Report of the TA Citizens Advisory Committee

Meeting of March 1, 2022

Committee Action

Approved the Minutes of the CAC Meeting of February 1, 2022

Committee Motions Regarding TA Board Items for March 3, 2022

- Approved the Adoption of Resolution Making Findings that the Proclaimed State of Emergency for COVID-19 Continues to Impact the Board's and Committees' Ability to Meet Safely in Person
- Accepted the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the Period Ending January 31, 2022
- Accepted the Capital Projects Quarterly Status Report for 2nd Quarter Fiscal Year 2022
- Approved the Award of Contracts for On-call Executive Recruitment Services
- Approved the Programming and Allocation of \$4,950,000 in Measure A Grade Separation Category Funds for the South Linden Avenue/Scott Street Grade Separation Project
- Approved the Programming and Allocation of Measure A Local Shuttle Program Funds for 28 Shuttles for Fiscal Year 2023
- Approved the Legislative Proposal to Support AB 2197 (Mullin)

Discussion Highlights

US 101 Managed Lanes North of I-380 Project Update

Joe Hurley, TA Director, and Jessica Epstein, Manager, Government and Community Affairs, provided the presentation.

Chair Barbara Arietta asked what impact would Caltrain establishing new stations on the northern end have on the project. Mr. Hurley said the traffic modelers would include the proposed stations in the plan to predict what traffic would be generated. Peter Ohtaki asked about how rideshare services such as Lyft and Uber would be studied as part of the EIR process to guide the best policy on how to handle those services on the corridor. Mr. Hurley said he would pass those questions on to the traffic modelers. Sandra Lang asked about trucking and Mr. Hurley confirmed that trucking would be included in the traffic modeling.

Rich Hedges said there is a group in South San Francisco that is trying to defeat the managed lanes project. Ms. Epstein said they have reached out to the group to explain the environmental process and the scientific analysis that is part of that process.

<u>Program and Allocate \$4,950,000 in Measure A Grade Separation Category Funds for the South Linden Avenue/Scott Street Grade Separation Project</u>

Peter Skinner, Director, Grants and Fund Programming, provided the background of the project and introduced Hae Won Ritchie, Deputy Director of Public Works, City of San

Bruno, who provided the presentation. Bianca Liu, Project Manager and Senior Civil Engineer, City of South San Francisco, fielded questions regarding the crossing is South San Francisco.

Mr. Ohtaki asked what the sources of funding were and if it would be beneficial to bundle projects when requesting funding. Mr. Skinner said there was nascent interest at the regional level to combine grade-separation projects.

Public commenter Drew suggested using quarters instead of months when discussing the timeline of projects in the distant future. He suggested looking at having additional under-crossings to improve connectivity for bikes and pedestrians.

<u>Programming and Allocation of Measure A Local Shuttle Program Funds for 28 Shuttles</u> for Fiscal Year 2023

Jennifer Williams, Administrative Analyst II, presented the staff report.

New TA Website Launch

Jeremy Lipps, Digital Communications Manager, provided the presentation.

Mr. Hedges asked if there would be apps available for download off the Caltrain and SamTrans websites. Mr. Lipps said the mobile functionality of the new sites would behave more like an app. Diana Bautista asked if there would be a seamless experience for users of multiple modes such as bus and train. Mr. Lipps said there is a trip planner that shows multiple modes in the Bay Area.

<u>State and Federal Legislative Update and Approval of Legislative Proposal: Support AB</u> 2197 (Mullin)

Amy Linehan, Public Affairs Specialist, provided a summary of federal and state legislation. She said that everything is now focused on the mid-term elections. She said the President would be discussing his priorities during his State of the Union address that evening.

She said the State legislature has been focused on budgetary hearings. She said AB (Assembly Bill) 2197 would provide money from the state's general fund for the Caltrain Electrification Project.

Mr. Ohtaki asked if the PEPRA (California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act) issue had been resolved. Ms. Linehan said that the Dept of Labor has been directed to not withhold any transportation funds. Ms. Epstein added that the court had ordered that grant funds be issued as if the PEPRA issue had been resolved.

Report of the Chair

Chair Barbara Arietta gave a report on Caltrain governance as discussed at the JPB (Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board) February 3 Board meeting.

Report from Staff

Mr. Hurley noted that the first section of the 101 Express Lanes opened at 5:00 am on February 11. He said the South San Francisco Caltrain ribbon-cutting ceremony had been scheduled for April 5.