

Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (JPB) Summary
Meeting of December 5, 2024

Closed Sessions: Conference with Real Property Negotiator (Gov. Code § 54956.8) for the following properties: Property: 375 Beale Street, San Francisco, CA; 166 N. Rollins Road, Millbrae, CA; 153 Townsend Street, San Francisco, CA; 305 Main Street, Redwood City, CA

James Harrison, Legal Counsel, reported the Board discussed and approved the new Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board headquarters location and terms and conditions of space, rent, tenant improvements, parking, option to expand, accounting, renewal option, protections, and costs.

Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (§ 54956.9(d)(1)) [Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board v. Interstate Grading & Paving, Inc., et al, San Mateo County Superior Court, Case No. 20-CIV-02468; Receive Update Regarding JPB Cybersecurity; Public Employee Performance Evaluation: General Counsel (Gov. Code § 54957(b)(1)) – There were no reportable actions.

Report of the Executive Director - Michelle Bouchard, Executive Director, provided a report which included the following:

- Increased ridership since electrified service began with Saturdays increase 169 percent and Sundays increase 142 percent from October 2023
- Retired diesel fleet going to Peru for passenger rail service to reduce emissions and increase mobility options
- Upcoming review of GoPass Program to establish and grow stakeholder relationships
- Caltrain San Jose Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Project adjacent to Diridon Station approved at City of San Jose Planning Director’s Hearing and next step of Request for Proposal to select a developer partner
- Holiday Train and Toy Drive on December 7 and 8

The Board Members had a robust discussion, and staff provided further clarification in response to the following Board comments and questions regarding the following:

- Diesel fleet role in reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, increase passenger rail car ridership, vehicle congestion, and reduction of idling traffic in Peru
- Holiday Train will be on a diesel train as train can be decorated without damage to the car. Staff will look into an electrified opportunity for future Holiday Trains
- Automatic Passenger Counter (APC) software upgrade and calibration
- Increased ridership numbers and increased train schedule on weekends

JPB Board of Directors Received and Approved the Following Items:

- Approval of Meeting Minutes for November 7, 2024
- Authorize the Filing of Applications with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for Programming of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Formula Funds for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2029 Caltrain Priorities Funding
- Accept Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024
- Authorize the Executive Director to Execute the Necessary Agreements and Amendments for Reimbursement and to Act as the Project Lead to Deliver Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Clearance Work for the Connecting Palo Alto Project
- Award Contract to US Rail Systems for Electrified Rail Support Services
- Authorize the Executive Director to Execute an Amended and Restated Interim Agreement with the Transbay Joint Powers Authority to Support Advancement of the San Francisco Downtown Rail Extension Project

Award Contract to Stadler for Technical Support, Spare Supply, and Materials Management Services – Sherry Bullock, Rail Administration, provided the presentation that included the following information:

- Caltrain nor TASI staff does not have in-depth Electric Multiple Unit (EMU) maintenance skills capability insufficient
- Need time to obtain additional expertise to integrate service management, setup robust systems and train staff, and build in-house experience
- Scope of service includes expertise, on-site technical support, training program development, materials for scheduled and corrective maintenance, material and spare parts management,
- Work tasks for Stadler include material and spare supply inventory and management, maintenance planning and data analyses, material procurement, technical support, preventive and corrective maintenance training, overhaul brake system, and implement Stadler Rail Maintenance System (SRMS) and Rail Data Services (RDS) proprietary systems
- Not to exceed \$71 million. Includes labor, schedule and preventive maintenance materials including quality control and quality assurance, license fees for two proprietary systems, and overhaul materials/spares/brake system
- Ensures price certainty when there is overhaul in year four and five
- Reviewed single source justification for entering a contract with Stadler as the only vendor with technical qualification and Federal Rail Administration (FRA) compliance, price certainty without impact to 10-year Financial Plan projection, and avoid additional procurement process
- Contract costs is already considered within the budget, Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 budget will not be impacted, and will be included in the 10-year Strategic Financial Plan

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- Contract funding through operating budget and capital budget
- Training TASI staff, investment in staff is durable for Caltrain perspective, staff must be employed by successor contracts, and staff will take over the responsibilities from Stadler
- Single source reviewed under Federal principals and strong case for single source contract; Stadler is the manufacturer, has proprietary software, inventory management services, and Caltrain will have quick access to parts from Stadler's inventory and Stadler's relationships with suppliers
- Federal Rail Administration (FRA) required inspections of the EMUs is intense and working with Stadler will minimize EMU service down time
- Stadler's management system tracks vehicle maintenance and Caltrain will move to its own asset management system once procured
- Annual performance review includes impact to on-time service

State and Federal Legislative Update and Approval of the 2025 Legislative Program – Casey Fromson, Chief of Staff, Jason Baker, Director of Government and Communication Affairs, and Devon Ryan, Government Affairs Officer, provided the presentation that included the following information:

- Incoming Federal administration updates with House Republican maintains majority and Senate changes to Republican majority (53-47)
- Current lame duck session
- Current Biden administration is working on infrastructure, signing grant agreements, and pushing through an inflation reduction act
- Upcoming Trump Administration: Sean Duffy nominated for Secretary of Transportation
- State Senate and Assembly will have 34 new legislators when Legislature reconvenes for the 2025-2026 Legislative Session
- State Democrats maintain super majority in both houses
- Local transportation taxes across the state had mixed results this election
- California Air Resources Board (CARB) adopted amendments to Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) updating reporting requirements and set targets to 30 percent by 2030 and 90 percent by 2045
- Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) will have a special meeting on December 9 with Scenario 1A and Hybrid options as primary consideration
- Draft Legislative Program focusing on three major issues of funding, project and program implementation, and legislative and regulatory actions
- Advocate for appropriate levels of funding for the agency
- Caltrain-only measure authority if option of regional measure fails

- Regenerative braking energy from trains is sent back to the grid which is taken by suppliers and sold to others. Caltrain receive no payment for energy generated and is work with legislators to ensure Caltrain receives fair credit for the energy generated through braking

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- Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) leadership sent letter to MTC discussing how Santa Clara County will opt-in with own county measure and funds from measure will fund regional obligations
- Federal updates more often
- Legislative program additions of federal advocacy for electricity and energy use for public transportation, and track resiliency issues
- Regional measure to include Caltrain, determine how much money Caltrain needs, how proposal meets Caltrain needs
- Potential of adding tolls into regional measures

Monthly Reports were provided on the following items:

- Report of the Citizens Advisory Committee – Adrian Brandt provided an update on CAC discussions, which included the following:
 - Three new Committee members
 - Nominating Committee for Chair and Vice-Chair
 - Legislative program review and funding
 - Bike boarding decal pilot
 - New train delivery schedule
 - High-tech station toilets trial
 - Addressing Wi-Fi issues
 - Train horn levels adjustments
- Report of the Local Policy Maker Group (LPMG) – Deferred.
- Report of the Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA) - Chair Gee reported about the Crissy Grant recipient, rooftop park neighborhood attraction, and rooftop tree lighting at Salesforce Transit Center on December 6
- Report of the Chair – Chair Davis reported
 - Proclamation of Appreciation for Brian Shaw
 - Receive Report of the Nominating Committee – Election of Officers for 2025 – The Board of Directors passed a motion nominating Chair Steve Heminger and Vice-Chair Rico Medina.

Proclamation of Appreciation for Devora "Dev" Davis – The Directors thanked Chair Davis for her service to Caltrain over the years including during the pandemic and governance. By acclamation, the Board endorsed the adoption of the proclamation.