and one on June 6, a total of nine for the year.
- Nine employees from the San Mateo County Transit District will be participating this weekend in the Out of the Darkness Walk beginning at dusk through dawn. The halfway point will be at the 4<sup>th</sup> and King Caltrain Station. Each employee exceeded their \$1,000 fundraising goal. Each year nearly a million people attempt suicide in this country and

- 37,000 succeed.
- There are modest changes in paper fares effective July 1 to encourage more people to use the Clipper system.
  - The Bicycle Advisory Committee met on May 17 and the next meeting is on July 19.
  - The rail operator transition occurred on May 26 and went very smoothly.
  - The FY2013 budget included the restoration of four trains removed last year and the addition of two trains at peak commute hours. A public meeting was held and 100 comments were received, most of which in full support.
  - Restoration of service at Santa Clara Station for the Altamont Commuter Express began on May 14 and the Capitol Corridor on May 21.
  - Special services:
    - An additional 5,400 riders rode Caltrain to the Roger Waters concert at AT&T Park.
    - For the annual Bay to Breakers footrace, four additional northbound trains carried approximately 4,000 riders in the morning and the special trains carried 2,000 riders in the afternoon.
    - A Saturday schedule was operated for the Golden Gate Bridge 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. The trains carried an additional 7,400 riders.
    - San Francisco Giants ridership was up 7 percent for May compared to last May.
    - Extra service was provided for the Warped Tour.
    - Extra service will be provided for the June 30 Earthquakes soccer match.
    - Extra service will be provided on July 4 for the fireworks in San Francisco.
  - The reading file contained the new timetable effective July 1, Take Ones on the fare changes and the 2012 Olympic Gymnastics Trials at HP Pavilion and the Safety & Security Report.
  - Deputy CEO Gigi Harrington informed the JPB she was able to hedge half the fuel portfolio for FY2013 at \$2.80 per gallon.
  - The JPB:
    - Approved the Consent Calendar.
    - Appointed four new members to the CAC, one each from San Francisco and Santa Clara counties and two from San Mateo County.
    - Adopted a proclamation making June 21 as “Dump the Pump Day.”
    - Accepted the Statement Revenues and Expenses for April.
    - Adopted the FY2013 Operating Budget in the amount of \$111,368,706.
    - Adopted the FY2013 Capital Budget in the amount of \$39,093,085.
    - Authorized the extension and financial agreement between the San Mateo County Transit District and the JPB for San Mateo County Sheriff’s services.
    - Authorized amendment to extend the contract with Wells Fargo Insurance Services.
    - Rejected all bids for provision of diesel fuel.
    - Received a legislative update.
    - Received Quarterly Capital Progress Report.
    - Canceled the July 5 meeting.

**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Mr. Scanlon reported:

- Congratulated the reappointed CAC members.

- Thanked Chair Groom and Directors Matsumoto and Horsley for attending the South San Francisco ferry event.
- A contract was awarded to Granite Construction Company for \$6.2 million for the Highway 101 Auxiliary Lane Project and construction begins in July. Once completed there will be auxiliary lanes from Oyster Point in South San Francisco to the Santa Clara County line.
- Staff held a Highway CFP Workshop to guide potential project sponsors on the process. Staff had a check-in with the CFP subcommittee on May 23, the CFP was issued on May 25, and applications are due June 29.

Executive Officer, Customer Service and Marketing Rita Haskin provided an overview of the new TA website. The new website will be rolled out at the end of June.

Director Nagel asked if the new website will be linked between other transportation agencies and to the particular information on a particular page. Ms. Haskin said yes and also will provide context to explain the relationship.

Director Nagel asked if there is a main home page from San Mateo County Transit District that links out to the TA, Caltrain, and SamTrans. Ms. Haskin said since the TA is an independent agency it needs to have an independent website.

Director Foust said she doesn't think people realize how much time and effort go into a new website. She likes the idea of having the links to the cities so people can see where their tax dollars are going. Ms. Haskin said staff surveyed employees and the public to get input on how the website is being used and what information needs to be included. The website will also be compatible with a smartphone.

Director Richardson said she really likes the new website and asked if someone is able to go to SamTrans or Caltrain from the homepage. Ms. Haskin said they won't find it on the homepage, but if they want to branch off to another agency there will be hyperlinks under the Transit topic.

Director Richardson said the old home page looks very busy and people don't want to read it, and asked if there could be a button for "what's new" on the new page. Ms. Haskin said that information is under Announcements.

Director Richardson asked if there are pictures of the Board. Ms. Haskin said no because staff doesn't want it to appear that the elected members on the Board are using this office to launch a campaign for something else. Only the names of the Board are listed.

Chair Groom said the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors received an email from a Burlingame resident who cannot take the ferry from west to east and then return from work because of limited service. She asked if additional service will be added. Mr. Hurley said he gave this person the contact information at the Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA) to explain those issues.

Chair Groom said the larger issue is there was too much emphasis on west to east and not east to west. Deputy CEO Chuck Harvey said WETA's initial operating plan and funding does emphasize east to west to try to reduce congestion of that commute. They have additional phases of service when they will expand their hours and reverse direction if they have the operating money.

## **FINANCE**

### **Authorize Approval of Shuttle Projects and Program and Allocate a Total of \$4,513,143 in New Measure A Funds for the Local Shuttle Program for Fiscal Years 2013 and 2014**

Interim Manager, Programming and Monitoring Celia Chung said this item is to approve the shuttle projects and to approve the FY2013 and FY2014 funding program. This was the first joint CFP for the local shuttle program with C/CAG. A total of \$7 million was available for the two fiscal years: \$6 million from the TA and \$1 million from C/CAG. A total of 36 applications were received. C/CAG and TA staff developed evaluation criteria and convened an evaluation panel consisting of C/CAG, TA, and SamTrans staff. Staff is recommending 28 shuttles be funded from TA and five from C/CAG for a total of 33 shuttles. There are three other shuttles the evaluation panel has deferred because further clarification is needed before the evaluation panel can make a recommendation for funding. There is no deadline for this process and they do not need to wait for the next CFP.

Director Nagel said she received a call from Mary Ann Nihart of the Pacifica City Council regarding the Pacifica shuttle that did not get recommended for funding. Director Nagel is happy to hear there is still some consideration regarding that shuttle. Ms. Nihart said the rules seemed to have changed from the beginning of the process and they were told one set of rules by one person and another set of rules by another person. Director Nagel said this is two-year funding of \$7 million. Even with the three other projects we won't hit the \$7 million mark, so not all the funding will be used. She asked if staff will do another CFP. Ms. Chung said the remaining funding will be rolled over to the next CFP.

Director Nagel asked if there is any other time, within the next two years, to fund a shuttle if it is not funded at this time. Ms. Chung said if there is a special circumstance with a sponsor and a good reason or compelling need, staff would make a recommendation.

Chair Groom asked Ms. Chung to address Pacifica's comment on the rules changing. Ms. Chung said Pacifica requested \$80,000 to purchase a vehicle and this is the first time staff has received a request to fund the actual vehicle. A total of \$80,000 out of \$140,000 requested was for a capital cost, the vehicle, and staff wasn't comfortable with making a recommendation to fund the purchase of the vehicle. Staff is exploring having the service provided perhaps by leasing a vehicle or contracting the service out, but not by purchasing the vehicle. The perception was that the rules had changed by not allowing for capital purchases, and further confusion was created when some minor capital costs were allowed, such as signage and lighting.

Director Horsley said over on the coast, the Devil's Slide Tunnel will open soon and Pacifica anticipates a lot more tourists on weekends. One of the issues is this shuttle route is the same as SamTrans, but Pacifica is a north/south city not an east/west city so there are not many other places for a shuttle to go other than Highway 1. This route would link recreational resources and

the request is for a weekend shuttle directed at recreational users. This shuttle would help get vehicles off the road. The city has proposed to monitor the service. He is glad to hear the suggestion about leasing. He would like to see the application approved tonight.

Director Matsumoto asked if any TA money is used as a pass-through or if it is totally independent funds for the C/CAG congestion relief allocation. Ms. Chung said the TA previously allocated separate funds but now that this is a joint CFP the TA no longer gives the \$300,000 to C/CAG. The funding is from other sources and does not include Measure A funding.

Ms. Chung said regarding Director Horsley's comment about the route, staff is still working with Pacifica and C/CAG and received an updated route this afternoon but staff hasn't had time to look and analyze it yet. Staff still needs to do due diligence and have it reviewed by an evaluation panel before a final funding recommendation can be made.

Mr. Scanlon said it could be brought back at the next meeting. He is concerned about the idea of paying for the vehicle and using only it on the weekends. If we use this shuttle route and then ridership goes down on SamTrans we may have to lose the SamTrans route, which may upset more people than the potential shuttle riders. He thinks more time is needed to evaluate the situation.

Director Horsley said coming back in August is fine with his recommendation.

Director Richardson said she appreciates the committee and their work on the new projects. She asked what the South San Francisco Centennial Tower shuttle was. She asked if that is the vacant building on Bayshore and, if so, why there is a shuttle for that building if no one is there. Ms. Chung said it is the tower in South San Francisco and it is starting to get occupied so they are setting up the shuttle service in advance. As the building gets more occupied the shuttle service will ramp up. This is being funded as a new shuttle so staff reviewed the projected information and came up with the service plan.

Director Matsumoto said three floors have been leased with 1,000 employees and they expect 4,000 employees within the next couple of years. Most of these employees are Caltrain and BART travelers. They are trying to get something established before all of these employees begin occupying the building.

Director Richardson said Bayshore Boulevard is going to be impacted with the additional employees and cars because of this building. The impact on congestion should be looked at for this roadway. Chair Groom said Director Matsumoto told her an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was completed on the project and information is available.

Director Richardson said she would definitely support the funding of the Pacifica shuttle. She asked if the TA or C/CAG specifically prevent funding for capital vehicle purchases. Ms. Chung said it is not specifically written that way but it may be something to specify in the future. Director Richardson said she would like to know the reasoning for Pacifica including the purchase of a vehicle in their request.



### Public Comment

Steve Rhodes, Pacifica City Manager, said he is concerned with some misunderstandings regarding the grant application. He said Pacifica believes they complied with and followed all the rules for the application. An example was given to them where Millbrae purchased a bus with their grant and that is why Pacifica brought it up. Pacifica would pay 25 percent of the \$80,000 vehicle purchase. The shuttle will operate north and south and will be the same route as SamTrans but will have bicycle racks and a wheelchair lift and he said SamTrans does not have a wheelchair lift. The shuttle would serve areas SamTrans does not, including senior center facilities, the beach and the Rockaway Beach Area. They feel they complied with the rules and made some minor changes to the route but they do not see a reason to adjust their application.

Mr. Scanlon said the committee has looked at the numbers and the cost for this vehicle is about \$150 per hour. More work needs to be done on this. Mr. Scanlon said all SamTrans buses are wheelchair accessible. Staff will be back in August with a recommendation on the Pacifica shuttle.

Director Richardson asked if Millbrae purchased a vehicle with their funding. Ms. Chung said they got funding for operations but did not get funding for a shuttle through the TA. They may have received funding to purchase a vehicle from another source.

Barbara Arietta, Pacifica, said Pacifica doesn't have Caltrain or BART and they do not have an adequate bus service. It is not good that they may have to lose the bus service if they get the shuttle service. They both provide the same type of service but they really are different enough that both should be used. She supports the city's recommendation and hopes the Board will work out the funding for this shuttle since the funds are available.

Chair Groom said there will be a decision on the Pacifica shuttle at the August TA meeting.

Director Richardson asked if the entire shuttle projects program could be delayed until August. Chair Groom said that was not necessary. Mr. Scanlon said he strongly recommends against the delay because there are 28 shuttles that have to run now. Mr. Harvey said many of the shuttles are based on July 1 fiscal year start dates so they need to be under contract now to get the money.

A motion (Richardson) was made to authorize the shuttle programs including Pacifica shuttles. There was no second to that motion.

A motion (Foust/Matsumoto) to authorize approval of shuttle projects and program and allocate a total of \$4,513,143 in new Measure A funds for the Local Shuttle Program for Fiscal Years 2013 and 2014 was approved unanimously.

## **PROGRAM**

### **State and Federal Legislative Update**

Director, Government and Community Affairs Seamus Murphy said High Speed Rail (HSR) is still a hot issue in the State budget and staff is working with the California Transportation Commission and legislative subcommittees on what to do on Proposition 1A early investment

projects. The Legislature has some issues regarding the Central Valley HSR and there is some additional California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) language being reviewed by the Legislature that will be tweaked before the budget comes for a vote. The Assembly will vote possibly by June 15, Senate will vote by June 30, and leadership in the Senate is confident the votes will be there.

#### Federal Update

Holland and Knight provided an overview of FY2013 transportation appropriations, reauthorization of the transportation bill, and policy and funding opportunities.

Dustin McDonald, Senior Public Affairs Advisor from Holland and Knight, said things have gotten contentious on transportation reauthorization between the House and Senate conferees regarding FY2013 appropriations. Both bills maintain the existing Federal transportation programs and the same amount of funding that was included in FY2012. However, the Senate bill provided a \$300 million increase over the funding included in FY2012, the majority of which is directed to public and non-traditional transportation programs. The Senate bill provides level funding for Federal Highway and Road Maintenance programs including formula funding that flows through the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for projects like the San Bruno Grade Separation Project. The increase includes \$88 million for the New Starts Program. The non-traditional funding includes \$500 million for the TIGER Grants Program but the House bill does not include this program. The Senate bill includes \$100 million for the High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail Grant Program, which was not funded by the House. The Senate bill also includes \$50 million in funding for the Sustainable Communities Initiative.

The main action happening on transportation in the Federal government is the Transportation Reauthorization Bill. SAFETEA-LU is the current transportation law that was enacted in 2005 and expired in 2009. Since that time we have been operating under a series of extensions while congress works on ways to fund the reauthorization bill. The current extension expires on June 30 of this year. The question now is will we get a new extension so they can work more on this bill in the lame-duck session?

Mr. Scanlon asked Mr. McDonald to let the Board know when we lose the ability to collect the tax for the Highway Trust Fund. Mr. McDonald said all Federal Transportation Highway programs are funded through the collection of gas taxes, which have been decreasing over the last several years, so Congress has to come up with other ways to backfill the trust fund. Without congressional action on this, Highway Trust Fund revenues run out this year.

Mr. McDonald said a compromise for both chambers was the inclusion of language that would expand the use of various innovative contracting methods for project delivery. They both expand the ability of local government and transportation providers to use categorical exclusions on various types of new transportation projects so they won't have to go through environment impact reporting and will dramatically decrease project delivery time.

Mr. McDonald said the California Department of Transportation is already participating in using CEQA and the National Environmental Policy Act on highway projects to review environmental impacts as a substitute to the U.S. Department of Transportation's review, and this allows them

to expedite project delivery. The House bill extends the substitution beyond highway projects to multimodal projects such as transit and commuter rail. In addition to time, money is saved on these projects.

Director Foust said if they don't figure out the Highway Program Trust Fund then that is all the money. Mr. Scanlon said if the government does not pass this law it will not be able to collect the 18.4 cents tax. He said there are some people in Congress who would probably like to see this go away and don't understand the consequences of decaying highways and bridges. With a nation with unemployment and decaying infrastructure it is hard to understand how this would not be resolved.

Senior Policy Advisor Laurie Hettinger of Holland and Knight said it is looking like we will get a six-month extension.

Mr. Scanlon said revenue miles travelled are down while efficiency is going up so 18.4 cents is really a shrinking amount of money, while the demand and the need are going up.

Ms. Hettinger said there are some programs in the Senate MAP-21 that would be a great benefit to the TA.

The Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Program instructs the Federal Transit Administration to consider how a project is using mixed-use development and TOD at rewarding funding. There's also a \$20 million competitive grant program to help communities plan these types of projects, which would be a great use for the Grand Boulevard Initiative.

Another program is the Intelligent Transportation Systems Program. This is for technology aimed at reducing traffic congestion. This would be a great opportunity for the San Mateo County Smart Corridor Program.

There is a new program called Projects of National and Regional Significance, which is to help local and state governments pay up to 50 percent for large projects of \$500 million or more. This could be used for the Caltrain Modernization Program.

The Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Program is a loan guarantee program for large projects of national and regional significance. The Senate increased funding from \$122 million to \$1 billion a year. This also allows local governments to use dedicated local revenue streams. Some programs the TA could use this for are Caltrain Modernization or the San Bruno Grade Separation Project.

The Railroad Rehabilitation and Improving Financing Program allows sponsors to use future dedicated revenues or income as collateral and allows Positive Train Control to be an eligible project.

Mr. McDonald said some advocacy partners are California Transit Association, American Public Transportation Association, United States Conference of Mayors, League of Cities, National

League of Cities, National Association of Counties, Reconnecting America, and the National Association of City Transportation Officials.

Mr. McDonald said the SAFETEA-LU Reauthorization Advocacy Strategy includes:

- Continuing discussions with conferees and congressional champions of Senator Barbara Boxer's office, San Mateo County Congressional Delegation, California Congressman Gary Miller's office.
- Meetings with the local and Federal Departments of Transportation (DOT), the MTC, and the county congressional delegation.
- Increasing the profile of TA projects.
- Preparing to respond to new grant solicitations.

Director Richardson thanked the lobbyists for their hard work.

Director Nagel asked about the new funding for TOD and asked how TOD areas are being determined. Mr. McDonald said it leaves broad discretion to the Secretary of Transportation. That is a key part where policy advisors have to work with people at the local DOT and in Washington to influence the guidelines so the projects important to the TA are eligible.

Director Foust thanked the lobbyists for getting a seat at the table early and being able to leverage funds.

Director Horsley said Senator Boxer has done a great job for San Mateo County.

### **Capital Projects Quarterly Status Report – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter**

Mr. Hurley said the report is in the reading file and offered to answer questions off line.

### **REQUESTS FROM THE AUTHORITY**

Director Nagel said the Burlingame City Council has a major project with 767,000 square feet of proposed biotech office space and the planning commission requested the Transportation Demand Management Plan be enhanced. They have diverted 13 percent of the cars and would like to see this enhanced. She asked how this works with the county, and if the city is not happy with the amount, what can they do to increase it.

Mr. Scanlon said staff would get back to her.

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

None

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

August 2, 2012 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.

### **REPORT OF LEGAL COUNSEL**

Closed Session: Real Estate Negotiations – Pursuant to Government Code 54956.8:

Agency Negotiators: David J. Miller and Brian Fitzpatrick  
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Purchase

<u>Grantor</u>	<u>Address and APN</u>
HMC Burlingame Hotel	1333 Bayshore Highway, Burlingame 026-112-140
99 Old Bayshore LLC	1299 Bayshore Highway, Burlingame 026-141-020
Fox Investments GP	1290 Bayshore Highway, San Mateo 026-142-110
1250 Bayshore Hwy LLC	1250 Bayshore Highway, Burlingame 026-142-080-6
Sabharwal	1240 Bayshore Highway, Burlingame 026-142-090-5
Wadell, Robert & Angela	1220 Bayshore Highway, Burlingame 026-142-020-2
Western Dealer Holdings	1200 Bayshore Highway, Burlingame 026-142-130
Dore Family Trust	1250 Rollins Road, Burlingame 026-134-090
Nerli	1320 Marsten Road, Burlingame 026-134-030-1
Lyons	1222 Rollins Road, Burlingame 026-134-160-6
CSE Investments II LLC	1212 Rollins Road, Burlingame 026-134-080
CRP BAHF SFO	1177 Airport Blvd., Burlingame 026-290-310
Cristafi Family	1271 Whitehorn Way, Burlingame 026-131-180
Rochette Family Trust	1213 Rollins Road, Burlingame 026-131-100
Sun & Hsu	100 Broadway, Burlingame 026-131-170

Legal Counsel David Miller said a matter involving the Burlingame Interchange Project is ready to proceed with certain significant issues regarding real estate. The Brown Act allows closed sessions for real estate negotiations.

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:06 p.m.

Meeting reconvened to open session at 7:21 p.m.

Mr. Miller reported the TA met in closed session as permitted by the Brown Act to consider the Real Estate Acquisition Program associated with the proposed Broadway Interchange Project. Based upon appraisals, authorization has been granted to staff to take action with respect to commencing the Real Estate Acquisition Program. Legal will report back to the Board in August and September with updates on the progress with regard to initial offers and recommendations for the remaining parcels.

Meeting adjourned in memory of John Lee at 7:23 p.m.