

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

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

MARCH 5, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: B. Arietta (Chair), D. Bautista, A. Chen, K. Chin, E. El-Dardiry, R. Hedges, K. Kuklin, J. Londer, , M. Rendon, D. Ross-Jones

MEMBERS ABSENT: J. Fox, O. O'Neill, W. Warhurst

STAFF PRESENT: J. Slavitt, J. Hurley, J. Epstein, J. Brook

Chair Barbara Arietta called the meeting to order at 4:31 pm and requested that Rich Hedges lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

CAC Secretary Jean Brook called the roll. A quorum was present.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2019 CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Mario Rendon reported the Nominating Committee's recommendation that Barbara Arietta continue in her role as Chair and that John Fox continue in his role as Vice Chair for 2019.

Motion/Second: Hedges/Chen

Ayes: Arietta, Bautista, Chen, Chin, El-Dardiry, Hedges, Kuklin, Londer, Rendon, Ross-Jones

Absent: Fox, O'Neill, Warhurst

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE TA CAC MEETING OF FEBRUARY 5, 2019

Motion/Second: Hedges/Bautista

Ayes: Arietta, Bautista, Chen, Chin, El-Dardiry, Hedges, Kuklin, Londer, Rendon, Ross-Jones

Absent: Fox, O'Neill, Warhurst

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING AGENDA FOR MARCH 7, 2019

12 (d) State and Federal Legislative Update

Jessica Epstein, Government and Community Affairs Officer, provided a brief summary of the current legislative issues.

Mr. Hedges said he was interested in High Speed Rail funding for Caltrain and grade separations. Ms. Epstein said the funding had already been appropriated and would check if Caltrain was impacted.

Chair Arietta and Mr. Hedges asked about the obligations to refund the state for high-speed rail spending.

12 (b) TA Strategic Plan 2020-2024

Joel Slavitt, Manager, Programming and Monitoring, gave a presentation that discussed plans for funding from Measures A and W. Ms. Epstein discussed public outreach efforts, including the stakeholder advisory group (SAG) and technical advisory group TAG).

Ken Chin asked if the competitive grant process was the most effective way of distributing the funding. Mr. Slavitt said funding decisions are made in different ways depending on the category. He added that they planned to look at multiple options for delivering and funding projects.

Chair Arietta asked if the TA had investigated other grant programs. Mr. Hedges said smaller cities may not have the resources to pursue alternative funding sources. Mr. Slavitt said the TA provides guidance to their sponsors about other funding sources.

Joe Hurley, TA Director, said that the SB1 Local Partnership Program has had statewide discussions on whether funding should be distributed on a formula basis or a competitive basis.

12 (c) Measure A Semi-Annual Program Status Report

Connie Mobley-Ritter, Director of Treasury, talked about using up funds from the original Measure A before using new Measure A funds. She said that Measure W funds would be available soon.

Jeff Londer asked when will original Measure A funds be expended. Mr. Hurley said the intent is to exhaust original Measure A funds before moving on to newer funds when both sources are eligible to fund a project or program.

Motion/Second: Bautista/Londer

Ayes: Arietta, Bautista, Chen, Chin, El-Dardiry, Hedges, Kuklin, Londer, Rendon, Ross-Jones

Absent: Fox, O'Neill, Warhurst

12 (a) San Mateo US 101 Express Lanes Project Update and Outreach Plan for the Construction Phase

Mr. Hurley gave a presentation, noting that the Managed Lanes project was rebranded as the "San Mateo US 101 Express Lane Project." He said the southern portion of the project is now being branded the "HOV (high-occupancy vehicle) to Express Lane Conversion" (Santa Clara County line to Whipple Avenue), scheduled to open June 2021, and the northern portion is now branded as the "Express Lane Addition" (Whipple Avenue to I-380), scheduled to open May 2022. He gave an overview of the construction schedule and street closures.

Ms. Epstein continued with the presentation, talking about the outreach efforts for the

different project components.

Mr. Hedges asked how the facility would connect to I-380. Mr. Hurley said a direct connector is not planned, so drivers would need to move out of the express lane. Mr. Hedges said he was concerned about lane and road closures and Mr. Hurley said most of the closures would be happening at night to minimize disruption to traffic.

Mr. Londer asked if it was typical to provide an estimate prior to putting out bids. Mr. Hurley said it was.

Mr. Chin asked about the southern portion opening date in relation to the VTA facility opening. Mr. Hurley said the openings for both projects were timed to happen together.

Mr. Rendon asked about use of auxiliary lanes. Mr. Hurley said most of them would be restored. Mr. Rendon said he had some concerns about outreach. Ms. Epstein said they would be using a multi-tiered communication system that would drive people towards the agency Twitter account.

Karen Kuklin said the public would likely be impatient about the facility opening.

Mr. Hedges asked about the timeline for reinstating the auxiliary lanes and if it was in the budget; Mr. Hurley noted that it was in the budget and is within the scope of the subject project.

Chair Arietta said that higher walls were requested by the City of San Mateo. Mr. Hurley said the decision of the current wall heights was made by the City of San Mateo as part of the earlier auxiliary lanes project driven by a compromise brokered between the residents and businesses. He said that the design team is currently reviewing the City's request. Mr. Hedges said that there was always the option to raise taxes to pay for a higher wall.

11 (a) Award of Contract to Provide Project Management and Support Services for the US 101 Express Lanes Project

Mr. Hurley said the project was the most significant highway project on the Peninsula in nearly 100 years. He outlined the contractor selection process and the contract details.

Motion/Second: Hedges/Chin

Ayes: Arietta, Bautista, Chen, Chin, El-Dardiry, Hedges, Kuklin, Londer, Rendon, Ross-Jones

Absent: Fox, O'Neill, Warhurst

6 (b) Acceptance of Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for January 2019

Motion/Second: Londer/Hedges

Ayes: Arietta, Bautista, Chen, Chin, El-Dardiry, Hedges, Kuklin, Londer, Rendon, Ross-Jones

Absent: Fox, O'Neill, Warhurst

6 (c) Acceptance of Capital Projects Quarterly Status Report 2nd Quarter FY 2019

Mr. Hurley said that for the 101/Peninsula Avenue project, the yellow light has changed to a red light for project's schedule since the report was published.

Mr. Hedges noted that North Shoreview neighborhood residents would be experiencing a lot of through traffic due to Facebook offices.

Motion/Second: Bautista/Kuklin

Ayes: Arietta, Bautista, Chen, Chin, El-Dardiry, Hedges, Kuklin, Londer, Rendon, Ross-Jones

Absent: Fox, O'Neill, Warhurst

6 (a) Approval of Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of February 7, 2019

There were no comments.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Arietta talked about the Dumbarton Rail Corridor project and requested a possible presentation on the project for the TA CAC. Mr. Hurley said that the TA was not directly involved in the project but said he would look into it.

Chair Arietta said that Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty was unanimously elected to chair the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) board on February 28.

REPORT FROM STAFF

Mr. Hurley said that Bay Area Infrastructure Financing Authority (BAIFA) will operate the express lanes in San Mateo County and that a joint powers authority (JPA) consisting of the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG) and the TA will own the facility. He said that the JPA could contract with the California Highway Patrol (CHP) to provide enforcement. He said that C/CAG and the TA are trying to learn from other similar projects around the state. He said as an example that Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (LA Metro) express lane facility provides a 15 percent discount to clean-air vehicles, while Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) provides a 50 percent discount to clean-air vehicles.

Mr. Hurley announced that the groundbreaking for project construction would be on March 8 at 10:00 am at the Highway 92/101 Park and Ride Lot.

MEMBER COMMENTS/REQUESTS

Mr. Hedges said that Therese McMillan was recently appointed to head up MTC.

He commended the LA Metro's public transit system and said that he had sent out LA's marketing to millennials video to the Committee.

DATE, TIME, AND PLACE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Chair Arietta announced that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 4:30 pm, 1250 San Carlos Avenue, Bacciocco Auditorium, 2nd Floor, San Carlos, CA.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:03 pm.