

SAN MATEO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
1250 SAN CARLOS AVENUE, SAN CARLOS, CA 94070
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 1, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Horsley (Chair), E. Beach (via teleconference), M. Freschet, C. Johnson (Vice Chair), K. Matsumoto, R. Medina

MEMBERS ABSENT: C. Groom

STAFF PRESENT: J. Hartnett, C. Mau, A. Chan, C. Fromson, J. Hurley, G. Martinez, S. van Hoften, J. Cassman, S. Murphy, D. Hansel, S. Petty, R. Bolon, C. Gumpal, J. Brook

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Horsley called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He announced the teleconference with Director Beach.

ROLL CALL

Acting Authority Secretary Gumpal called the roll. A quorum was present.

Director Beach joined the meeting via teleconference from 99 Pacific Street, Suite 555F, Monterey, CA. Accordingly, all votes were required to be taken by roll call.

REPORT OF THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chair Horsley noted that the Citizens Advisory Committee Chair's summary report was contained in the reading file.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- Approval of Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of October 4, 2018
- Acceptance of Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018 (Unaudited)
- Acceptance of Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for September 2018
- Acceptance of Measure A Semi-Annual Program Status Report
- Approval of the 2019 Board of Directors Meeting Calendar

Chair Horsley noted that the January meeting was scheduled for the 3rd.

Motion/Second: Matsumoto/Medina

Ayes: Beach, Freschet, Matsumoto, Medina, Horsley

Absent: Groom, Johnson

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

None.

SAN MATEO COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT LIAISON REPORT

Director Matsumoto stated that there was no report since the SamTrans Board meeting was scheduled for the following week.

PENINSULA CORRIDOR JOINT POWERS BOARD REPORT

Jim Hartnett, Executive Director, noted that the report was in the reading file.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Hartnett noted that a brief report was contained in the Board's reading file.

FINANCE

Acceptance of Quarterly Investment Report for the Period Ending September 30, 2018

Derek Hansel, Chief Financial Officer, introduced Isaac Chyou, Consultant, Public Financial Management (PFM). Mr. Chyou gave a presentation on the investment report.

Vice Chair Johnson arrived at 5:12 pm

Motion/Second: Medina/Johnson

Ayes: Beach, Freschet, Johnson, Matsumoto, Medina, Horsley

Absent: Groom

PROGRAM

April Chan, Chief Officer, Planning, Grants/Transportation Authority, requested that Agenda Item #11(b) regarding the Caltrain Business Plan be discussed before Item #11(a) regarding the 25th Avenue Grade Separation Project.

Caltrain Business Plan

Sebastian Petty, Senior Policy Advisor, Caltrain, gave a presentation to updated the TA on the Caltrain business plan.

Chair Horsley asked if increased train volume could happen without grade separation and Mr. Petty said no.

Director Beach asked if the models predicted rider share. Mr. Petty said they would be able to do that when they do the full business plan.

Director Matsumoto expressed her concern with Caltrain's ability to achieve all its goals of volume, ridership, grade separations, and electrification within the period leading up to 2040.

Director Freschet asked if riders or business groups were driving Caltrain's business; Mr. Petty said both.

Vice Chair Johnson asked how Caltrain would quantify the impact of train service on traffic congestion on US 101. Mr. Petty said the impact could be expressed as time savings and or in various monetary ways. Director Beach requested that emissions generated by increased ridership also be quantified in future reports.

Chair Horsley requested that Caltrain consider expanding service into the East Bay.

Director Freschet expressed her appreciation for the Plan.

Public Comment:

- Drew, the Peninsula, said he wasn't pleased that the grade separations were being done in a piecemeal fashion. He said that in the past, grade seps were done city-wide, as in the case of Belmont and San Carlos. He said he didn't understand why a grade separation was proposed for Whipple Avenue but not other major intersections in Redwood City.

Director Beach said that increased service would demand a very large funding pool.

25th Avenue Grade Separation Project

Rafael Bolon, Project Manager-Consultant, Engineering & Construction, gave a presentation outlining the current status of the 25th Avenue Grade Separation Project.

Director Beach asked about the safety of passengers standing on the platform when a high-speed train goes by. Mr. Bolon said that the plan was to have through-tracks for high-speed trains that are separate from the tracks used by local trains.

Director Medina asked about drainage on downward slopes. Mr. Bolon said no pumping is required for 25th and 28th Avenues. He said there were lessons learned from San Bruno. He said this project provides redundant power for the sloping areas and access for emergency vehicles.

Director Freschet said she was optimistic that the grade separations would reduce traffic congestion at 25th Avenue.

Public Comment:

- Drew, San Mateo, said the new configuration of the Hillsdale Station is less beneficial for residents who live south of Hillsdale since they now have to cross three major roads to access the station.
- Rich Hedges, San Mateo, said that the 25th Avenue grade separation combined with the transit-oriented development in the Hillsdale area would be a signature project for the City of San Mateo. He suggested that shuttles and/or a "kiss and ride" area should be included in future planning for the Caltrain station.

State and Federal Legislative Update

Seamus Murphy, Chief Communications Officer, stated that there wasn't a lot of legislative activity due to the November 6 election. He said the federal surface transportation program would need to be renewed before December 7. He noted that State Proposition 6, if passed, would repeal SB 1 and have major impacts on transportation products and services.

REQUESTS FROM THE AUTHORITY

None.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE AUTHORITY

Chair Horsley noted that there was no correspondence.

DATE/TIME OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Chair Horsley announced that the next meeting would be on Thursday, December 6, 2019, 5:00 pm, at the San Mateo County Transit District Administrative Building, Bacciocco Auditorium, 2nd Floor, San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, CA.

REPORT OF LEGAL COUNSEL

No report.

Ms. Chan announced the C/CAG – TA Joint Workshop, Friday, November 16, 2018, 1:00 pm, also in the Auditorium.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:18 pm.

An audio/video recording of this meeting is available online at www.smcta.com. Questions may be referred to the Board Secretary's office by phone at 650.508.6279 or by email to board@smcta.com.