



NOTE MEETING DATE

**SAN MATEO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos CA 94070, Bacciocco Auditorium, 2nd Floor**

AGENDA

January 2, 2008 - Wednesday

4:30 PM

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
2. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 4, 2007
4. PUBLIC COMMENT
5. TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING AGENDA FOR JANUARY 3, 2008
 - a. Acceptance of Statement of Revenues and Expenses for November 2007 (TA Item 5b) Motion)
 - b. Authorize Allocation of \$898,969 in Measure A Funds to the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board for Design, Utility Relocation and Advance Materials Procurement Associated with the South San Francisco Station Project. (TA Item 12a) Resolution)
6. REPORT OF THE CHAIR – Pat Dixon
7. REPORT FROM STAFF – Joe Hurley
 - a. End-of-year Report/2008 Forecast
8. MEMBER COMMENTS/REQUESTS
9. DATE/TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 5, 2008
at 4:30 p.m., 1250 San Carlos Avenue, Bacciocco Auditorium, 2nd Floor,
San Carlos, CA 94070
10. ADJOURNMENT

All items on this agenda are subject to action

CAC MEMBERS: B. Arietta • J. Bigelow • P. Dixon (Chair) • R. Gomez • R. Hedges • R. Hees • S. Krause
A. Mader-Clark • D. Maez • L. Shaine • N. Stern • A. Vargas • P. Young (Vice-Chair) • G. Zimmerman

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Location of Meeting

The SamTrans Administrative Office is located at 1250 San Carlos Ave., San Carlos, which is one block west of the San Carlos Caltrain Station on El Camino Real, accessible by SamTrans bus Routes: 260, 295, 390, 391, KX.

Public Comment

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MINUTES OF DECEMBER 4, 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT: B. Arietta, J. Bigelow, P. Dixon (Vice Chair), R. Hedges,
R. Hees, S. Krause, D. Maez, L. Shaine, N. Stern, A. Vargas,
P. Young, G. Zimmerman

STAFF MEMBERS ABSENT: R. Gomez (Chair), A. Mader-Clark

STAFF PRESENT: C. Goodrich, J. Hurley, R. Lake

Vice-Chair Pat Dixon called the meeting to order at 4:36 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The word, “not,” was added the last sentence of the third-to-last paragraph on page 4 of 7: “Mr. Hees said the TA does *not* have any funds to distribute for TODs.” A motion (Bigelow/Shane) was passed to approve the revised minutes of October 30, 2007.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Pat Giorni, Burlingame, thanked staff for the additional bicycle racks at the District offices.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM – SENIOR MOBILITY ACTION PLAN AND INITIATIVE

Corinne Goodrich, Manager Strategic Development, presented the following:

- SamTrans was awarded a \$146,000 statewide planning grant in 2004 to develop a Senior Mobility Action Plan for San Mateo County.
- The highest density of people in San Mateo County 65 years of age and older tends to parallel the El Camino Real corridor, which provides more access to public transit services.
- The number of people over 65 years of age in the county will double in the next 20 years and many will live in areas that are not accessible by public transportation.
- Future challenges to senior mobility include language/cultural barriers, increased traffic injuries/deaths, strain on family members of seniors with limited mobility, isolation of seniors and strain on public, private and non-profit services.
- Action Plan strategies include community transit services, encouraging use of transit, walking and pedestrian safety, safe driving and driving retirement, taxicabs, information and assistance and community based transportation.
- Steering Committee partners include SamTrans, city and county organizations/services, the TA, Caltrans, MTC, Mills Peninsula Senior Focus, Paratransit Coordinating Council, California Senior Legislature and Family Services Agency.
- Expert Advisory Panel members include the AARP, Department of Motor Vehicles, California State Automobile Association, Caltrans, California Department of Health Services, Beverly Foundation and the American Society on Aging.
- A Senior Mobility Guide printed in English, Chinese and Spanish provides information on self-evaluation, public transit, paratransit, community transit, driver safety and fitness.
- Community-based transportation to involve non-profit, community transportation network, volunteers and alternatives to Redi-Wheels.

- SamTrans initiatives dovetail with the concept of mobility management as now defined by the FTA for purposes of new funding categories under SAFETEA-LU.

Comments/Questions

George Zimmerman asked if Senior Mobility is a separate community-funded organization. Ms. Goodrich said SamTrans has funded efforts over the past two years.

Mr. Zimmerman asked what was being done to assist/inform seniors regarding what type of access is available in parking structures in Millbrae and San Bruno stations. Ms. Goodrich said there is no information relative to parking structures. She said information to get people to rail stations is the idea behind the Action Plan.

Barbara Arietta asked how the Action Plan helps people drive as long as they can. Ms. Goodrich said the Initiative coordinates senior driving classes with a listing of all classes in the Senior Mobility Guide.

Rich Hedges said San Francisco has about 75 accessible taxis on the street and would like to see Redi-Wheels move in that direction. Ms Goodrich said it is an area to pursue.

Mr. Hedges said the 2002-2003 Grand Jury report recommended using taxis. He said there needs to be a focus on disabled access for transit oriented development that considers how the disabled can move safely from their housing unit through the developments to stations and on to public transit.

Ms. Goodrich said Director Adrienne Tissier will have a senior housing summit in February 2008. She said SamTrans is championing the Grand Boulevard Initiative to revitalize the El Camino Real corridor by concentrating housing and jobs along the corridor and pushing for transit oriented development.

Ms. Goodrich said SamTrans received a grant to conduct a transit oriented development opportunity study. The study indicated that in the United States only 25 percent of households are families and 50 percent are single households. There is a demand by seniors for condominium developments.

Nancy Stern asked if there was a representative from the coastside on the Steering Committee. Ms. Goodrich said they have tried to recruit but do not have a coastside member. Ms. Stern said she is on the Board of Directors of the Senior Coastsiders and would provide Ms. Goodrich a contact.

Ms. Stern asked what type of funding is available for the project. Ms. Goodrich said when the planning grant ended SamTrans Executive Director Michael Scanlon agreed to fund the Senior Mobility Action Plan for the past two years, which primarily covers staff costs.

Doris Maez said Portland started a Senior Mobility plan 19 years ago that has expanded to five counties. She asked if San Mateo County could reach this kind of a goal in 20 years. Ms. Goodrich said this is the goal by raising funds to support senior mobility through channels only available to non-profit organizations.

Ms. Arietta asked about groups that may give free rides to seniors. Ms. Goodrich said there are three very small groups in the county that give free rides. Volunteers offer rides on a limited basis and don't publicize their groups.

**ITEMS FOR REVIEW – TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING
AGENDA OF DECEMBER 6, 2007**

Item 3b) Acceptance of Statement of Revenues and Expenses for October 2007
No Comment.

Item 10a) San Mateo Railroad Bridge Replacement Project Capital Budget Increase and \$3,000,000 Allocation to the Joint Powers Board

Mr. Zimmerman asked if this project is part of the strategic plan and why the project is being highlighted for action other than the fact that it is moving forward. Mr. Hurley said the TA was notified in August that they were successful in receiving a \$3 million grant specific to this safety project. The capital budget needs to be adjusted to accept the money from the state through the Traffic Congestion Relief Program. The money will be passed through to the Joint Powers Board to fund the full design associated with the project. The project is to replace four railroad bridges, Monte Diablo, Tilton, Poplar and Santa Inez avenues because of seismic deficiencies.

A motion (Hees/Zimmerman) to support the project and congratulate staff on acquiring the grant was approved.

Item 11a) End-of-Year Report/2008 Forecast

Mr. Hurley will review this under "Report from Staff."

Item 11b) Capital Project Status Report – 1st Quarter

Mr. Hurley said the report is available in the TA Board agenda packet for review and he will respond to any comments or questions from members. (See Barbara Arietta's comment under "Member Comments.")

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Election of 2008 Officers

The Nominating Committee members Ms. Stern, April Vargas and Jim Bigelow recommended Pat Dixon for Chair and Paul Young for Vice-Chair. After no nominations were made from the floor, a motion (Hees/Zimmerman) to elect Ms. Dixon as Chair and Paul Young as Vice-Chair was approved by a unanimous vote.

REPORT FROM STAFF

Mr. Hurley reported on *Item 11a) End-of-Year Report/2008 Forecast*:

- Ramp metering was introduced on Highway 101 in San Mateo County from Hillsdale south to the county line. The program will be expanded north over the next few years.
- The travel time information system went on-line in June. The American Public Transportation Association (APTA) featured this program in their nationwide publication in August.
- A hydrogen shuttle, one of the first in California, will be introduced in East Palo Alto in December.

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- There is more than \$200 million in construction activity in the county including the 3rd Avenue to Millbrae Auxiliary Lane Project, the Route 92 Half Moon Bay widening and reconstruction of the Burlingame Caltrain Station.
- 2008 projects include continued studies on the grade separation program and footprint studies, design on the bridge replacements for Poplar, Santa Inez, and Monte Diablo and Tilton avenues. Support will continue for Caltrain electrification, Dumbarton Rail and the Downtown Extension. Highway planning efforts include additional auxiliary lane projects and interchange projects along Highway 101 as well as highway projects on the coast.

Comments/Questions

Mr. Zimmerman asked what types of improvements are involved in the reconstruction of the Burlingame Caltrain Station. Mr. Hurley said the primary purpose is to eliminate the hold-out rule and improve safety.

Mr. Shaine asked about transition to the new Measure A. Mr. Hurley said TA staff is meeting with a subcommittee of three city managers from Burlingame, Daly City and Belmont to roll out a specific plan to the CAC. The CAC will be hosting several workshops in the county for public review at a later date. Mr. Hurley said the new Measure A takes affect in January 2009.

MEMBER QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Mr. Young said it was an honor to be elected as Vice-Chair.

Ms. Stern is employed by Genentech and said the company's "G-ride" commuter program has provided over \$900,000 this year to employees participating in commuter transit programs.

Mr. Hees said the Monte Diablo bridge shuttle is operating smoothly.

Steve Krause asked for an update on Caltrain electrification. Mr. Hurley said the project is moving forward with the environmental document. Mr. Hurley added that capital projects on the Caltrain system are being designed and built so not to preclude electrification.

Mr. Krause asked if there was any data to show that the travel time information program is moving people from automobiles to Caltrain. Mr. Hurley said that the next Caltrain survey will randomly survey passengers with two questions: did they see the travel time information sign and did the sign influence them to take the train.

Ms. Vargas said people on the mid-coast are thrilled by the progress of the Devil's Slide Tunnel Project. She said traffic flows well through the area given the enormity of the project.

Mr. Bigelow said High Speed Rail (HSR) recommended the Pacheco Pass alignment to the Bay Area. He said HSR is also supporting the Altamont Pass alignment to generate a Caltrain-like Baby Bullet service. A final decision on the alignment will be made on December 19. He said if the Pacheco Pass alignment is selected there will be no high speed rail coming across the

Altamont Pass on the Dumbarton corridor into the Caltrain mainline, splitting and going to San Jose and San Francisco. Instead, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) would

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support extending BART to Livermore and there might be a link from the north-south line to a multimodal station in Livermore at a future time.

Mr. Shaine suggested the CAC have a presentation on Caltrain electrification.

Ms. Maez said she is a member of the San Bruno Traffic Safety Committee and Bike and Pedestrian Committee. The Committees are working with the countywide bike plan to update bike routes and signage for commute purposes.

Mr. Zimmerman said Mr. Bigelow should be commended for his continued rail outreach.

Mr. Arietta asked about a \$2,166,224 discrepancy on the TA Caltrain Project 766 under the Quarterly Project Status Report. Mr. Hurley said he would like to meet with Ms. Arietta to review and explain the financial figures and report back to the CAC.

Mr. Hedges thanked Mr. Bigelow for his rail advocacy. He is pleased to see CAC members from the coast. Mr. Hedges plans to continue advocacy for the disabled and for transportation other than the automobile.

Mr. Young asked why there is late evening Caltrain service for the Sharks but not for other special events. Mr. Hurley said there is late night special service for regularly scheduled events.

Ms. Dixon thanked the members for electing her to the CAC Chair. She introduced Director Rosalie O'Mahony and Special Assistant to the CEO Mark Simon, who were joining the CAC members for a holiday/appreciation dinner after the meeting.

Director O'Mahony said she attended her first CAC meeting a year ago and is even more impressed at this time with the committee's representation in the county and interest in critical issues. She said 2008 will be a big year with the end of the 1988 Measure A as the TA looks forward to the next 25 years and how monies will be invested for our children and future generations in San Mateo County. She extended holiday wishes to all.

Ms. Dixon introduced Authority Secretary Martha Martinez, TA Chair Rosanne Foust, Senior Engineer Jim McKim and Josh Laney from Senator Yee's office.

Director Foust said the Board would not be as effective without all the work the TA CAC does. She thanked the Committee and extended wishes to all for a happy holiday season.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the TA CAC will be held on **Wednesday, January 2, 2008**, at 4:30 p.m. at 1250 San Carlos Avenue, Bacciocco Auditorium, 2nd Floor, San Carlos, CA 94070.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.