

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

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

MARCH 30, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: B. Arietta (Chair)*, D. Bautista, A. Chen, K. Chin, J. Fox (Vice Chair)*,
(Via
Teleconference) S. Green, R. Hedges, N. Hsu, K. Kuklin, S. Lang, J. Londer, M. Rendon

MEMBERS ABSENT: P. Ohtaki, O. O'Neill, D. Reed

STAFF PRESENT: J. Hurley, P. Skinner, A. Chan, P. Gilster, R. McCauley, J. Williams, J. Sangha, J. Brook

* Vice Chair John Fox chaired the meeting in place of Chair Barbara Arietta due to the technical considerations of conducting the meeting via teleconference.

1) CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair John Fox called the meeting to order at 4:33 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2) ROLL CALL

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

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE TA CAC MEETING OF MARCH 2, 2021

Motion/Second: Bautista/Hedges

Ayes: Arietta, Bautista, Chen, Chin, Fox, Green, Hedges, Hsu, Kuklin, Lang, Londer, Rendon

Absent: Ohtaki, O'Neill, Reed

4) PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no comments.

5) TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING AGENDA FOR APRIL 1, 2021

a) TA Board Item 9 (a) Program Report: Transit – Ferry Program Update

Jennifer Williams, Administrative Analyst II, presented the staff report.

Jessica Manzi, Transportation Manager, City of Redwood City, provided the presentation.

Jeff Londer asked about the feasibility of having one large ferry that goes from Redwood City to South San Francisco, from which riders could choose to go to San Francisco or Oakland. Ms. Manzi said that other stops like Oyster Point or Vallejo had been considered during the study, but that they had decided that the San Francisco

and Oakland routes were the most viable routes. She added that other service may be considered in the future.

Rich Hedges asked about funding alternatives if Regional Measure 3 (RM3) fails in the Supreme Court. Ms. Manzi said that the business plan would be looking closely at whether there is a mix of alternative funding sources to RM3 that would make operating the ferry service feasible.

Naomi Hsu asked how ridership projections are estimated. Ms. Manzi said that San Francisco Bay Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA) developed a ridership model based on where people live and work. Ms. Hsu asked about the uneven peak in travel versus the reverse – more demand for people living in Oakland and working in Redwood City.

An Chen asked if WETA had consulted with Stanford Hospital's Redwood City campus regarding shuttle service to the ferries. Ms. Manzi said she saw Stanford as a potential stakeholder.

Vice Chair Fox asked about the ferry fuel and if there was a quest for using cleaner fuels than diesel or natural gas. Ms. Manzi said that WETA had a high interest in sustainability. She said that currently, the distances traveled are too far to use electric ferries. Chad Mason, Senior Planner/Project Manager, WETA, said that they are running the cleanest diesel available.

Mr. Hedges asked if WETA had purchased a hydrogen vessel; Mr. Mason said they had not.

b) TA Board Item 10 (a) Program and Allocate \$160,000 in Measure A Ferry Program Funds to the Port of Redwood City for Preparation of a Business Plan Related to a Proposed Ferry Terminal in Redwood City

Ms. Williams presented the staff report.

Steven Green asked if there was a specific carve-out in Measure A for ferries. Ms. Williams said yes, that it was 2 percent.

Motion/Second: Hedges/Kuklin

Ayes: Arietta, Bautista, Chen, Chin, Fox, Green, Hedges, Hsu, Kuklin, Lang, Londer, Rendon

Absent: Ohtaki, O'Neill, Reed

c) TA Board Item 10 (b) Program and Allocate \$840,000 in Local Partnership Formula Funds to the City of Redwood City Hopkins Avenue Traffic Safety Project and Re-program and Re-allocate \$840,000 of Measure W Pedestrian and Bicycle Funds to the City of Belmont Ralston Avenue Segment 3 Project

Patrick Gilster, Manager, Programming and Monitoring, presented the staff report.

Mr. Green asked if the CAC had seen program updates on any of the projects. Mr. Gilster said yes, in December 2020.

Vice Chair Fox asked how it came to be that there are additional funds. Peter Skinner, Director, Grants and Fund Programming, said there were residual funds identified that had not been used.

Motion/Second: Hedges/Arietta

Ayes: Arietta, Bautista, Chen, Chin, Fox, Green, Hedges, Hsu, Kuklin, Lang, Londer, Rendon

Absent: Ohtaki, O'Neill, Reed

d) TA Board Item 10 (c) Update on San Mateo County Transportation Authority's Use of Proceeds Related to the 2020 Subordinate Sales Tax Revenue Variable Rate Demand Bonds

Jayden Sangha, Treasury Manager, provided the presentation.

Ms. Lang asked for confirmation that the proceeds include both Measure A and Measure W funds, and Mr. Sangha said yes.

e) TA Board Item 11 State and Federal Legislative Update and Approval of Legislative Proposals: Support SB 339 (Wiener)

Ryan McCauley, Government and Community Affairs Specialist, said that President Biden had signed into law the American Rescue Plan, including \$30.5 billion for public transportation, with the majority of the regional share being distributed by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC).

He said the state legislature is currently on its spring recess.

He said that Senate Bill (SB) 339 would extend the pilot program until 2027.

Ms. Lang asked what is the purpose of the road usage charge and how mileage-based revenue is determined. Mr. McCauley said the program explores an alternative basis for developing revenues to fund transportation projects.

Mr. Hedges noted that he had participated in the pilot program. He commented that vehicle miles traveled would be more equitable than having a gas tax.

Motion/Second: Bautista/Hedges

Ayes: Arietta, Bautista, Chen, Chin, Fox, Green, Hedges, Hsu, Kuklin, Lang, Londer, Rendon

Absent: Ohtaki, O'Neill, Reed

f) TA Board Item 5 (b) Acceptance of Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the Period Ending February 28, 2021

Ms. Lang asked what "oversight" refers to. Joe Hurley, TA Director, said this refers to work done at the program level that cannot be attributed to a specific project.

Motion/Second: Hedges/Lang

Ayes: Arietta, Bautista, Chen, Chin, Fox, Green, Hedges, Hsu, Kuklin, Lang, Londer, Rendon

Absent: Ohtaki, O'Neill, Reed

g) TA Board Item 5 (c) Acceptance of Measure A and Measure W Semiannual Program Status Report

Motion/Second: Hedges/Hsu

Ayes: Arietta, Bautista, Chen, Chin, Fox, Green, Hedges, Hsu, Kuklin, Lang, Londer, Rendon

Absent: Ohtaki, O'Neill, Reed

h) TA Board Item 5 (d) Execute Master Agreements with the California Department of Transportation

Motion/Second: Hedges/Arietta

Ayes: Arietta, Bautista, Chen, Chin, Fox, Green, Hedges, Hsu, Kuklin, Lang, Londer, Rendon

Absent: Ohtaki, O'Neill, Reed

i) TA Board Item 5 (a) Approval of Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of March 4, 2021

There were no comments.

6) REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Arietta provided a tribute to soon-to-be departing TA Executive Director, Jim Hartnett.

7) REPORT FROM STAFF

Mr. Hurley provided a brief summary of ongoing projects.

8) MEMBER COMMENTS/REQUESTS

Mr. Green said that in the equity pilot for the Express Lanes project, drivers must choose credits for either driving or transit but not both. He noted that the Dumbarton Rail Commission study had recommended use of autonomous vehicles on the corridor and had not included a rail option, which he felt was a mistake.

Diana Bautista noted concerns about the attacks against the Asian community. April Chan, Chief Officer, Planning, Grants/Transportation Authority, noted that the TA, SamTrans, and the JPB (Caltrain) would be approving resolutions condemning racism and discrimination at their upcoming Board meetings.

9) DATE, TIME, AND PLACE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Vice Chair Fox announced that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 4:30 pm, with teleconference or location details to be provided prior to the meeting.

10) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:07 pm.