

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

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

JUNE 1, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: B. Arietta (Chair)*, D. Bautista, A. Chen, K. Chin, J. Fox (Vice Chair)*,
(Via S. Green, R. Hedges, N. Hsu, K. Kuklin, S. Lang, J. Londer, P. Ohtaki,
Teleconference) O. O'Neill (joined at 4:49 pm), D. Reed (joined at 5:16 pm),
M. Rendon

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: J. Hurley, P. Skinner, A. Chan, P. Gilster, R. McCauley, J. Williams,
V. Baum, 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 4:32 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 MAY 4, 2021

Public Comment:

Drew requested the following changes be made to his comments in Page 3 of the minutes:

- Item #5d (TA Board Item 11b): "Drew questioned the fencing ~~around the west side of the tracks along East 28th Avenue~~, saying that it was not aesthetically appropriate or necessary."
- Item #5e (TA Board Item 11c): "He also said that the ~~popular~~ location map for the Highway 1 Safety and Operational Improvement Project: Wavecrest to Poplar Street in Half Moon Bay appeared to be off."

The minutes were approved as amended:

Motion/Second: Hedges/Arietta

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

Absent: O'Neill, Reed

4) PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no comments.

5) TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING AGENDA FOR JUNE 3, 2021

a) TA Board Item 10 (a) Adoption of Short Range Highway Plan

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

Motion/Second: Kuklin/Hedges

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

Absent: O'Neill, Reed

b) TA Board Item 11 (a) Public Hearing: Adoption of Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2022

Virginia Baum, Budget Manager, provided the presentation.

Olma O'Neill joined the meeting at 4:49 pm.

Sandra Lang asked if the increase of 13.6 percent for grade separations reflected the original allocation of Measure W funds. Ms. Baum said that the numbers reflect the percentages that get allocated every year. She noted that there had also been an advancement of sales tax revenue from the Measure A Grade Separation Program category, which was repaid.

Mr. Hedges asked about proposed sales tax in San Bruno and San Jose that involves Walmart. Joe Hurley, TA Director, said that staff would investigate and get back to the CAC.

Motion/Second: Hedges/Kuklin

Ayes: Arietta, Bautista, Chen, Chin, Fox, Green, Hedges, Hsu, Kuklin, Lang, Londer, Ohtaki, O'Neill, Rendon

Absent: Reed

c) TA Board Item 11 (b) San Mateo County Express Lanes Joint Powers Authority's (SMCEL-JPA) Request to the Transportation Authority (TA) to Use the Credit Enhancement Fee Included in the July 2020 Loan Agreement for Specified Purposes

April Chan, Chief Officer, Planning, Grants/Transportation Authority, provided the presentation.

Dave Reed joined the meeting at 5:16 pm.

Peter Ohtaki asked if there was a request to agendaize this item. Ms. Chan said that the request from SMCEL-JPA was to have an item for discussion at a future TA Board meeting and that any action could be taken at a subsequent Board meeting.

Ms. Lang had questions about the stability of the loan agreement and the administration of the equity program. Ms. Chan responded that SMCEL-JPA has the authority to operate the express lanes and implement programs to either enhance or

provide equity. She acknowledged that the loan agreement did not specify how the credit enhancement fee is to be used, which will be up to the TA to determine.

Vice Chair Fox asked about the one-time payments. Ms. Chan said for the toll tag, it is a one-time benefit. She said it is an annual benefit in the Clipper program as long as eligibility is maintained.

Chair Arietta asked what the risks were for renegotiating the contract. Ms. Chan said that it would require legal counsel and a number of months, plus staff resources, and financial advisors.

d) TA Board Item 12 State and Federal Legislative Update

Ryan McCauley, Government and Community Affairs Specialist, provided a summary of federal and state legislation.

Mr. Ohtaki asked if there was any additional funding for grade separations and Dumbarton rail in either the federal or state packages. Mr. McCauley said they do not yet know what funding will be in the final version of the packages. He said he would check with his team and get back to the CAC.

Dave Reed asked if there is a growing trend of bipartisan support on funding measures. Mr. McCauley said that there appeared to be indications from the White House that they would like to do things in a bipartisan manner, but that agreement on the infrastructure package remains to be seen.

e) TA Board Item 5 (b) Acceptance of Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the Period Ending April 30, 2021

Motion/Second: Hedges/Reed

Ayes: Arietta, Bautista, Chen, Chin, Fox, Green, Hedges, Hsu, Kuklin, Lang, Londer, Ohtaki, O'Neill, Reed, Rendon
Absent: None

f) TA Board Item 5 (c) Acceptance of Capital Projects Quarterly Status Report for 3rd Quarter Fiscal Year 2021

Mr. Hurley said they were planning on expanding the number of projects included in future reports and going more into depth for individual projects. He invited members to provide suggestions about what they would like to see included in future reports.

Ms. Lang asked if there would be opportunities for public input regarding the Peninsula Avenue/101 interchange. Mr. Hurley said they would have an opportunity to submit comments on the draft environmental document, which would include all the technical studies associated with the project during the public comment period. He said that the target for this period is late 2021.

Motion/Second: Bautista/Kuklin

Ayes: Arietta, Bautista, Chen, Chin, Fox, Green, Hedges, Hsu, Kuklin, Lang, Londer, Ohtaki, O'Neill, Reed, Rendon
Absent: None

g) TA Board Item 5 (d) Establishing the Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Mr. Ohtaki asked if the appropriates limit was the Gann limit calculation, and Ms. Baum said yes.

Motion/Second: Lang/Hedges

Ayes: Arietta, Bautista, Chen, Chin, Fox, Green, Hedges, Hsu, Kuklin, Lang, Londer, Ohtaki, O'Neill, Reed, Rendon

Absent: None

h) TA Board Item 5 (a) Approval of Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of May 6, 2021

There were no comments.

6) REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Arietta read a report from the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) regarding Draft Plan Bay Area 2050. She provided a website where CAC members could go for more information and to post comments, which Ms. Brook forwarded to the Committee.

7) REPORT FROM STAFF

Mr. Hurley provided a brief summary of ongoing projects. He noted that the express lanes north of I-380 environmental scoping meeting was coming up in the summer.

He expressed his appreciation for member Steven Green, who was leaving the CAC due to his move to Portland, Oregon.

8) MEMBER COMMENTS/REQUESTS

The CAC members extended their best wishes to Steven. Mr. Green thanked the Committee and staff.

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

Vice Chair Fox announced that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, June 29, 2021 at 4:30 pm, with teleconference or location details to be provided prior to the meeting.

10) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm in memory of those VTA (Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority) employees who lost their lives in the May 26 light railyard shooting.