

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

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

**APRIL 30, 2019**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** B. Arietta (Chair), D. Bautista, A. Chen, K. Chin, J. Fox (Vice Chair) (arrived at 4:43 pm), R. Hedges, O. O'Neill (arrived at 4:36 pm), M. Rendon, D. Ross-Jones, W. Warhurst

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** E. El-Dardiry, K. Kuklin, J. Londer

**STAFF PRESENT:** A. Chan, J. Hurley, R. Hinchman, C. Mobley-Ritter, J. Brook

Chair Barbara Arietta called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm and requested that Daniel Ross-Jones lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE TA CAC MEETING OF APRIL 2, 2019**

Motion/Second: Hedges/Chen

Ayes: Arietta, Bautista, Chen, Chin, Hedges, Ross-Jones, Warhurst

Abstentions: Rendon

Absent: El-Dardiry, Fox, Kuklin, Londer, O'Neill

**PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

None.

**TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING AGENDA FOR MAY 2, 2019**

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

Lori Low, Government and Community Affairs Officer, responded to questions from the April 2 meeting regarding lobbyists' contracts. She said the federal contract rate increased approximately 47 percent since 2014. Chair Arietta asked about the percentage of the TA's contracts, which Ms. Low said it ranges from 30 to 47 percent.

She said the Democratic leaders met with President Trump to discuss infrastructure.

She said they are working with Senator Feinstein's office on a proposal to increase funding for grade separations.

She said that Governor Newsom recently appointed a new California Secretary of Transportation, David Kim.

Ms. Low briefly summarized highlights of recent state legislation. She noted that AB 147 (Burke), which says that California can impose a tax collection duty on remote retailers.

*Olma O'Neill arrived at 4:36 pm*

Rich Hedges asked if the retailer Al-Jazeera could still be taxed since the law puts the limit at sales of \$500,000 or above. Ms. Low said she would check.

Ms. Low said that SB 50 was also of interest. She said that for counties with populations over 600,000, areas with transit service with 10-minute headways would fall under the proposed legislation. She said for counties with population under 600,000, the State is taking SB 4 (equitable communities incentive) into consideration to ensure that affordable housing is built.

William Warhurst asked about the topic of fossil fuels at the federal level. Ms. Low said she had no information in that area.

Diana Bautista asked regarding AB 147 if there was any support or opposition from businesses. Ms. Low said there was no opposition and that the bill had been signed by the Governor.

Mr. Warhurst asked about SB 50. Ms. Low said SamTrans was taking a watch position, as indicated on the state legislative matrix. Mr. Warhurst said that he had heard that there was a provision that would prevent a city from blocking a four-plex being placed in a residential community. Ms. Low said she would research and get back to the CAC. Mr. Hedges said that SB 50 was only focused on the urban counties in the state and that he thought that the bill would pass.

## **11 Review of Preliminary Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget**

Ryan Hinchman, Manager, Financial Planning and Analysis, gave a brief overview and presentation of the preliminary FY 2020 budget. He noted that the majority of the budget comes from sales tax revenue.

*John Fox arrived at 4:43 pm.*

Mr. Hedges asked what the new Internet tax would bring in. Mr. Hinchman said he did not have that level of information.

## **5 (b) Acceptance of Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for March 2019**

Motion/Second: Hedges/Chen

Ayes: Arietta, Bautista, Chen, Chin, Fox, Hedges, O'Neill, Rendon, Ross-Jones, Warhurst

Absent: El-Dardiry, Kuklin, Londer

## **5 (c) Acceptance of Quarterly Investment Report for the Period Ending March 31, 2019**

Motion/Second: Hedges/Bautista

Ayes: Arietta, Bautista, Chen, Chin, Fox, Hedges, O'Neill, Rendon, Ross-Jones, Warhurst

Absent: El-Dardiry, Kuklin, Londer

*Joe Hurley, TA Director, requested that the Chair take Item 12 (b) before Item 12 (a).*

## **12 (b) US 101- North of I-380 Managed Lanes Project Update**

Mr. Hurley gave a presentation updating the CAC on the Managed Lanes project north of I-380. He outlined the constraints of the project north of I-380, compared to south of I-

380. He noted that the TA is experiencing a paradigm shift, saying that the agency is in the business of moving people as opposed to vehicles by encouraging carpooling and transit use. He said that a major incentive for carpooling is reliable and reduced travel time. He noted that the project wants to make use of new technology.

He said that "Managed Lanes" refers to the project north of I-380, while "Express Lanes" refers to the project south of I-380.

He said that a decision needs to be made whether San Mateo County proceeds with the project alone or works collectively with San Francisco as one project north of I-380.

Mr. Warhurst commented that there had been problems with diamond lanes in Los Angeles approximately 50 years ago. He asked how the current project would be different. Mr. Hurley said that it is permissible to convert a general purpose lane into an HOV lane, but it is prohibited to convert a general purpose lane into an express lane with tolling.

Jeff Londer asked about the logistics of getting to the express lanes and lane widths. He asked if it were possible to use the HOV lanes without paying a toll; Mr. Hurley said it would be possible if the occupancy requirements were met. He commented it would be advantageous for express buses since it would result in travel time savings. Mr. Londer said that another incentive would be not having to park in San Francisco.

Mr. Warhurst said a major limitation with transit is that it is inconvenient for people riding while carrying multiple belongings. Mr. Hurley said technology is making the load lighter.

Mr. Hedges said that there is a portion of South San Francisco that sinks down and asked if a flyover could be proposed there. Mr. Hurley said that the additional lanes could fit there but with narrower lane and shoulder widths.

Ken Chin noted that similar issued occurred during the widening of San Mateo Bridge. He asked about creating a separate flyover for the managed lanes as opposed to retrofitting.

Ms. O'Neill said that she thought that the best solution would be for the County to work with San Francisco with the objective of going as far north as we can with the express lanes.

Mario Rendon asked about how closely the TA would need to work with San Francisco to address the congested corridors. Mr. Hurley said that the scope of the various technical studies would need to meet both San Francisco and San Mateo Counties' needs.

Chair Arietta said she favored working with San Francisco.

Mr. Hedges said he favored working with San Francisco. He said that a structural assessment is needed for bridges if an extra lane is added.

## **12 (a) Approval of the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement for the San Mateo County Express Lanes Joint Powers Agency and Appointment of JPA Board Members**

Mr. Warhurst asked about usage of the terminology "express lanes" versus "managed lanes." April Chan, Chief Officer, Planning, Grants/Transportation Authority, said that express lanes was the current terminology that the TA is using. She clarified that they are constructing express lanes south of I-380, while decisions still need to be made about how the project will be termed north of I-380.

Motion/Second: Hedges/Ross-Jones

Ayes: Arietta, Bautista, Chen, Chin, Fox, Hedges, O'Neill, Rendon, Ross-Jones, Warhurst

Absent: El-Dardiry, Kuklin, Londer

## **5 (a) Approval of Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of April 4, 2019**

There were no comments on the minutes.

### **REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

Chair Arietta urged any incumbent CAC members whose terms were ending to submit their applications if they were interested in renewing their memberships on the CAC.

She reported that Caltrain may be placing either a 1/8 or a 1/4 cent tax on the ballot and gave preliminary details on the measure.

### **REPORT FROM STAFF**

Mr. Hurley said that the City of San Carlos has two new projects for the Holly Street Interchange: the interchange reconstruction and a new pedestrian overcrossing south of the structure. He said that the TA contributed \$14.6 million to the \$22 million project.

He said that the TA Strategic Plan stakeholders advisory group (SAG) and technical advisory group (TAG) have met along with the newly formed Strategic Plan Ad Hoc Committee. He added that public outreach would be happening to help establish priorities for Measures A and W spending. He said that the TA CAC June meeting will have a report-out on the Committee meeting.

### **MEMBER COMMENTS/REQUESTS**

Mr. Warhurst announced that this was his last meeting with the CAC and that he would not be renewing his membership for another term. Chair Arietta and the other members wished him well.

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

Chair Arietta announced that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at 4:30 pm, 1250 San Carlos Avenue, Bacciocco Auditorium, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, San Carlos, CA.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm.