

**Caltrain Centralized Equipment Maintenance and Operations Facility (CEMOF)  
Monitoring Committee  
San Jose City Hall, 200 E. Santa Clara, 18th Floor, San Jose, CA  
October 25, 2017  
Minutes**

**Members Present:** Councilmember Devora 'Dev' Davis (San Jose City Council), Joe Navarro (JPB), Clay Reigel (College Park), Mike Riepe (Shasta-Hanchett Park)

**Members Absent:** Joanne Buckley (Arena – At Large), Brent Pearse (VTA), Jos Peijnenburg (Garden Alameda,

**Staff Present:** J. Navarro, B. Tietjen

Vice Chair Clay Reigel called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes – January 25, 2017**

Motion/Second: Riepe/Navarro

Ayes: Navarro, Riepe

Abstain: Davis, Riegel

Absent: Buckley, Pearse

**Public Comment**

None.

**Staff Report**

None.

**Chairperson's Report**

None.

**Committee Report**

None.

**New Business**

CEMOF Modifications

Joe Navarro said the intent now is to just extend the existing gauge of the pit, closest to Stockton Street. Mr. Navarro said that will be the inspection pit, which will be extended and widened and that the pit work will be done during the day.

Joanne Buckley asked if it was for the new electric trains or if would be for use before that. Mr. Navarro said it would be for the electric trains.

Mr. Navarro said there will be additional improvements inside the facility that will allow crews to inspect the top of the train. Mr. Navarro said the wheel truing machine will remain in place.

Mr. Navarro said he would be doing a walkthrough with the contractor in the coming weeks to talk about other electrification work that needs to be done in the yard.

Vice Chair Clay Reigel asked what activities are being done on the track right now. Mr. Navarro said that the pit is for a visual brake test on the train and that the activities that occur now are the same as what will happen with the new electric trains. Mr. Navarro said that will be done on every piece of equipment every five days.

Mr. Navarro said the pit is already there and the modifications will only extend that pit.

Mr. Riepe asked if there will be any additional operation changes as part of electrification. Mr. Navarro said that operationally, everything will remain pretty much the same. Mr. Navarro said that trains will not have to be brought into the facility to be refueled, which will be an improvement in terms of noise impacts.

Mr. Riepe asked if the horns on the new trains will be on the lower portion of the new trains. Mr. Navarro said the horns will be on the same location on the electric trains.

Mr. Riepe asked if the shared objectives have been shared with the contractor for the project. Mr. Tietjen said he has shared the Shared Objectives with the contractor designing the facility and that they will also be shared with the contractor who is doing the improvements.

Mr. Tietjen said LTK is currently going through design and are expected to be done in April/March 2018. Mr. Tietjen said the contract is expected to be issued in Fall 2018, with construction starting at the end of 2018.

Councilmember Davis asked how long the construction would last. Mr. Tietjen said that the facility improvements are expected to take six months to construct.

#### Public Comment

Roland Lebrun, San Jose, asked how long the existing pit right now. Mr. Navarro said the existing pit is 330 feet. Mr. Lebrun said right now Caltrain is able to testing half of a train at a time and asked why you have to extend the pit.

Mr. Lebrun said you could not get any certain train sets because CEMOF could not accommodate a train lift.

Mr. Navarro said the extended pit will allow the train to remain stationary during brake inspection and will allow other maintenance activities to be completed on the train at the same time. Mr. Navarro said the total pit length will be 560 feet. Mr. Lebrun said you cannot test an eight car electric train in one shot.

### **Old Business**

#### Noise Monitoring

Mr. Navarro said a mechanic at CEMOF has left and has not been replaced. Mr. Navarro said that any member of the public can download an app that can determine decibels and that if a resident has a concern about loud noise, they can reach out and someone from his team will investigate.

Mr. Navarro said he did not see any decibels in the data that were out of the ordinary. Mr. Navarro said the highest was an 86 dB at site D.

Mr. Riepe asked if there was a reference for the decibel levels.

Vice Chair Reigel said he is more concerned with the decibel levels as they relate to the ambient noise and that even if it is a low decibel, it may be heard if the ambient noise is low as it is during the nighttime.

Mr. Navarro said if there are complaints about excessive noise, he and his team will investigate and mitigate if possible.

#### Public Comment

Mr. Lebrun asked if there is another pit on the east side of the building. Mr. Navarro said there is another inspection pit over there. Mr. Navarro said it will be a hard time finding space in the yard for the new vehicles.

Mr. Lebrun asked when we will find out what noise the electric trains make. Mr. Navarro said the project manager is meeting with Stadler and that they will ask for specifications then.

#### Taylor Street Bridge

Councilmember Davis said her office had made a request to Public Works to look into the netting and receive a quote on that project.

Mr. Tietjen said Caltrain had received a quote and it was approximately \$55,000. Councilmember Davis said she believes that quote was for installing anchors into the concrete and that there may be a cheaper solution. Councilmember Davis said San Jose Public Works might be able to have a creative solution.

Mr. Riepe asked if other bridges have the same problem. Councilmember Davis said the Fuller Bridge has issues but not to the extent as it is at Taylor Street.

Mr. Riepe said he saw the bridge being cleaned and thanked Councilmember Davis.

#### Public Comment

Mr. Lebrun said at Tamien, there is a machine that makes noise that mimics that sound of a bird that preys on pigeons.

Councilmember Davis said there is also a drainage issue and that there is a question about where the water is coming from.

Mr. Navarro said he will send his new staff member to look into where the water is pooling.

Mr. Riepe said there is also a wire that is hanging down from the bridge.

#### **Announcements**

Mr. Tietjen said that Caltrain will have its annual Holiday Train on the first Saturday and Sunday of December.

The next meeting will be January 24, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjourn: 6:39 p.m.