

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

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

JULY 9, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: B. Arietta (Chair) (arrived at 4:38 pm), K. Chin, S. Green, R. Hedges, N. Hsu, K. Kuklin, J. Londer, O. O'Neill (arrived at 4:36 pm), D. Reed, M. Rendon, D. Ross-Jones

MEMBERS ABSENT: D. Bautista, A. Chen, J. Fox (Vice Chair), P. Ohtaki

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

At the request of Joe Hurley, TA Director, Rich Hedges agreed to preside over the meeting until the arrival of Chair Barbara Arietta. Mr. Hedges called the meeting to order at 4:33 pm and requested that Ken Chin lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW CAC MEMBERS

Mr. Hedges announced the new members Peter Ohtaki, Steven Green, Naomi Hsu, and Dave Reed. Each new member gave a brief introduction about why they aspired to join the CAC.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE TA CAC MEETING OF JUNE 4, 2019

Motion/Second: Rendon/Kuklin

Ayes: Chin, Green, Hedges, Hsu, Kuklin, Londer, O'Neill, Reed, Rendon, Ross-Jones

Absent: Arietta, Bautista, Chen, Fox, Ohtaki

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

Chair Arietta arrived at 4:38 pm

TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING AGENDA FOR JULY 11, 2019

11 (a) State and Federal Legislative Update and Approval of Legislative Proposals

Jessica Epstein, Government and Community Affairs Officer, briefly summarized highlights of recent federal and state legislation.

She mentioned the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) letter attempting to enforce its rule to appropriate \$250 million of general sales tax revenue collected by local and state government for airport use only. The Board voted to support HR 2939, which would protect the State of California and its cities from the FAA's recent threat to withhold its

grants to California airports and divert over \$70 million in state and local general sales taxes away from their intended purpose.

Mr. Hedges said he thought the argument over tax on aviation fuel had occurred in the past and had since been resolved. Ms. Epstein said the matter is still unresolved; she said that sales tax continues to be collected on aviation fuel and that this revenue is not controlled by San Francisco Airport.

Mr. Hedges asked about collecting money that had been set aside for paratransit equipment. Ms. Epstein said she would get back to him with the information.

Motion/Second: Hedges/Reed

Ayes: Arietta, Chin, Green, Hedges, Hsu, Kuklin, Londer, O'Neill, Reed, Rendon, Ross-Jones

Absent: Bautista, Chen, Fox, Ohtaki

10 (a) Program and Allocate Measure A Funds for the Broadway Burlingame Grade Separation Project

Joel Slavit, Manager, Programming and Monitoring, reviewed highlights of the presentation given at the June Board meeting.

Jeff Londer remarked on the dangerous situation at the Broadway railroad crossing, saying that he personally had been stuck on the tracks. He said he totally supported the project.

Dave Reed inquired about the timeframe for the project construction. Mr. Slavit said it was 2023 through 2026.

Ken Chin said that the project needed to accommodate multimodal needs.

Steven Green asked about grade separation priorities. Mr. Slavit said that the 25th Avenue project has been fully funded and that the Broadway Burlingame grade separation is now the top-rated project in the state.

Mr. Hedges said the Broadway Burlingame station needs to be multimodal and Mr. Londer concurred.

Chair Arietta asked if there had been any design changes since the project was presented to the Board in June. Mr. Slavit said the comments and questions from the Board and the CAC were currently under review and no changes had yet been made. He announced that there were plans for a public meeting in September to solicit further input on the project design.

Motion/Second: Hedges/Londer

Ayes: Arietta, Chin, Green, Hedges, Hsu, Kuklin, Londer, O'Neill, Reed, Rendon, Ross-Jones

Absent: Bautista, Chen, Fox, Ohtaki

11 (b) TA Strategic Plan 2020-2024 Update

Mr. Slavitt gave a presentation providing an overview of the 2020-2024 Strategic Plan.

Mr. Reed asked if the ratios were built into the legislation and Mr. Slavitt answered yes.

Ms. Epstein gave a presentation on public outreach efforts regarding the Plan, which she said has included four community meetings, an online survey, a press release, pop-up events throughout the County, and social media engagement.

Mr. Hedges asked what portion of the proceeds from the gas tax increase on July 1 would go to the TA. Mr. Hurley said he would get back to him with a number.

Mr. Chin asked if the TA would consider a pass-through option. Mr. Slavitt said that they would, based on conferral with legal counsel.

Mr. Londer said that he had taken the online survey and commented that percentages would be easier to understand than numbers. Ms. Epstein noted that the format of the survey was the result of an attempt to make it mobile-friendly.

Mr. Reed asked about the San Mateo County Express Lanes JPA. Mr. Slavitt said he did not yet know how the newly formed agency would determine how revenue would be spent. He added that the JPA is a relatively small agency, while the TA has access to a lot of resources and can take on a more proactive role in recruiting sponsors for projects.

Mr. Chin said that he was in favor of the TA taking a more active role with the proper resources.

Mr. Green asked for more details about the \$70 million Measure W allocation for grade separations. Mr. Slavitt said the Measure W funding could be used for seed money to begin project studies or made available to grade separation projects currently underway.

Mr. Hedges discussed infrastructure needs and unforeseen costs.

Chair Arietta asked how the TA would get the money for future grade separations. Mr. Slavitt said that the Caltrain Business Plan includes estimates of the cost to complete grade separations for the entire corridor. He said that an initial rough estimate to do all the grade separations from just the cities alone was over \$4 billion. He added capital improvements would be needed along with the grade separations to achieve Caltrain's projected future service levels, and that these projects would definitely require new sources of revenue.

Mr. Hedges said the Caltrain estimate for all outstanding grade separations in the corridor is \$11 to \$18 billion. Mr. Slavitt added that this estimate included San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara Counties.

5 (b) Acceptance of Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for May 2019

Motion/Second: Hedges/Londer

Ayes: Arietta, Chin, Green, Hedges, Hsu, Kuklin, Londer, O'Neill, Reed, Rendon, Ross-Jones

Absent: Bautista, Chen, Fox, Ohtaki

5 (a) Approval of Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of June 6, 2019

There were no comments on the minutes.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Arietta shared a June 24 article about Stanford University's offer to Santa Clara County to commit \$4.7 billion towards local housing and transportation projects, including \$138 million for the Palo Alto Unified School District. She said that in return, the university has asked Santa Clara County for permission to build 3.5 million square feet of new development by 2035 and shift away from some of the regulatory conditions of approval. She expressed her concern due to the influence and proximity of Stanford to San Mateo County.

Mr. Hedges said Stanford has had an ongoing building program, including housing for students and employees. He added that the congestion levels on Sand Hill Road need to be addressed, beginning with adding more free shuttle service.

Karen Kuklin said that Stanford's medical campus near Whipple Avenue and Highway 101 in Redwood City also generates congestion. She said she had heard that Stanford was seeking expansion in more remote areas in the East Bay.

Mr. Hurley talked about the role that the TA should play in Stanford's expansion, such as monitoring the project to protect the interests of San Mateo County.

REPORT FROM STAFF

Mr. Hurley announced that there was a mandatory public hearing for the new San Mateo County Express Lanes JPA on July 25, 4:00 to 6:00 pm, at 455 County Center, Room 101, in Redwood City.

He said that construction was underway for the southern segment of the express lanes facility and that design was underway for the northern segment.

Mr. Londer asked when the Strategic Plan survey was closing; Mr. Hurley said July 15.

MEMBER COMMENTS/REQUESTS

The Committee members welcomed the new members.

Mr. Reed said that the new Stanford Hospital is slated to open in October.

Ms. Kuklin said that there would be an open house at San Francisco International Airport on July 20, for the opening of the first nine gates at Terminal 1. She remarked on the recent traffic congestion at the airport related to the new arrangement for Uber and Lyft pick-ups of incoming passengers.

Mr. Green said that the airport is looking into having a new TNC staging area in San Bruno, north of the airport.

Daniel Ross-Jones gave an update on the new pedestrian overcrossing in East Palo Alto, saying there has already been some incidents of violence there since it opened a month and a half ago. He added that on the positive side, his young next-door neighbor enjoys watching the Highway 101 traffic from the overcrossing.

Mr. Hedges noted that the City of San Bruno has raised its building height limits.

DATE, TIME, AND PLACE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:03 pm.