

**SAN MATEO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
1250 SAN CARLOS AVENUE, SAN CARLOS, CA 94070  
MINUTES OF MAY 2, 2019**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** D. Horsley (Chair), E. Beach (Vice Chair), M. Freschet, C. Groom, K. Matsumoto, R. Medina, C. Romero

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** J. Hartnett, C. Mau, A. Chan, C. Fromson, D. Hansel, J. Hurley, J. Cassman, J. Brook, D. Seamans

**CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Don Horsley called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Authority Secretary Dora Seamans called the roll. A quorum was confirmed.

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

None.

**REPORT OF THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Chair Horsley noted that the report was in the packet.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- Approval of Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of April 4, 2019
- Acceptance of Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for March 2019
- Acceptance of Quarterly Investment Report for the Period Ending March 31, 2019

Motion/Second: Medina/Romero

Ayes: Beach, Freschet, Groom, Matsumoto, Medina, Romero, Horsley

Absent: None

**REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

None.

**SAN MATEO COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT LIAISON REPORT**

Chair Horsley noted that the report was in the packet.

**JOINT POWERS BOARD LIAISON REPORT**

Executive Director Jim Hartnett said the report was in the packet.

## **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Mr. Hartnett said the report was in the packet.

*Chair Horsley took Item 11 out of order before Item 10.*

## **REVIEW OF PRELIMINARY FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET**

Derek Hansel, Chief Financial Officer, gave a presentation outlining the preliminary FY 2020 budget.

Vice Chair Emily Beach asked if the County sales tax would continue to be robust and inquired about the state of the economy. Mr. Hansel opined on a reasonably strong economy with sales tax growth pushing 10 percent or more.

Director Carlos Romero had questions about the income. Mr. Hansel said a recession was possible in late FY 2020. April Chan, Chief Officer, Planning, Grants/Transportation Authority, discussed monies being used for capital projects.

Director Rico Medina asked about TA-owned properties being leased out. Ms. Chan said the leases are reviewed every five years.

## **CALL FOR A PUBLIC HEARING AT THE JUNE 6, 2019 MEETING ON THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 BUDGET**

Motion/Second: Matsumoto/Freschet

Ayes: Beach, Freschet, Groom, Matsumoto, Medina, Romero, Horsley

Absent: None

## **PROGRAM**

### **Approval of the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement for the San Mateo County Express Lanes Joint Powers Agency and Appointment of JPA Board Members**

Chair Horsley summarized the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JEPA), Page 2, Attachment A – equitable division of labor between the TA and C/CAG (City/County Association of Governments).

Ms. Chan said that C/CAG voted on the JEPA at their April 11 Board meeting.

Jim Hartnett, Executive Director, said that there was a successful defense of Regional Measure 3 funding at the Supreme Court level. He commended the TA subcommittee's efforts.

Chair Horsley thanked Ms. Chan and C/CAG Executive Director Sandy Wong.

Vice Chair Beach said that she was happy with the terms of the JEPA and its leveraging of current staff.

Director Karyl Matsumoto asked if administrative costs would be divided equally between C/CAG and TA. Mr. Hartnett said yes.

Chair Horsley said that there are initial costs for the project manager and application to the California Transportation Commission (CTC), which will be divided between the TA and C/CAG. He said that the agencies must bring the request to their respective boards.

Ms. Chan said that the TA can decide on loans to the JPA. She said that eventually revenues can be used to reimburse the JPA.

Director Maureen Freschet said that she was pleased with the staffing model and thanked legal counsel.

Director Romero asked for clarification of the role of the policy/program manager. Ms. Chan said that the capital project was being managed by an integrated team of Caltrans, TA, and C/CAG. She said that once the construction is completed, the ownership and operations will be transferred to the JPA.

The Board appointed Chair Horsley, Vice Chair Beach, and Director Freschet as directors of the JEPA.

Motion/Second: Groom/Medina

Ayes: Beach, Freschet, Groom, Matsumoto, Medina, Romero, Horsley

Absent: None

### **US 101 – North of I-380 Managed Lanes Project Update**

Joe Hurley, TA Director, gave a presentation updating the progress on the Managed Lanes project north of I-380. He noted those in attendance included Jean Higaki, Legal Counsel and Sandy Wong, Executive Direct, C/CAG; Anna Harvey, San Francisco County Transportation Authority, and Tim Lee, Consultant, WMH Corporation.

He outlined the constraints of the project north of I-380, compared to south of I-380. He noted that the TA is experiencing a paradigm shift, saying that the agency is in the business of moving people as opposed to vehicles by encouraging carpooling and transit use. He said that a major incentive for carpooling is reliable and reduced travel time. He noted that the project wants to make use of technology.

He said that "Managed Lanes" refers to the project north of I-380, while "Express Lanes" refers to the project south of I-380.

He said that a decision needs to be made whether San Mateo County proceeds with the project alone or works collectively with San Francisco for the project north of I-380.

Vice Chair Beach said that she is happy that a minimum footprint alternative is being studied.

Director Romero asked about funding sources. Mr. Hurley said Measures A and W, the SB 1 program, and Regional Measure 3 are potential funding sources. Ms. Chan added that future toll revenues are another anticipated source.

Director Romero expressed concerns on how debt service would affect equity programs. Mr. Hartnett said there is a benefit to borrowing money in order to begin a project, thus avoiding cost escalation over the course of the project.

### **State and Federal Legislative Update**

Casey Fromson, Director, Government and Community Affairs, briefly summarized highlights of recent federal and state legislation.

She said that President Trump and Senator Schumer met and agreed on a \$2 trillion infrastructure package.

She announced that Governor Newsom announced David Kim as the new State Secretary of Transportation.

She said that they were watching SB 50 combined with SB 4, which exempts counties with populations under 600,000.

Vice Chair Beach talked about having shorter headway times. Ms. Fromson noted that the Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA) was underway, which would look at the District's entire bus network. Mr. Hartnett said he thought that it was unlikely that SamTrans would have regular routes with a 10-minute headway. He said due to the traffic congestion, it was difficult to achieve a 15-minute headway on El Camino Real.

Director Carole Groom said that she and Director Matsumoto were excited about the potential of electric buses, particularly for the inception of the El Camino Real express routes.

### **REQUESTS FROM THE AUTHORITY**

None.

### **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE AUTHORITY**

None.

### **DATE/TIME OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

Chair Horsley announced that the next meeting would be on Thursday, June 6, 2019, 5:00 pm at the San Mateo County Transit District Administrative Building, Bacciocco Auditorium, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, CA 94070.

### **REPORT OF LEGAL COUNSEL**

None.

### **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 5:59 pm.

An audio/video recording of this meeting is available online at [www.smcta.com](http://www.smcta.com). Questions may be referred to the Authority Secretary's office by phone at 650.508.6242 or by email to [board@smcta.com](mailto:board@smcta.com).