

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

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

**October 2, 2018**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** K. Bond, A. Chen, K. Chin, E. El-Dardiry, J. Fox (Vice Chair),  
R. Hedges, K. Kuklin, J. Londer, O. O'Neill, M. Rendon, W. Warhurst

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

**STAFF PRESENT:** J. Hurley, D. Hansel, C. Fromson, P. Kwan, M. Cheung, J. Brook

Vice Chair John Fox called the meeting to order at 4:34 pm and requested that Rich Hedges 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 SEPTEMBER 4, 2018**

Jeff Londer requested that the reference to him leaving prior to the end of the meeting be removed. The minutes were amended accordingly and then approved.

Motion/Second: Hedges/Chin

Ayes: K. Bond, A. Chen, K. Chin, J. Fox, R. Hedges, K. Kuklin, J. Londer, O. O'Neill,  
W. Warhurst

Absent: B. Arietta, D. Bautista, E. El-Dardiry, D. Ross-Jones

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

*Essam El-Dardiry arrived at 4:36 pm.*

**TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 4, 2018**

**11 (b) State and Federal Legislative Update**

Casey Fromson, Director of Government and Community, gave a summary of the status state and federal legislation concerning the Authority. She said there was a continuing federal appropriation through December 7, 2018.

William Warhurst asked about AB 2865 on the authorization to operate on the managed lanes. Ms. Fromson said that the Governor had not signed the bill.

### **10 (a) Support Measure W, the Half-cent Countywide Sales Tax to Invest in Transportation and Public Transit**

Ms. Fromson reviewed the highlights of her staff report. She noted that Measure W was previously known as Get Us Moving (GUM) when it was within the purview of SamTrans. She summarized the GUM process and outlined the core principles of Measure W. She also indicated the percentage of money allotted to each funding category.

Karen Kuklin asked how the measure was tracking in any polls. Ms. Fromson said that the last poll done by SamTrans while the measure was still the GUM initiative was that 74 percent of likely voters would support the measure.

Mr. Londer asked what percentage of the vote was required for the measure to pass and Ms. Fromson responded that it required a two-thirds vote.

Motion/Second: Hedges/Rendon

Ayes: K. Bond, A. Chen, K. Chin, E. El-Dardiry, J. Fox, R. Hedges, K. Kuklin, J. Londer, O. O'Neill, W. Warhurst

Absent: B. Arietta, D. Bautista, D. Ross-Jones

*The following agenda items were taken out of order.*

### **4 (b) Acceptance of Statement of Revenues and Expenses for August 2018**

Rich Hedges noted that sales tax revenue had dropped. He said the TA needed to engage the new Supreme Court ruling that they could collect sales tax from the Internet.

Derek Hansel, Chief Financial Officer, responded that they didn't have sales tax figures for August because of the lag in receiving the sales tax report. He concurred that sales tax would now be collected on online purchases due to the recent legislation.

Mr. Hurley said that the Self-Help County Coalition estimates sales tax leakage as being 10 percent, which would grow as more purchases are done online.

Mr. Londer asked about higher interest rates on certain investments. Mr. Hansel said he would check into it and let him know.

### **11 (a) Program Report: Highway Program US 101/Willow Interchange**

Pam Kwan, TA Project Manager, gave a presentation about the US 101/Willow Road interchange construction project and October 5-8 closure.

Vice Chair Fox asked about the temporary pedestrian walkway. Ms. Kwan showed that the ADA-compliant walkway will connect to existing sidewalks on either side. He asked about the detour plan for the closure. Ms. Kwan said University Avenue could be used.

An Chen asked about the new partial cloverleaf configuration, mentioning that lessons could be learned from the Highway 92/El Camino Real interchange in San Mateo. She asked about having additional signage. Ms. Kwan said she would bring that comment back to her project team.

William Warhurst says at the 92 interchange, it feels unsafe because the buildings are very close to the sidewalk and the visibility is poor. Ms. Kwan said that Caltrans has purposely tightened up the curve return to discourage speeding at the exits.

Mr. Hurley reflected on Ms. Chen's comment on southbound El Camino going to eastbound 92, saying that while the exit has two lanes, motorists are only using one lane, i.e., the exit has an underutilized capacity. Mr. Warhurst concurred.

Ken Chin said he had been an engineer on the 82/92 project. He added that people are not used to the layout of the exit yet. Ms. Chen said that the 101/Willow interchange could implement some changes, such as putting up signs, that help motorists make the transition to using the new interchange. Mr. Hedges said he avoided using the second outside lane at the 82/92 interchange.

Mr. Chin asked if the project included a no-right-turn-on-red designation, which he said he feels is safer.

Mr. Hurley summed up by saying that the project team would take a look at the 92/El Camino interchange issues and see if they could accelerate the learning curve through better signage.

Vice Chair Fox said that street sweeping will not be able to accommodate the bike lane behind the barrier and could become unridable very quickly. Mr. Hurley said the City of Menlo Park would typically take responsibility for maintenance of the interchange from the deck up. Mr. Chin concurred with Vice Chair Fox. He said that the problem could be resolved by having all lanes at the same grade.

#### **4 (a) Approval of Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of September 4, 2018**

There were no comments on the minutes.

#### **REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

Vice Chair Fox expressed his appreciation for prior reports from Chair Barbara Arietta.

#### **REPORT FROM STAFF**

Mr. Hurley announced there would be a workshop regarding the owner/operator of the 101 managed lanes facility on November 16, 1:00 to 3:00 pm, which he said was originally scheduled for September.

He said that SamTrans recently approved their business plan and that the TA was supportive of all SamTrans' stated objectives.

#### **MEMBER COMMENTS/REQUESTS**

Mr. Londer noted that there was an electric vehicle (EV) expo at the San Mateo County Center on October 3.

Ms. Chen said she had heard KGO Channel 7 television news reports that San Mateo County had a longstanding law where it cannot prosecute fare evasion on BART. Mr. Hurley said he would report this to the SamTrans media department.

Mr. Hedges said that the County is not part of the BART system, so it has no jurisdiction over fare evaders. He said that the County Board of Supervisors needed to change this.

Kate Bond said that BART had also decided not to prosecute kids under a certain age. Mr. Hedges said that some communities such as San Francisco had programs that funded BART trips to school. Mr. Hurley said that the TA would investigate these reports and have Ms. Brook would email responsive information to the Committee.

Mr. Chin said that the City of San Mateo began their process to update their General Plan, which includes traffic.

Mr. Hedges announced that he was looking forward to participating as a new member of the Caltrain Business Plan Committee.

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

Vice Chair Fox announced that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, October 30, 2018 at 4:30 pm, 1250 San Carlos Avenue, Bacciocco Auditorium, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, San Carlos, CA.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:46 pm.