

## Report of the TA Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting of November 30, 2021

### Committee Action

- Approved the Minutes of the CAC Meeting of November 2, 2021

### Committee Motions Regarding TA Board Items for December 2, 2021

- 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 October 31, 2021
- Accepted the Capital Projects Quarterly Status Report for 1st Quarter Fiscal Year 2022
- Approved the Award of Contract to Provide Financial Audit Services
- Accepted the Quarterly Investment Report and Fixed Income Market Review and Outlook
- Approved the Programming and Allocation of \$113,968,000 in Measure A and Measure W Highway Program Funds for Twelve Highway Projects and Request Programming and Allocation of \$2,302,000 in Local Partnership Formula Fund

### Discussion Highlights

#### Acceptance of Quarterly Investment Report and Fixed Income Market Review and Outlook

Connie Mobley-Ritter, Treasury Director, introduced Mark Creger, Director-Portfolio Manager, Public Trust Advisors, who provided the presentation and responded to the members' questions surrounding the interest rate yield, the federal government debt ceiling, how the Federal Reserve stimulates the economy, and margin buying.

#### Alternative Congestion Relief and Transportation Demand Management (ACR/TDM) Plan Update

Patrick Gilster, Manager, Programming and Monitoring, provided the presentation. Peter Ohtaki asked if the program could help cities transition from gas- to electric-powered shuttles. Peter Skinner, Director, Grants and Fund Programming, said that the shuttle providers are turnkey operations and EV (electric vehicle) shuttles would need to be obtained through a new contract. He added that there are not many small buses currently available since the technology is relatively new.

#### State and Federal Legislative Update

Amy Linehan, Public Affairs Specialist, provided a summary of federal and state legislation. She said that President Biden had signed the federal infrastructure bill into law. She said there has been little activity about how Congress will fund the federal government after the current CR (continuing resolution) runs out on December 3. She said that Governor Newsom is slated to release the state budget on January 10. Chair Barbara Arietta asked about the state's ineligibility for federal funding for public transportation agencies. Jessica Epstein, Manager, Government and Community Affairs, said this does not affect the TA or any fund that it is applying for. She acknowledges that there has been litigation since 2013 regarding collective bargaining violations, and that it remains to be seen if the federal government will give the grants while the litigation is still pending.

**Report of the Chair**

Chair Arietta promoted the SamTrans Holiday Train on December 4 and 5.

**Report from Staff**

Joe Hurley, TA Director, gave a brief report-out on the Toward an Autonomous Future in San Mateo County Virtual Workshop on November 17. He introduced Heba El-Guindy, the new TA Deputy Director, who expressed that she was pleased to have joined the TA.