

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

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)  
MEETING MINUTES**

**JUNE 4, 2019**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** D. Bautista, A. Chen, K. Chin, E. El-Dardiry (left at 5:43 pm), J. Fox (Vice Chair), R. Hedges, K. Kuklin, J. Londer, O. O'Neill, M. Rendon

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** B. Arietta (Chair), D. Ross-Jones

**STAFF PRESENT:** A. Chan, J. Hurley, J. Slavitt, S. Petty, J. Brook

Vice Chair John Fox called the meeting to order at 4:31 pm and requested that Jeff Londer lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

CAC Secretary Jean Brook called the roll. A quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE TA CAC MEETING OF APRIL 30, 2019**

Ms. Brook noted that the minutes had been amended to correct the date of the prior Board meeting from April 30 to May 2.

Motion/Second: Hedges/Chen

Ayes: Bautista, Chen, Chin, El-Dardiry, Fox, Hedges, Kuklin, O'Neill, Rendon

Abstentions: Londer

Absent: Arietta, Ross-Jones

**PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

None.

**TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING AGENDA FOR JUNE 6, 2019**

**13 (d) State and Federal Legislative Update**

Lori Low, Government and Community Affairs Officer, said that Governor Newsom released his budget on May 9. She said he wants to link housing production to transportation funds.

She said that the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) is attempting to change the process where tax revenue generated by airports will be directed back to the airports instead of to areas designated by local expenditure plans. She said that legislation is being drafted to address this matter and direct sales tax proceeds where voters have authorized.

Mr. Londer asked about the status of the high-speed rail (HSR) funds. Ms. Low said that FRA (Federal Railroad Administration) had notified the State that they were rescinding

their \$929 million in funding due to lack of reasonable progress toward finishing the project. She said California sued the FRA and asked the court to set aside the money until a final decision is made. She said that HSR is continuing to advance the project.

Mr. Londer asked if SamTrans electric buses were currently in service; Ms. Low confirmed that they were.

Rich Hedges said he was concerned that recinding HSR funding would negatively impact the Caltrain electrification project. Ms. Low said that the electrification funds come from a separate source.

### **11 Public Hearing: Establishing the Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2020**

Joe Hurley, TA Director, explained the process of adopting a new appropriations limit.

Motion/Second: Bautista/Kuklin

Ayes: Bautista, Chen, Chin, El-Dardiry, Fox, Hedges, Kuklin, Londer, O'Neill, Rendon

Absent: Arietta, Ross-Jones

### **12 Public Hearing: Adoption of Fiscal Year 2020 Budget in the Amount of \$124,796,588**

Mr. Hurley noted the minor changes made to the budget from what was presented to the Board in May.

Motion/Second: Hedges/Londer

Ayes: Bautista, Chen, Chin, El-Dardiry, Fox, Hedges, Kuklin, Londer, O'Neill, Rendon

Absent: Arietta, Ross-Jones

### **13 (a) Approval of First Amended and Restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement for the San Mateo County Express Lanes Joint Powers Agency**

Mr. Hurley explained that the amendment modified only the name of the joint powers authority (JPA).

Motion/Second: O'Neill/Hedges

Ayes: Bautista, Chen, Chin, El-Dardiry, Fox, Hedges, Kuklin, Londer, O'Neill, Rendon

Absent: Arietta, Ross-Jones

### **13 (b) Caltrain Business Plan Update**

Sebastian Petty, Director, Caltrain Policy Development, gave a presentation on the latest update of the Caltrain Business Plan.

Diana Bautista had questions about funding sources. Mr. Petty said they were planning on bringing information about financials to the JPB Board. He added that Caltrain does not have a dedicated funding source.

Ken Chin asked about a local bill that would bring funds to Caltrain. Mr. Petty said SB 797 would potentially authorize one-eighth of a cent of sales tax. Mr. Chin said he was impressed with the projected high growth of Caltrain service.

Karen Kuklin raised issues with Union Pacific freight service on the rail corridor. Mr. Hedges noted that residents of the 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue Park neighborhood in San Mateo had complained about not receiving notice about train noise.

Public Comment:

Drew, Midpeninsula resident, made a positive comment about the “Trains vs. Lanes” illustration in the presentation, which illustrates how increased Caltrain rider throughput is equivalent to widening lanes on US 101. Vice Chair Fox said he thought the slide was very useful in helping the public visualize the projected growth scenarios.

**13 (c) Broadway Burlingame Grade Separation**

Joy Sharma, Senior Project Manager, Caltrain Capital Projects, gave a presentation on the proposed new Broadway Burlingame station and grade separation project.

An Chen asked about the proposed number of parking stalls and projected housing development north of the station. Ms. Sharma said they have 120 stalls with about an 11 percent usage rate. She said they are doing an analysis around the possibility of reducing the number of stalls to between 60 and 80. Mr. Londer said that an apartment complex is under construction on Rollins Road south of Broadway, with new development near Millbrae. Ms. Sharma reviewed the limits of the new station project.

Mr. Chin speculated that more development would occur north of the station along Rollins Road, if the City of Burlingame rezones some of the currently industrial areas. He asked if the new station had taken this potential development into account in its design for bicycle and pedestrian access. Ms. Sharma said that there are a number of constraints—mainly lack of public access—that preclude access routes such as underpasses.

*Essam El-Dardiry left the meeting at 5:43 pm*

Olma O'Neill said she advocated not removing any sidewalks in the process of accommodating more parking spaces on the east side of the station.

Mr. Hedges inquired about the historic status of the current Broadway station. Ms. Kuklin weighed in, stating that structures over 50 years old are potential historic resources.

Public Comment:

Drew expressed some concerns about the Caltrain Business Plan, including that the platform of the new station should accommodate the proposed longer trains.

Mr. Londer suggested the Burlingame Corporation Yard as a possible bicycle/pedestrian access point.

Vice Chair Fox urged Caltrain to readdress multimodal access, specifically bike access.

Ms. Kuklin commented that that the aesthetics of the station are important.

Vice Chair Fox said that he would summarize his comments on the proposed station in his Chair's report.

Ms. Sharma said that she was expecting input from the City.

**5 (b) Acceptance of Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for April 2019**

Motion/Second: Hedges/Londer

Ayes: Bautista, Chen, Chin, Fox, Hedges, Kuklin, Londer, O'Neill, Rendon

Absent: Arietta, El-Dardiry, Ross-Jones

### **5 (c) Acceptance of Capital Projects Quarterly Status Report 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter FY 2019**

Mr. Hurley noted that the schedule for the Gray Whale Cove project had gone from green light to yellow light status because the County is seeking additional funding sources at the federal level, which requires that the project complete the National Environmental Protection Process (NEPA) to be eligible for those funds. He said that this process has extended the schedule by four months.

### **5 (d) Approval of Fiscal Year 2020 Insurance Program**

Motion/Second: Bautista/Hedges

Ayes: Bautista, Chen, Chin, Fox, Hedges, Kuklin, Londer, O'Neill, Rendon

Absent: Arietta, El-Dardiry, Ross-Jones

### **5 (a) Approval of Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of May 2, 2019**

There were no comments on the minutes.

### **REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

Vice Chair Fox said that he had no report.

### **REPORT FROM STAFF**

Mr. Hurley said that the new San Mateo County Express Lanes JPA was meeting in the SamTrans Auditorium at 3:00 pm on Thursday, June 6, just prior to the TA Board meeting.

### **DATE, TIME, AND PLACE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

Vice Chair Fox announced that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 4:30 pm, 1250 San Carlos Avenue, Bacciocco Auditorium, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, San Carlos, CA.

### **MEMBER COMMENTS/REQUESTS**

Ms. Chen confirmed that the July CAC meeting date was the second Tuesday.

Mr. Hedges talked about an incident of a passenger bringing pit bulls onboard a BART train at the 12<sup>th</sup> Street station in Oakland.

Vice Chair Fox talked about fare jumpers on Caltrain between Menlo Park and Redwood City stations.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:07 pm.