



Memorandum

Date: July 30, 2014

To: CalMod Local Policy Maker Group (LPMG)

From: Marian Lee, CalMod Executive Officer

Re: July 2014 CalMod E- Update

This memo provides a brief update on key CalMod activities since the June LPMG E-Update.

Advanced Signal System (CBOSS PTC)

The Advanced Signal System project, also called Communications Based Overlay Signal System (CBOSS) Positive Train Control (PTC), is being installed along the Caltrain corridor. Installation of the communications subsystem started on September 4, 2013 in San Jose. To date, the majority of the work has occurred between San Jose and Redwood City. The crews have begun moving north of Redwood City with work occurring in San Carlos, Belmont and San Mateo.

The field team is performing a variety of activities including installation of conduit for fiber optic cable, wayside infrastructure, and CBOSS PTC equipment on-board the trains. In the coming months, testing of the southern end of the corridor will take place to prepare for the FRA visit at the end of the year.

There were no new complaints from residents since the June e-update.

Caltrain staff will continue to coordinate with city/county staff on construction and testing activities.

Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

The environmental team is continuing to work on addressing comments received on the Draft EIR and preparing the administrative Final EIR. The final public document is

scheduled to be completed by the end of the year.

Procurement Update

In May, Caltrain released the Request for Qualification (RFQ) for the electrification infrastructure contract and the Request for Information (RFI) for the procurement of the Electric Multiple Units (EMUs). Both the RFQ and RFI will inform the preparation of the Request for Proposals (RFP) scheduled to be released early next year.

Specific to the EMU RFI, the CalMod team will conduct stakeholder outreach over the next few months. We will share what we have learned from discussions with the car builders regarding “off-the shelf” cars and facilitate discussion about on-board accommodations (i.e. bathrooms, bikes on board, seat configuration). The stakeholder discussions will inform decisions about the EMU design.

At the August JPB meeting, a presentation will be made on this topic as an information item. Stakeholder outreach will follow during the summer months. This item will be brought to the September LPMG meeting.

Caltrain Strategic Plan

Caltrain’s current Strategic Plan was adopted by the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (JPB) in 2004. It is timely for Caltrain to update the Strategic Plan to look ahead and develop appropriate policies to guide decision-making.

The update effort, which started approximately a year ago, is almost complete. At the August JPB meeting, staff will provide a presentation of the draft plan. It will focus on the framework which includes a vision statement, goals and objectives categorized by focus areas.

The framework has been informed by the LPMG as well as Caltrain partner agencies, stakeholders and the public at large. The LPMG received presentations on earlier iterations of the draft Strategic Plan in May 2014, January 2014, and November 2013.

Following the August JPB meeting, the draft plan will be finalized and released to the public for comments. The 2014 Strategic Plan will be presented to the JPB in September for adoption.