

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

MINUTES OF AUGUST 2, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Horsley (Chair), M. Freschet, C. Groom, C. Johnson (Vice Chair), K. Matsumoto, R. Medina

MEMBERS ABSENT: E. Beach

STAFF PRESENT: J. Hartnett, C. Mau, J. Cassman, A. Chan, C. Fromson, J. Hurley, C. Gumpal, J. Brook

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Horsley called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Acting District Secretary Gumpal called the roll. A quorum was present.

REPORT OF THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chair Horsley referred to the Citizens Advisory Committee Chair's summary report contained in the agenda packet.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- Approval of Minutes of June 7, 2018
- Acceptance of Statement of Revenues and Expenses for May and June 2018
- Acceptance of Quarterly Investment Report

Motion/Second: Johnson/Matsumoto

Ayes: Freschet, Groom, Horsley, Johnson, Matsumoto, Medina

Absent: Beach

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joan Cassman, Legal Counsel, stated that a need had arisen, subsequent to the posting of the agenda, to have the Board meet in closed session at the end of the meeting. She stated the Brown Act has a provision whereby a four-fifths vote of the board would allow the addition to the agenda as an urgent item. The Board made the following motion to add the Closed Session to the agenda:

Closed Session: Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1): Pacificans for a Scenic Coast, et al. v. California Department of Transportation, et al.; U.S. District Court, Northern District of California Civil Case No. 3:15-cv-02090-VC

Motion/Second: Medina/Freschet

Ayes: Freschet, Groom, Johnson, Horsley, Matsumoto, Medina

Absent: Beach

John Keener, Pacifica, addressed the board in support of receipt of a grant to the City of Pacifica.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT FOR THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Director Medina recommended the board appoint Mario Rendon to the Citizens Advisory Committee to fill the vacancy left by member Steve Stamos. The term will expire on May 31, 2020. Mr. Rendon is a resident of Half Moon Bay.

Motion/Second: Medina/Matsumoto

Ayes: Freschet, Groom, Horsley, Johnson, Matsumoto, Medina

Absent: Beach

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Horsley reported that the Board of Supervisors voted to place the SamTrans sales tax measure and associated expenditure plan on the November ballot.

SAN MATEO COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT LIAISON REPORT

Director Matsumoto noted that the report was contained in the Board's reading file.

PENINSULA CORRIDOR JOINT POWERS BOARD REPORT

Jim Hartnett, Executive Director, noted that the report was in the Board's reading file.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Hartnett referred to the brief written report in the reading file.

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

Joe Hurley, Director, Transportation Authority, outlined the funding agreements for the project including budget amendment required and recommended the following actions:

- Authorize the Chair of the Board of Directors, or his designee, to execute funding agreements with Facebook, Inc. and the San Mateo County Economic Development Association under which the San Mateo County Transportation Authority would receive an aggregate total of \$50 million from private employers in San Mateo County to supplement public funding for the construction phase of the 101 Corridor Managed Lanes Project (Project);
- Increase the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Budget by \$50 million from \$76,199,681 to \$126,199,681 to accept the funds and provide the additional budget authority toward completing the proposed work; and
- Authorize the Chair of the Board of Directors, or his designee, to take any additional actions necessary to give effect to this resolution.

He answered questions of Board members regarding the funding of the project and partners involved.

Approved by Resolution No. 2018-16:

Motion/Second: Matsumoto/Medina

Ayes: Freschet, Groom, Horsley, Johnson, Matsumoto, Medina

Absent: Beach

AUTHORIZING THE ALLOCATION OF \$17,270,640 IN MEASURE A FUNDS TO THE SAN MATEO COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT FOR THE SAMTRANS PARATRANSIT PROGRAM AND FOR CALTRAIN OPERATIONS

Derek Hansel, Chief Financial Officer, provided a brief summary of funding allocations to Caltrain and SamTrans for their respective programs of Caltrain capital programming, Caltrain operating programming and SamTrans paratransit program.

Approved by Resolution No. 2018-17:

Motion/Second: Matsumoto/Johnson

Ayes: Freschet, Groom, Johnson, Horsley, Matsumoto, Medina

Absent: Beach

PROGRAM: 101 CORRIDOR MANAGED LANES – OWNERSHIP & OPERATIONS

April Chan, Chief Officer, Planning, Grants and Transportation Authority, introduced Leo Scott of Gray-Bowen-Scott, TA project manager consultant for 101 Managed Lanes, retained by the Authority to provide details on how a managed lane project would work and to present issues on toll facility ownership and operations and a comparison of options of owners/operators available to SMCTA. Ms. Chan noted that as the project moves towards the final design phase, a determination needs to be made as to who will own and operate the facility to facilitate the design process between the civil work with the toll system work.

Mr. Scott provided a comprehensive presentation on all aspects of implementing a managed lane or tolling system on Highway 101, including what it takes to be considered an “owner” and also an “operator” of such a system, noting that it must be accomplished by agencies that have that authority in their enabling legislation. For example, if the Transportation Authority choose to be the owner, then the TA can request the Valley Transportation Authority, which has legislative authority, to serve as the operator on behalf of San Mateo County. TA currently does not have the legislative authority to operate.

He also reviewed projected revenues for such a facility, and the costs associated with operations of the facility. The pros and cons of the County’s options of ownership and operator were reviewed, as well as next steps in the process, including a joint workshop with the City/County Association of Governments (C/CAG) in the fall.

Chair Horsley invited public comment on the agenda item.

Board Discussion and Public Comment

Adina Levin, addressed the board on behalf of the Friends of Caltrain and the Congestion Management and Air Quality Advisory Committee of the City/County Association of Governments. She requested the board consider how the options in the corridor’s mobility action plan in order to have the best traffic throughput in the area.

Drew, San Mateo, referred to pros and cons chart and discussed the owner issues and operator issues, including software coding that would be controlled by the owner on the software architecture.

Board members provided commentary on the issue. Director Groom stated she was in favor of having ownership and partnering with the Valley Transportation Authority as the

operator and favored bus express lanes but was initially hesitant about charging tolls. On the equity issue, Director Groom inquired about a “lifeline” type of fare that could be utilized for persons not able to afford the toll to get to work in a timely manner.

April Chan shared that SamTrans is leading an express bus feasibility study as well as a Mobility Action Plan study. The Mobility Action Plan will look at strategies to improve options and look for solutions in the US101 corridor that would increase vehicle occupancy and reduce congestion. With regards to equity issues, she suggested a review of what other agencies are doing, citing that LA Metro has some programs that San Mateo can review. In addition, after reviewing what others are doing in terms of equity program, the County may wish to conduct a study to see if equity strategies would be appropriate for the County.

Director Freschet agreed with being the owner of the project and being able to make the decisions for the project.

Director Johnson acknowledged that it is difficult to make efficient transportation planning decisions because there are so many agencies involved who own a portion of the projects in the corridor. He stated that one project is not going to resolve the congestion in the area and to have the ability to let go of some of the local control so that larger projects could be accomplished may be wise.

Director Medina reiterated Director Groom’s comments on control and efficiencies and looks forward to attending the workshop.

Mr. Hartnett stated that the risks and rewards with any partner agency must be identified relative to the ownership of a facility, especially during a downturn. He stated that these and other issues would be addressed at a joint workshop. He discussed the identified budget for the project.

STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Casey Fromson, Director of Government and Community Affairs, summarized current federal legislation and noted the State legislature is on recess.

Resolution Expressing its Strenuous Opposition to Proposition 6

Ms. Fromson discussed Proposition 6; a rollback of Senate Bill 1 (SB 1). Ms. Cassman stated that the board can officially take a position on a ballot measure if it so chooses.

Directors expressed their opinions stating it is important to take a position on the Proposition and allow the public to know what it at stake if it passes.

The resolution would repeal SB 1, also known as the Road Repair and Accountability Act.

Approved by Resolution 2018-18:

Motion/Second: Groom/Johnson

Ayes: Freschet, Groom, Horsley, Johnson, Matsumoto, Medina

Absent: Beach

REQUESTS FROM THE AUTHORITY

None.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE AUTHORITY

Chair Horsley noted that correspondence was in the reading file.

DATE/TIME OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Chair Horsley announced the next meeting would be held Thursday, September 6, 2018, 5:00 pm at the San Mateo County Transit District Administrative Building, Bacciocco Auditorium, 2nd Floor, 1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, CA.

REPORT OF LEGAL COUNSEL

The Board meeting recessed to closed session at 6:15 pm.

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The Board meeting reconvened into open session at 6:43 pm. Ms. Cassman stated there was no report from closed session.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm.