



AGENDA

Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting

SAN MATEO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Bacciocco Auditorium, 2nd Floor

1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, CA 94070

September 4, 2018 – Tuesday

4:30 pm

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Call to Order/Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes from July 31, 2018
4. Public Comment
Public testimony by each individual speaker shall be limited to three (3) minutes
5. **Transportation Authority Board Meeting Agenda for September 6, 2018**
 - a. State and Federal Legislative Update **(TA Item 13b)**
 - b. Reauthorize Investment of Monies with the Local Agency Investment Fund **(TA Item 10a)**
 - c. Authorize to Re-Direct SB-1 Local Partnership Program Formula Funds from the US-101/SR-92 Direct Connector Project to the US-101 Managed Lanes Project and Reprogram and Reallocate an Equivalent Amount of Measure A Highway Program Category Funds from the US-101 Managed Lanes Project to the US-101/SR-92 Director Connector Project and Increase Fiscal Year 2019 Budget **(TA Item 10b)**
 - d. Program Report: Alternative Congestion Relief **(TA Item 11)**
 - e. Authorize the Allocation of \$548,060 in Measure A Alternative Congestion Relief Funds to the Peninsula Traffic Congestion Relief Alliance to Support the Countywide Congestion Relief Program for Fiscal Year 2019 **(TA Item 12)**
 - f. Program: 2018 Caltrain Annual Count Presentation **(TA Item 13a)**
 - g. Acceptance of Capital Projects Quarterly Status Report – 4th Quarter Fiscal Year 2018 **(TA Item 4c)**
 - h. Acceptance of Statement of Revenues and Expenses for July 2018 **(TA Item 4b)**
 - i. Approval of Minutes of August 2, 2018 **(TA Item 4a)**
6. Report of the Chair

7. Report from Staff

8. Member Comments/Requests

Committee members may make brief statements regarding CAC-related areas of concern, ideas for improvement, or other items that will benefit or impact the TA or the CAC

9. Date, Time, and Place of Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, October 2, 2018 at 4:30 p.m., San Mateo County Transit District Administrative Building, Bacciocco Auditorium, 2nd Floor, 1250 San Carlos Ave, San Carlos, CA 94070

10. Adjournment

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**SAN MATEO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
1250 SAN CARLOS AVENUE, SAN CARLOS, CALIFORNIA**

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) MEETING MINUTES

July 31, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: B. Arietta (Chair), D. Bautista, K. Bond, A. Chen, K. Chin, E. El-Dardiry, J. Fox (Vice Chair), R. Hedges, J. Londer, D. Ross-Jones, S. Scruggs

MEMBERS ABSENT: K. Kuklin, O. O'Neill, W. Warhurst

STAFF PRESENT: J. Hurley, J. Slavit, C. Mobley-Ritter, B. Tietjen, J. Brook

Chair Barbara Arietta called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW CAC MEMBER

Chair Arietta introduced the newest TA CAC member, Daniel Ross-Jones, whose term expires May 2021. Mr. Ross-Jones said he resides in East Palo Alto and that he travels throughout San Mateo County in his role as a minister.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE TA CAC MEETING OF JUNE 5, 2018

Motion/Second: Londer/Bautista

Ayes: B. Arietta, D. Bautista, K. Bond, A. Chen, K. Chin, J. Fox, R. Hedges, J. Londer, S. Scruggs

Abstention: D. Ross-Jones

Absent: E. El-Dardiry, K. Kuklin, O. O'Neill, W. Warhurst

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING AGENDA FOR AUGUST 2, 2018

Joe Hurley, Transportation Authority Program Director, requested that the Chair take agenda items out of order to accommodate speakers' availability.

Acceptance of Quarterly Investment Report (TA Item 4c)

Connie Mobley-Ritter, Treasury Director, introduced TA portfolio manager consultant Isaac Chyou of Public Financial Management (PFM) to talk about the fed's influence of the current economy. Mr. Chyou said that the fed has continued to raise interest rates,

with two hikes already and two more expected with 25 basis points. He explained that the fed makes these increases to stimulate the economy and manage inflation and growth. He said the second-quarter GDP was over 4 percent, which is the highest it has been since 2014. He said that consumer confidence and the labor market have also improved. He said they are also monitoring factors that could derail future growth such as trade wars.

Mr. Chyou gave a presentation about PFM's approach to managing the performance of the TA's portfolio.

State and Federal Legislative Update (TA Item 13b)

Brent Tietjen, Government and Community Affairs Officer, noted that his department was watching Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) very closely. He reviewed the recent awards received by SamTrans (the District), Caltrain, and the TA. He also noted the passing of Assembly Bill 1831 (AB 1831), which will provide additional funding for the state rail infrastructure program.

Jeff Londer asked about the 40 percent reduction in transportation funding noted in the federal report. Mr. Tietjen said that the Senate and House were generally supportive of transportation funding and the County has received funding in the past.

Rich Hedges talked about fees imposed on Uber to come back to the County in the form of paratransit funding.

Essam El-Dardiry arrived at 4:58 pm.

Resolution Opposing Proposition 6 (TA Item 13c)

Mr. Hurley noted that the Board would be taking recommendations from the CAC on the Prop 6 resolution. Mr. Tietjen explain that the proposition would repeal SB 1 if passed. He encouraged the Committee to oppose the measure.

Mr. Hedges said the proposition would also impose a two-thirds majority requirement to pass future bills. Mr. Tietjen noted that Proposition 6 would pass with a 51 percent majority.

Motion/Second: Hedges/Chin

Ayes: B. Arietta, D. Bautista, K. Bond, A. Chen, K. Chin, E. El-Dardiry, J. Fox, R. Hedges, J. Londer, D. Ross-Jones, S. Scruggs

Absent: K. Kuklin, O. O'Neill, W. Warhurst

Program Report: 101 Corridor Managed Lanes – Ownerships & Operations (TA Item 13a)

Leo Scott of Gray-Bowen-Scott, TA project manager consultant for 101 Managed Lanes, gave a detailed presentation on ownership, operations, and revenue options for the proposed 101 managed lanes project.

Mr. Londer asked how the system controls driver input into the FasTrak Flex tag carpool system. Mr. Scott said the system was not easy to "trick." He explained how the system is working in the current installation on Highway 237.

Kate Bond asked how California Highway Patrol (CHP) enforcement works. Mr. Scott said the CHP officers receive FasTrak tag information from driver input, which they

compare to the observable number of vehicle occupants.

Mr. Londer asked about drivers changing their entries if they see a CHP officer. Mr. Scott said switching the entries back and forth would be very difficult to do at highway speeds.

Ken Chin said that there are instrument boxes on Highway 680 that indicate the number of occupants in a car. Mr. Scott said that in the future, the technology may develop so that the CHP is not required to enforce the carpool lanes.

Mr. Hedges said that drivers seeing violators getting ticketed helps with enforcement. Mr. Scott added that toll revenue is used to pay the CHP to put in overtime for express lane enforcement.

Diana Bautista said she favored the three-dollar-per-mile price cap.

Shaunda Scruggs asked about the County's authority regarding project revenue. Mr. Scott said it was up to the facility owner.

John Fox said he believed the enforcement costs needed to be built into the budgeting.

An Chen asked about the goals of bringing in revenue versus reducing traffic congestion. Mr. Scott said the main goal is to increase the person throughput on the corridor, not generate revenue, which is why there is a cap amount.

Mr. Londer said that while the goal of the project is to reduce congestion, it's necessary to recover costs of operations and maintenance.

Mr. Scott said it would be a zone-based system, similar to the Caltrain pricing structure.

Mr. Hedges said Californians are accustomed to parking and driving for free, and that may need to change under some situations.

Mr. Chin asked about the cap, which Mr. Scott said was just an assumed amount for estimating revenue but that this amount could be considered conservative.

Daniel Ross-Jones asked about delegation of operations to Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) versus Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA). Mr. Scott noted that MTC's goal is to create a Bay Area-wide network of express lanes as opposed to a high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane network.

Ms. Scruggs asked why the potential revenue would be higher on Highway 101 than on other similar facilities in the Bay Area. Mr. Scott said it was due to the perceived value of time, the high volume of traffic, and the length of the corridor.

Essam El-Dardiry asked if there were any plans to address the needs of low-income residents. Mr. Scott said it would be up to the owner. He gave an example where Los Angeles provides an initial amount on the transponder balance for qualifying drivers.

Public Comment:

Drew said that he believed the owner/operator options should be expanded. He also said that the ability to enter or leave an express lane at any time would result in more congestion. He said it would be important to know who controls the software for the project.

Authorization to Execute Funding Agreements to Receive \$50 Million for the 101 Corridor Managed Lanes Project and Associated Amendment to Increase the FY 2019 Budget (TA Item 11)

Mr. Hurley discussed the funding agreements between the TA, Facebook, and other entities through the San Mateo County Economic Development Association (SAMCEDA).

Mr. Londer asked about the other contributors. Mr. Hurley said that Google was contributing \$5 million through SAMCEDA. He said that the TA would be developing and executing a \$45 million agreement directly with Facebook.

Mr. El-Dardiry asked about the terms of the contributions by other parties. Mr. Hurley said it would be a proportional share of the construction cost, which equates to about 12 percent of the capital cost. He also said payments would be based on agreed-upon milestones being met.

Motion/Second: Bautista/Hedges

Ayes: B. Arietta, D. Bautista, K. Bond, A. Chen, K. Chin, E. El-Dardiry, J. Fox, R. Hedges, J. Londer, D. Ross-Jones, S. Scruggs

Absent: K. Kuklin, O. O'Neill, W. Warhurst

Authorize the Allocation Of \$17,270,640 in New Measure A Funds to the San Mateo County Transit District for the SamTrans Paratransit Program and for Caltrain Operations (TA Item 12)

Mr. Hurley said this allocation is for money that is budgeted annually for the three programs.

Motion/Second: Londer/Hedges

Ayes: B. Arietta, D. Bautista, K. Bond, A. Chen, K. Chin, E. El-Dardiry, J. Fox, R. Hedges, J. Londer, D. Ross-Jones, S. Scruggs

Absent: K. Kuklin, O. O'Neill, W. Warhurst

Approval of Statement of Revenues and Expenses for May and June 2018 (TA Item 4b)

There was no discussion on the item.

Approval of Minutes of Meeting of June 7, 2018 (TA Item 4a)

There was no discussion on the item.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Ms. Arietta said that Steve Stamos has resigned from the Committee and moved to Alameda County. She said his replacement would be announced at the TA Board meeting on August 2.

John Fox left at 6:10 pm.

Shaunda Scruggs left at 6:12 pm.

Essam El-Dardiry left at 6:15 pm.

REPORT FROM STAFF

Mr. Hurley said that Shaunda Scruggs was resigning from the Committee and moving to Georgia to pursue a doctoral position.

He said that the public comment period on the 101 Managed Lanes project was closing on August 9. He said that in response to the comments, they will be modifying certain components of the environmental document, which will require that those components of the document be recirculated: greenhouse gas emissions, stormwater, and the basis for the alternatives that were advanced in the environmental document.

Mr. Hurley said that the District board and the County Board of Supervisors have approved the GUM plan and that it will be added to the November ballot.

MEMBER COMMENTS/REQUESTS

Ms. Chen asked about the August 1 meeting in Burlingame. Mr. Londer said it concerned the California bike lanes and was at 6:00 pm at Burlingame City Hall. Mr. Hurley said he would disseminate information about the meeting to the Committee.

Everyone welcomed Mr. Ross-Jones to the Committee.

Mr. Hedges said he was saddened that MTC Executive Director Steve Heminger is retiring and noted his accomplishments.

Jeff Londer left at 6:24 pm.

DATE, TIME, AND PLACE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next meeting will be held September 4, 2018 at 4:30 pm, 1250 San Carlos Avenue, Bacciocco Auditorium, 2nd Floor, San Carlos, CA.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

TA CAC Chair's Report

August 2, 2018

Good evening Chairman Horsley and Members of the Board,

I have the following to report from Tuesday's meeting of the CAC:

(TA Item 4a) The CAC reviewed the Board's Minutes of June 7, 2018, without questions or comments.

(TA Item 4b) The CAC supported the Acceptance of the Statement of Revenues and Expenses for both May and June 2018, without questions or comments.

(TA Item 4c) The CAC supported the Board's Acceptance of the Quarterly Investment Report.

(TA Item 11) After a brief report by Joe Hurley, Director Transportation Authority Program, the CAC supported the Authorization to Execute Funding Agreements to Receive \$50 million for the 101 Corridor Managed Lanes Project and Associated Amendment to Increase the FY 2019 Budget.

(TA Item 12) The CAC supported the Authorization of an Allocation of \$17,270,640 in New Measure A Funds to the San Mateo County Transit District for the SamTrans Paratransit Program and For Caltrain Operations and Local Match for Capital Improvements.

(TA Item 13a) The CAC received a detailed Program Report on the Ownership and Operations of the 101 Corridor Managed Lanes Project from Leo Scott, TA Program Manager for 101 Managed Lanes Project. The CAC had a number of questions and/or comments concerning same, which included the following: How will the CHP enforce violations of these managed lanes? How would you prevent "switch changes" on the transponders, that would falsely declare the number of actual vehicle occupants, that might be employed by drivers, in an attempt to "trick the system"? How will the CHP costs, to enforce the toll violations, be budgeted? Who will pay for their services with these new lanes?

What is the ultimate goal of these managed lanes, will it be to maximize person throughput or maximize revenue or both? What has been the experience of the counties currently with managed lanes? What has been their actual "beneficial" experience? What has been their actual "downside" experience? What, if any, significant problems have been generated by these lanes? Which owner/operator model has had the best experience in administering these lanes- the MTC or the VTA or have both experienced the same administrative issues with these managed lanes? What has been the overall reaction by the general public in the Bay Area to paying for managed lanes as they drive to their destinations? Have the toll charges proposed per mile been realistic or set too high? What about low-income residents? Will there be any discounts for them, if so how?

In terms of actual traffic management, might it be better to concentrate on enforcing the managed lanes only, rather than the general lanes? If it were to be the owner, would San Mateo County have the same taxing ability as a JPA in this situation? What about the safety issue of trying to exit a managed lane going at approximately 45mph to a general lane two to three lanes over, going at a different speed rate, in order to exit the freeway at a particular point? How far will these lanes be proposed to extend into other counties eventually? If you exit a zone and re-enter the same zone at a different point, will you be charged twice for that same zone? One CAC member liked the \$3.00 cap, while other CAC members thought that the individual costs and the \$3.00 cap were too high. A few

members did not appear to like the idea of the toll lanes at all, especially at the suggested prices provided.

(TA Item 13b) The CAC received a State and Federal Legislative Update from Brent Tietjen, Government and Community Affairs Officer. The CAC was pleased to hear that as part of the 2018 Budget package, the Governor also signed AB1831, a budget trailer bill which creates a structure for the expenditure of Proposition 2 revenues that are dedicated for infrastructure, and that, given the current \$2.1 billion additional reserve, could result in approximately \$850 million being made for rail corridor improvements, from which Caltrain may be able to receive an allocation. One of our CAC members additionally reported that there is also a new bill SB 1376 by State Senator Jerry Hill that is looking for support. The proposed bill would put a fee on UBER to help fund Redi-Wheels.

(TA Item 13c) The CAC received a report from Brent on the Board's Resolution 2018, expressing the Board's strenuous opposition to Proposition 6, which would repeal Senate Bill 1, also known as the "Road Repair and Accountability Act". The CAC wholeheartedly supported the Board's Resolution 2018 to oppose Proposition 6.

CAC CHAIR'S REPORT:

In my own report to the CAC, I advised the CAC that, due to an inability to find affordable housing in San Mateo County for himself and his wife, our CAC member Steve Stamos has regrettably resigned from the TA/CAC. He would have liked to have said goodbye in person at our July meeting, but that meeting was cancelled, so he wrote to me and expressed his delight with being a part of our CAC team and said that he was looking for a similar position in his new home County of Alameda. He wished us well and encouraged us to keep up the good work that the CAC does on behalf of the San Mateo County Transportation Authority.

STAFF REPORT TO CAC:

In Joe's report to the CAC, he advised the CAC that Shaunda Scruggs has recently communicated that she has accepted a doctorate position in Georgia, which has required that her resignation from the CAC effective immediately. Joe also advised that a re-circulation of the 101 Managed Lanes Project Environmental Document is currently occurring and the deadline for the responses is August 9th.

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA ARIETTA
Chair, San Mateo County Transportation Authority CAC