

**SAN MATEO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (TA)
1250 SAN CARLOS AVENUE, SAN CARLOS, CA 94070**

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 1, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: M. Freschet, K. Ibarra, C. Johnson, M.A. Nihart, K. Matsumoto

MEMBERS ABSENT: C. Groom (Chair), D. Horsley

STAFF PRESENT: J. Averill, R. Bolon, J. Cassman, A. Chan, C. Fromson, J. Hartnett,
J. Hurley, M. Martinez, N. McKenna, S. Murphy, S. van Hoften

Director Karyl Matsumoto called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. and Emily Beach, Burlingame City Councilmember, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) REPORT

Barbara Arietta, CAC Chair, reported on the meeting of November 29, 2016 (see attached).

Director Mary Ann Nihart arrived at 5:07 p.m.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

- a) Approval of Minutes of November 3, 2016
- b) Acceptance of Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for October 2016

Motion/Second: Nihart/Ibarra

Ayes: Freschet, Ibarra, Johnson, Nihart, Matsumoto

Absent: Horsley, Groom

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Resolution of Appreciation for Outgoing Director Mary Ann Nihart

Chair Matsumoto presented a Resolution of Appreciation to Director Nihart.

Motion/Second: Ibarra/Johnson

Ayes: Freschet, Ibarra, Johnson, Nihart, Matsumoto

Absent: Horsley, Groom

PENINSULA CORRIDOR JOINT POWERS BOARD (JPB) REPORT – J. HARTNETT

The December 1 report is in the reading file.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – J. HARTNETT

Jim Hartnett, Executive Director, said

- The Highway 101/Willow Road Interchange is a \$66 million reconstruction project in Menlo Park and East Palo Alto, which had been advertised for construction on September 26 but was delayed because of a Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) line in conflict with early construction activity. The bids will be opened on December 14. The TA allocated \$56 million and entered into a loan

arrangement for an additional \$10 million. PG&E's initial cost estimate for the utility relocation was lower than what now has been determined and that updated cost will exceed the current budget capacity. The magnitude of the additional is being determined. The California State Department of Transportation will explore options to cover additional utility relocation costs, which could include utilizing cost savings if the bids come in below the engineer's estimate.

- The State Route 92/El Camino Real Interchange Project is a \$21 million interchange reconstruction in San Mateo. Bids are scheduled to be opened December 6. The TA allocated \$16 million for the construction phase.
- The first edition of THRED Talks, produced by the San Mateo County Economic Development Association is called Weaving the County Together. THRED refers to Transportation, Housing, Regionalism, Economy, and Development. He submitted a Talk Piece and was able to write it because of the work of the TA, SamTrans and JPB. This is an example of people in the county working together.

FINANCE

Re-Programming \$27,854,836 in New Measure A Funds from the South San Francisco Caltrain Station Improvement Project (Project) to the Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project (PCEP)

April Chan, Chief Officer, Planning, Grants, and the TA, said as part of the overall funding plan for the PCEP, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) was going to provide over \$300 million in Federal Transit Administration (FTA) formula program funding. MTC has programmed \$27.8 million of FTA Section 5337 Program funds to PCEP. FTA evaluated the funding plan, as they are considering providing \$647 million of Core Capacity Funding, and notified the TA that Section 5337 Funding cannot be included in PCEP because it is considered State of Good Repair funding. Staff has decided the most expeditious and easiest thing to do is re-program the Section 5337 funding to something else and provide local funding in its place. The TA Board previously allocated \$49 million of Measure A to the Project. MTC is going to reprogram \$27.8 million of Section 5337 funds to PCEP to make it whole, and in its place staff is asking the TA to reprogram \$27.8 million of the money previously allocated to South San Francisco to the PCEP. Staff will provide this information to the FTA to demonstrate that the PCEP will not show Section 5337 funds. The TA Board will be asked to allocate the funding to the PCEP at a later date.

Director Nihart asked if the TA is not going to release the funds back until MTC has appropriated the replacement. Ms. Chan said MTC is taking the action at their December meeting. The only action staff is asking the Board to take is to program the money to the PCEP to demonstrate to the FTA that the project will not show Section 5337 funding.

Motion/Second: Nihart/Freschet

Ayes: Freschet, Ibarra, Johnson, Nihart, Matsumoto

Absent: Horsley, Groom

PROGRAM

Program Report: San Mateo Bridges Replacement Project

Rafael Bolon, Acting Deputy Director, Program Delivery, presented:

- Project scope
 - Replace four existing bridges
 - Bridge design requires construction of higher berm supported by new retaining walls
- Project area
 - The city of San Mateo at Tilton Avenue, Santa Inez Avenue, Monte Diablo Street, and Poplar Avenue
- Background – why the bridges needed to be replaced
 - 100-year-old rail bridges
 - Did not meet current seismic standards
 - To ensure continued safe rail operations
 - Increased height requirements for vehicle clearance
- Timeline of construction
 - Began construction: December 2014
 - Scheduled completion: April 2016
 - Actual completion: October 2016
- Project cost and funding
 - Federal: \$22.3 million
 - State: \$9 million
 - Local: \$8.9 million
 - Other: \$600,000
- Community outreach
 - Community meetings
 - Weekly construction updates
 - Mailed and e-mailed construction notices

Director Nihart asked if anyone complained. Mr. Bolon said there were complaints, but there were a lot of early and frequent notifications to residents, which helped. Staff and the contractor worked with residents and proactively reacted to complaints.

Director Maureen Freschet asked Mr. Bolon to give this presentation at the San Mateo City Council meeting.

Director Cameron Johnson asked how much of the \$8.9 million of local funding is from the TA and what program it is under. Ms. Chan said the \$8.9 million is from the three counties from the Caltrain Program category. This project has FTA funding and funding from all three counties because it is a system-wide project. The TA contributed more than the other two partners because the vertical clearance is to help with local street access.

Director Johnson asked what the TA allocation was. Ms. Chan said the TA made a separate \$8 million allocation above the local match requirement. The local match is required to match the funding that is split equally amongst the three partners. She will find out how much the equal sharing was with the partners and the additional amount that was provided because of the vertical clearance.

Capital Projects Quarterly Status Report – 1st Quarter Fiscal Year 2017

Joe Hurley, Director, TA Program, said the U.S. 101/Poplar Avenue Interchange Project was re-baselined in July to reflect the actual start of construction. There has been a formatting change to the report. In the past, the budget section used to have a bar chart, which was a snapshot of the budget scenario. Now the information is presented in a graphical form to show trends in terms of historical drawdowns of expenditures. The report now includes all of the bike and pedestrian projects that have received Measure A funding.

Director Nihart asked when a project comes out of the report. Mr. Hurley said when there is a final close out for a project.

Update on State and Federal Legislative Program

Casey Fromson, Manager, Government and Community Affairs, provided the following update:

State

Democrats have a supermajority in the Assembly and the Senate.

There are 31 new members and 25 percent of the overall Legislature is turning over. Marc Berman is the new member in this area who is succeeding termed-out Rich Gordon for the 24th Assembly District.

The special session on transportation was wrapped up without a transportation deal, but this will be pursued during the next session.

Federal

Elaine Chao was announced to be the choice for the next Secretary of Transportation. Ms. Chao served for eight years as the Secretary of Labor under President George W. Bush.

Ro Khanna will be replacing Mike Honda as the representative for the 17th Congressional District and Kamala Harris will be replacing retiring Barbara Boxer in the Senate.

Mr. Hartnett said Scott Wiener is a big transportation supporter and is taking a Senate seat.

REQUESTS FROM THE AUTHORITY

Chair Matsumoto asked Mr. Hartnett to convey the Board's thanks for staff's year of hard work.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE AUTHORITY

No discussion.

REPORT OF LEGAL COUNSEL

None

DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, January 5, 2017 at 5 p.m. in the San Mateo County Transit District
Administrative Building, Bacciocco Auditorium, 2nd floor, 1250 San Carlos Avenue,
San Carlos CA 94070

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

TA CAC Chair's Report

December 1, 2016

Good evening Madam Chair and members of the Board,

Before I begin my report tonight, I would like to thank Director Freschet for speaking a few words at our CAC meeting on Tuesday evening. The CAC was very pleased to receive Holiday greetings from her. Although Director Freschet was unable to stay with us for our Holiday meal, the CAC was pleased to share our Holiday meal with a number of members of the TA staff who did stay to join us that evening, including April Chan, Carl Cubba and Joel Slavitt.

Here are the results from Tuesday's meeting of the CAC :

(TA Item 4a) The CAC reviewed the Minutes of the Board's November 3, 2016, without questions or comments.

(TA Item 4b) The CAC supported the Acceptance of the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for October 2016 , without questions or comments.

(TA Item 9a) Following a brief update by April Chan, Chief Officer, Planning, Grants and the Transportation Authority, on the background of the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) funds, in reference to the recent announcement by the FTA of the ineligibility of the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (JPB) to receive the \$27,854,836 in funds, which had previously been programmed to go to the South San Francisco Caltrain Improvement Project, the CAC completely understood the immediate need for the re-programming of that dollar amount in New Measure A Funds from the South San Francisco Caltrain Improvement Project to the Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project and voted to support the Board's action to do so this evening.

(TA Item 10a) The CAC was given a thorough project overview of the San Mateo Bridges Replacement Project by Rafael Bolan, Acting Deputy Director of the Caltrain Capital Program which included the project scope, area, background, construction details, funding and public outreach. The CAC was highly impressed with the final results and praised Mr.Bolan and his team on a job well done.

(TA Item 10b) Joe Hurley, TA Program Director, presented the newly formatted version of the Capital Projects Quarterly Status Report for the 1st Quarter FY2017: July 1-September 30, 2016 to the CAC. The CAC was pleased to see the new changes in both project and program reporting.

(TA Item 10c) Casey Fromson, Manager, Government and Community Affairs, updated the CAC on both the recent state and national election results, as well as information on the appointment by the President-Elect of a new Secretary of Transportation, Elaine Chang.

Members of the CAC, however, also commented that, contrary to what was initially reported on November 9th in the General Elections Results Report prepared by Shaw/Yoder for the TA, an important State Senatorial race in Southern California was actually won, not lost, this past Monday, on November 28th, by Democrat Josh Newman, who defeated Republican Assemblywoman Ling Ling Chang, thereby giving a supermajority to the Democrats in both the California Senate and the Assembly for the first time in the past four years. Comments by CAC members were expressed that it was hoped that such a happening will now help to pass the necessary legislation to fund high cost transportation repairs throughout the state.

Chair's Report:

In my own report to the CAC, I advised that the November elections results were highly favorable in reference to regional transportation projects on the ballots, with approval for 20 out of 22 transportation projects passing throughout the nine Bay Area counties.

I also shared how key measures on transportation and infrastructure in San Mateo County fared in November's election, reporting that the Cities of Belmont and East Palo Alto, along with the County of San Mateo, were successful in receiving approval for the sales tax measures.

I also commented on the new President-Elect's call to spend up to \$1 trillion on infrastructure, a plan which many transportation professionals reportedly say should now gain bi-partisan support in Washington, however, noting at the same time, that there are still several questions remaining as to how the funding for such an ambitious effort will be created.

I concluded my report by appointing a Nominating Committee for the selection of the 2017-2018 CAC Chair and Vice Chair positions. Appointed to the committee are: Rich Hedges, Jeff Londer and Olma O'Neill.

Staff's Report to the CAC:

In Joe's report to the CAC, he advised that he had attended the October 27, 2016 Scoping Meeting on the 101 Managed Lanes Project and that comments from the public on that project were accepted up through November 18, 2016. Joe also advised that the Draft EIR is targeted to be out next summer.

Joe, additionally, informed the CAC that areas requiring utility relocations for various TA projects are exceeding the current budget, especially with PG&E.

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA ARIETTA

Chair, San Mateo County Transportation Authority, CAC