

Report from the TA Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting of June 2, 2020

The TA CAC meeting held on June 2 was chaired by John Fox due to Chair Barbara Arietta's inability to access Internet and cell phone service. Chair Arietta did participate by calling in from a landline.

The committee met online via a Zoom meeting with TA staff. The portion of the agenda that had motions was not controversial; the CAC heard presentations and reviewed reports, and motions to approve the following items passed unanimously:

- **TA Board Item 10 (a) Public Hearing: Adoption of Interim First Quarter Budget for Fiscal Year 2021 in the Amount of \$29,764,261**
- **TA Board Item 10 (b) Authorize an Amendment to the Four-party Cooperative Agreement to Provide Toll System Implementation (Construction and Testing) Associated with the San Mateo County 101 Express Lanes Project**
- **TA Board Item 10 (c) Award of Contract for Investment Management and Custody Services**
- **TA Board Item 10 (d) Approval and Ratification of the Fiscal Year 2021 Transportation Authority Insurance Program**
- **TA Board Item 10 (e) Program and Allocate Funds for the Safe Routes to School Program**
- **TA Board Item 5 (c) Acceptance of Capital Projects Quarterly Status Report 3rd Quarter FY 2020**

The Safe Routes to School program discussion was extensive, with multiple members of the CAC expressing their personal involvement in these programs at the community and school level. Several CAC members commented that these programs serve much more than school children, they highlight the value of walking and biking to the larger community of parents, neighbors, teachers and school staff. One CAC member was concerned that with the challenges of the stay-at-home order and the general COVID-19 disruptions some schools may not have resources to apply for these grants as intended before the beginning of the school year.

There were informational items, specifically:

- **TA Board Item 10 (f) Presentation from PFM Asset Management LLC on Market Outlook and Expected Investment Portfolio Changes as a Result of COVID-19**
- **TA Board Item 11 (a) State and Federal Legislative Update**

The CAC did ask questions regarding the impact of COVID-19 on the investment portfolio, and heard from Monique Spyke on the strategy PFM is taking in this time of financial uncertainty.

During the Staff Report Joe Hurley provided information that had been requested at a previous CAC meeting regarding the shuttle programs, and plans to restart them consistent with the new social distancing protocols. The distancing reduces the capacity of the shuttle to 20% or 25% of the usual, so the impact on possible riders is significant. If the shuttle ridership is mostly coming via Caltrain, with the COVID-19 drastic reduction in train passengers this may not be significant in terms of denied passenger trips. It certainly makes the metrics on congestion relief, and \$/passenger-trip, look worse.

Submitted June 3, 2020
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