

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

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

JANUARY 4, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: B. Arietta (Chair)*, A. Chen, K. Chin, J. Fox (Vice Chair), R. Hedges,
(Via K. Kuklin, S. Lang, J. Londer, P. Ohtaki, M. Rendon
Teleconference)

MEMBERS ABSENT: D. Bautista, N. Hsu, D. Reed

STAFF PRESENT: P. Skinner, A. Chan, J. Hurley, D. Hansel, H. El-Guindy, A. Linehan,
P. Gilster, J. Brook

* Vice Chair John Fox chaired the meeting in place of Chair Barbara Arietta due to the technical considerations of conducting the meeting via teleconference.

1) Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chair John Fox called the meeting to order at 4:31 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2) Roll Call

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

3) Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

There were no comments.

4) Consent Calendar

a) Approval of Minutes of the CAC Meeting of November 30, 2021

TA Board Meeting Agenda for January 6, 2022

b) TA Board Item 7 (a) 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

c) TA Board Item 7 (c) Acceptance of Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the Period Ending November 30, 2021

Motion/Second: Hedges/Arietta

Ayes: Arietta, Chen, Chin, Fox, Hedges, Kuklin, Lang, Londer, Ohtaki, Rendon

Absent: Bautista, Hsu, Reed

5) TA Board Item 7 (b) Approval of Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of December 2, 2021

There were no comments.

6) TA Board Item 14 (a) Program Report: Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project Update

This item was removed from the agenda prior to the meeting.

7) TA Board Item 15 (a) Amendment of the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget to Increase Total Expenditures from \$148,893,304 to \$162,834,813

Derek Hansel, Chief Financial Officer, presented the staff report.

Sandra Lang asked if the true-up was a requirement. Mr. Hansel said it allows the TA to recognize the actual revenue and the availability of funding for the various programs.

Vice Chair Fox asked if the way the TA applies the revenues has been already decided, and Mr. Hansel said that this was the case guided by the proportional distribution in the expenditure plans.

Peter Ohtaki asked if the motion could include the projected increase in tax revenues. Mr. Hansel said it was included in the staff report and in the first clause of the resolution.

Chair Arietta said she thought that the amendment of the budget could be presented more clearly for the public and suggested saying increasing total expenditure "capacity." Mr. Hansel clarified that when the financial expenditure is allocated to the various buckets, it is already deemed budgeted.

Motion/Second: Lang/Arietta

Ayes: Arietta, Chen, Chin, Fox, Hedges, Kuklin, Lang, Londer, Ohtaki, Rendon

Absent: Bautista, Hsu, Reed

8) TA Board Item 15 (b) Adoption of Alternative Congestion Relief and Transportation Demand Management Plan; Programming and Allocation of Funds for TDM Monitoring and Equity Programs

Patrick Gilster, Manager, Programming and Monitoring, presented the staff report.

Vice Chair Fox asked what had changed since the public comment period, and Mr. Gilster said there were only minor changes. He added that unspent funds for this plan could be rolled over to be spent on other projects or categories if available.

Motion/Second: Hedges/Kuklin

Ayes: Arietta, Chen, Chin, Fox, Hedges, Kuklin, Lang, Londer, Ohtaki, Rendon

Absent: Bautista, Hsu, Reed

9) TA Board Item 15 (c) Authorize the Filing of a Letter of No Prejudice Request for Regional Measure 3 Funding in the Amount of \$2.025 Million for the State Route 92/US 101 Direct Connector and Area Improvements Projects

Peter Skinner, Director, Grants and Fund Programming, presented the staff report.

Mr. Hedges said RM 3 (Regional Measure 3) was being held up and thus wasting taxpayer dollars since costs would go up in the interim.

Motion/Second: Arietta/Hedges

Ayes: Arietta, Chen, Chin, Fox, Hedges, Kuklin, Lang, Londer, Ohtaki, Rendon

Absent: Bautista, Hsu, Reed

10)TA Board Item 12 State and Federal Legislative Update

Amy Linehan, Public Affairs Specialist, provided a summary of federal and state legislation. She said the Senate returned to Washington; the House will start session next week. She said they were awaiting President Biden's first State of the Union Address in February or March. She said a priority item is funding the federal government and that current funding expires February 18. She said the Build Back Better Act is currently stalled.

Ms. Linehan said on the state side that February 18 is the introduction deadline for new bills. She said that the Governor will release his new Fiscal Year 2023 budget next week and a \$30 billion surplus is anticipated, which includes transportation funding.

11)TA Board Item 13 Adoption of 2022 Legislative Program

Ms. Linehan presented the staff report.

Ms. Lang asked what the process was for unforeseen issues, such as an emerging transportation situation. Ms. Linehan said the plan lays out mechanisms for the Board to handle issues outside of the Board meeting process.

Mr. Hedges asked if the Board had made any changes to the draft legislative plan, and Ms. Linehan said they did not.

Motion/Second: Hedges/Kuklin

Ayes: Arietta, Chen, Chin, Fox, Hedges, Kuklin, Lang, Londer, Ohtaki, Rendon

Absent: Bautista, Hsu, Reed

12)Report of the Chair

Chair Arietta expressed her thanks to Vice Chair Fox for chairing the meetings on her behalf.

a) Appointment of Nominating Committee for 2022 Chair and Vice Chair

Mr. Hedges, Ms. Kuklin, and Ken Chin volunteered to be on the Committee.

13)Report From Staff

Joe Hurley, TA Director, said that the southern segment of the express lanes from the Santa Clara County line to Whipple Avenue is scheduled to open the first quarter of calendar year 2022. He said the northern segment going from Whipple Avenue to I-380 is scheduled to open the fourth quarter of this year. He said the San Mateo County Express Lanes Joint Powers Authority (SMCEL-JPA) entered into an agreement with Samaritan House to administer the initial phase of the equity program, which is scheduled to go live early this year. He announced the upcoming TA-sponsored Complete Streets webinar on January 25 and said that the TA would offer complete streets technical training following the webinar.

Jeff Londer asked what was happening with the Express Lanes project north of I-380. Mr. Hurley said it was in the midst of the environmental process. He said the release of the draft EIR (environmental impact report) was scheduled for January 2023. Mr. Londer asked if equity were one of the variables. Mr. Hurley said that equity would be considered but that it was not included as one of the project goals.

Ms. Lang asked when the South San Francisco Caltrain station would be open to the public. Mr. Skinner said there had been a soft opening of the station and the center platform was open. He said the east-west tunnel was anticipated to be open by the time of the ribbon cutting. Chair Arietta said she received information that South San Francisco Councilmember and TA Director Mark Nagales had agreed to January 13, 10:00 am for the ribbon cutting, and April Chan, Chief Officer, Planning, Grants/Transportation Authority, concurred. *(Note: this event was postponed until April due to COVID concerns.)*

14) Member Comments/Requests

Mr. Hedges said he had enjoyed the meetings from the previous year.

Chair Arietta said that she and her husband had recently driven on US 101 and had the opportunity to observe the Express Lanes Project in progress.

Vice Chair Fox thanked staff for their patience and thoughtfulness in conducting the meetings virtually over the past year.

15) Date, Time, and Place of Next Regular Meeting

Vice Chair Fox announced that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 4:30 pm, with teleconference or location details to be provided prior to the meeting.

16) Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:29 pm.