

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

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

**OCTOBER 30, 2018**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** B. Arietta (Chair), D. Bautista, K. Bond, A. Chen, K. Chin, J. Fox (Vice Chair), R. Hedges, K. Kuklin, J. Londer, O. O'Neill, M. Rendon, D. Ross-Jones, W. Warhurst

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** E. El-Dardiry

**STAFF PRESENT:** J. Slavitt, C. Mobley-Ritter, A. Chan, S. Petty, J. Brook

Chair Barbara Arietta called the meeting to order at 4:34 pm and requested that Kate Bond lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

*John Fox arrived at 4:35 pm.*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE TA CAC MEETING OF OCTOBER 2, 2018**

Motion/Second: Hedges/Bautista

Ayes: B. Arietta, D. Bautista, K. Bond, A. Chen, K. Chin, J. Fox, R. Hedges, K. Kuklin, J. Londer, O. O'Neill, M. Rendon, D. Ross-Jones, W. Warhurst

Absent: E. El-Dardiry

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Emily Beach, TA Board Member, thanked the Committee for their participation. She encouraged the CAC members to attend a study session on the US 101 Managed Lane Proposal co-hosted by the TA and City/County Association of Governments (C/CAG) on Friday, November 16, 1:00-3:00 pm in the Auditorium.

**TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 1, 2018**

*Chair Arietta stated that Item #11(c) would be taken out of order.*

**11 (c) State and Federal Legislative Update**

Lori Low, Public Affairs Officer, said the President had signed two FY 2019 appropriations mini-bus packages. She explained that this extends the FY 2018 funding for the unfinished appropriation bills, including the transportation and housing bill, until December 7.

She said that are two representatives running for the House Transportation Committee for 2019. She said the state legislature would reconvene in January.

She said that regarding the Transportation Development Act, providers have had difficulty meeting the farebox recovery ratio to qualify for funding.

### **10 (a) Acceptance of Quarterly Investment Report for the Period Ending September 30, 2018**

Connie Mobley-Ritter, Treasury Director, introduced TA portfolio manager consultant Isaac Chyou of Public Financial Management (PFM). Mr. Chyou gave a presentation on the quarterly investment report. He answered questions from the members.

Rich Hedges asked about securing against the loss of principal when buying bonds. Mr. Chyou said if they sell a bond, they factor in the actual loss.

William Warhurst asked why the TA has a portfolio. Ms. Mobley-Ritter responded that as funds accumulate and before they get allocated to different projects, the TA wants to work the taxpayers' money as hard as it can.

Jeff Londer asked about the commission fees. Mr. Chyou said eight or nine basis points.

Motion/Second: Hedges/Londer

Ayes: B. Arietta, D. Bautista, K. Bond, A. Chen, K. Chin, J. Fox, R. Hedges, K. Kuklin, J.

Londer, O. O'Neill, M. Rendon, D. Ross-Jones, W. Warhurst

Absent: E. El-Dardiry

### **11 (a) 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue Grade Separation Project**

Rafael Bolon, Project Manager-Consultant, Engineering & Construction, gave a presentation outlining the progress on the project.

Mr. Londer asked about the depth of the grade seps for 28<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> Avenues. Mr. Bolon said 31<sup>st</sup> is approximately 11 feet deep and 28<sup>th</sup> is around 6.5 feet deep. He said that the cities are the project sponsors for grade seps and provide the majority of the funding them.

April Chan, Chief Officer, Planning, Grants/Transportation Authority, said the TA has limited funding and works very closely with the sponsor about how to secure the funding for the grade sep projects.

John Fox asked how retail is impacted by grade seps. Mr. Bolon said the existing retail limits how low you can go.

Mr. Hedges said that once 28<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> are done, it will affect the community dramatically.

Chair Arietta asked about fiber optics. Mr. Bolon said the multi-carrier fiber optic trunk line runs the entire length of the corridor and that Caltrain has initiated the efforts to relocate it.

### **11 (b) Caltrain Business Plan**

Sebastian Petty, Senior Policy Advisor, Caltrain, gave a presentation on a quarterly update of the Caltrain business plan.

Mr. Hedges noted that capacity appeared to be lower in current Caltrain cars. Mr. Petty said that with electrification, the plan is to add one more train per hour and six-car trains would expand to seven-car trains.

Mr. Fox asked if all the crossings needed grade seps. Mr. Petty said it was a topic for further discussion between Caltrain and the cities.

*John Fox left the meeting at 6:12 pm.*

An Chen noted the amount of recent development at the stations and asked if Caltrain and the cities were working with the developers to fund access. Mr. Petty said that discussion would be part of Phase 2 of the Plan.

Chair Arietta asked if grade seps needed to be done prior to high-speed rail service. Mr. Petty said that grade seps would ideally occur beforehand and that it was crucial to have this discussion with the cities.

Mr. Hedges discussed downtown San Mateo grade seps.

Chair Arietta asked about lengthening platforms to handle longer trains. Mr. Petty said that that would be an issue at several stations such as Burlingame, which has at-grade crossings at both ends. She asked about different levels of boarding on the trains and Mr. Petty said it was to accommodate platforms shared with high-speed rail.

Ken Chin asked if Caltrain was anticipating a percentage of passenger loss to high-speed rail. Mr. Petty said that realistically, Caltrain has constraints that limit its ability to compete with service. He added that further discussion is needed to decide how to split out costs between Caltrain and high-speed rail.

Mr. Hedges asked about high-speed rail stopping in San Mateo.

#### **4 (b) Acceptance of Statement of Revenues and Expenses for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018 (Unaudited)**

Motion/Second: Hedges/Londer

Ayes: B. Arietta, D. Bautista, K. Bond, A. Chen, K. Chin, J. Fox, R. Hedges, K. Kuklin, J. Londer, O. O'Neill, M. Rendon, D. Ross-Jones, W. Warhurst

Absent: E. El-Dardiry

#### **4 (c) Acceptance of Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for September 2018**

Motion/Second: Hedges/Londer

Ayes: B. Arietta, D. Bautista, K. Bond, A. Chen, K. Chin, J. Fox, R. Hedges, K. Kuklin, J. Londer, O. O'Neill, M. Rendon, D. Ross-Jones, W. Warhurst

Absent: E. El-Dardiry

#### **4 (d) Acceptance of Measure A Semi-Annual Program Status Report**

Motion/Second: Londer/Hedges

Ayes: B. Arietta, D. Bautista, K. Bond, A. Chen, K. Chin, J. Fox, R. Hedges, K. Kuklin, J. Londer, O. O'Neill, M. Rendon, D. Ross-Jones, W. Warhurst

Absent: E. El-Dardiry

#### **4 (e) Approval of the 2019 Board of Directors Meeting Calendar**

Motion/Second: Londer/Hedges

Ayes: B. Arietta, D. Bautista, K. Bond, A. Chen, K. Chin, J. Fox, R. Hedges, K. Kuklin, J. Londer, O. O'Neill, M. Rendon, D. Ross-Jones, W. Warhurst

Absent: E. El-Dardiry

#### **4 (a) Approval of Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of October 4, 2018**

There were no comments on the minutes.

#### **REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

Chair Arietta said that according to Bay Area Vital Signs, freeway congestion has leveled off but delays are at record highs. She read a portion of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)'s yearly analysis of Bay Area congestion. She said that if Proposition 6 passes, the Bay Area's PCI (pavement condition index) would drop from "fair" to levels indicating risk of failure.

*Jeff Londer left the meeting at 6:31 pm.*

#### **REPORT FROM STAFF**

Joel Slavit, Manager, Programming and Monitoring, noted that the Executive Director's report had updates on various highway projects and was included in the packet.

#### **MEMBER COMMENTS/REQUESTS**

Mr. Hedges added that the MTC report said that 25 percent of delays are caused by "imprudent driving."

Mr. Hedges said that Facebook has leased the old Burlingame drive-in theatre and added 4,000 new jobs.

Ms. Bond announced that she was retiring and moving to Santa Rosa, and that this was her last meeting. She expressed her appreciation for having served on the TA CAC.

#### **DATE, TIME, AND PLACE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

Chair Arietta announced that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 4:30 pm, 1250 San Carlos Avenue, Bacciocco Auditorium, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, San Carlos, CA.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.