

**Caltrain Centralized Equipment Maintenance and Operations Facility (CEMOF)
Monitoring Committee
San Jose City Hall, 200 E. Santa Clara, 18th Floor, San Jose, CA
October 26, 2016
Minutes**

Members Present: Joanne Buckley (Arena – At Large), Nahom Debessay (JPB), Brent Pearce (VTA), Jos Peijnenburg (Garden Alameda), Clay Reigel (College Park), Mike Riepe (Shasta-Hanchett Park)

Staff Present: N. Debessay, J. Navarro, B. Tietjen

Chair Jos Peijnenburg called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

Appointment of Arena Representative

Chair Peijnenburg nominated Joanne Buckley to serve as the Arena (At-Large) Representative.

Motion/Second: Riepe/ Reigel

Ayes: Debessay, Pearce, Peijnenburg, Peralez, Reigel, Riepe

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Clay Reigel said his last name was spelled incorrectly on the minutes.

Motion/Second: Peralez/ Riepe

Ayes: Debessay, Pearce, Peijnenburg, Peralez, Reigel, Riepe

Abstain: Buckley

Public Comment

None

Staff Report

Nahom Debessay, Manager, Rail Compliance said Caltrain conducted two nighttime audits at the facility since July. Mr. Debessay said there were no significant issues noted other than special event related service. Mr. Debessay said operations were being shut down appropriately.

Vice Chair Riepe said he saw that the ground power was out of service. Mr. Debessay said that was at the San Jose Diridon Station, was affecting one track only and would be resolved today.

Chair Peijnenburg asked if there is any follow-up regarding installation of noise monitoring technology at the facility.

Vice Chair Riepe said there was a larger question about quantitatively compliance to the Shared Objectives.

Joe Navarro, Director, Rail Operations, said Caltrain would consider availability of funds to place equipment on site to monitor noise and provide staff with readings.

Vice Chair Riepe said in addition to noise there were other activities that could be measured such as hooking trains up to ground power.

Mr. Navarro said those activities could be audited by management personnel. Mr. Navarro said the noise monitoring equipment would also be able to help with auditing those activities.

Public Comment

John Urban, San Jose, announced himself as a public member. Mr. Urban said he was at the meeting to get more information in preparation for the new BART maintenance facility that was being built.

Chair Peijnenburg asked if members could call in to the meeting via teleconference.

Mr. Tietjen said it is allowable under the Brown Act however the meeting location has to be publicly noticed and open to the public. Mr. Tietjen said the teleconference location would also have to be within Caltrain's jurisdiction. Mr. Tietjen said given these requirements, staff would recommend members do not all call in from different locations.

Vice Chair Riepe asked if each teleconference location would have to be publicly noticed. Mr. Tietjen said yes and the location would have to be open to general members of the public to enter the location and participate in the meeting.

Vice Chair Riepe mentioned there might be other locations that are available for the meeting.

Councilmember Peralez said there is a new security measure on the 18th floor and complicates access to the current location.

Mr. Tietjen gave an update on the Caltrain Modernization Program. Mr. Tietjen reported:

- Contracts were awarded in September for both the infrastructure and new cars
- Infrastructure contract was awarded to Balfour Beatty
- Electric Multiple Units (EMUs) was issued to Stadler
- Both contracts are in the Limited Notice to Proceed phase

Chair Peijnenburg asked if there is an update on the South Terminal Phase II Project. Mr. Tietjen said the Board adopted the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration in August 2016 shortly after the previous CEMOF Committee meeting and that construction is expected to begin in 2018.

Chairperson's Report

Chair Peijnenburg asked if it was possible to have a tour of the facility scheduled for Ms. Buckley. Mr. Tietjen said he would follow up with Ms. Buckley regarding a tour.

Committee Report

None.

New Business

Chair Peijnenburg said there were some issues noted with the Taylor Street Bridge. Chair Peijnenburg said there were issues with bird droppings underneath the bridge.

Ms. Buckley said there seemed to be some improvement under the bridge and there may have been some power washing underneath the bridge. Ms. Buckley said there are health concerns with power washing the sidewalks.

Mr. Tietjen said the bridge itself is the responsibility of Caltrain but maintenance of the sidewalk and street underneath is the responsibility of the City of San Jose.

Councilmember Peralez said his office advocated for the clean-up underneath a few bridges and Taylor Street may have been one of those bridges that was cleaned.

Chair Peijnenburg said there seems to be water that is accumulating under the bridge and that water may be coming from the train washing facility.

Mr. Tietjen said it sounds like the train wash may be a cause of some of the water. Mr. Tietjen said the Caltrain Engineering Department would have to consider possible solutions to the problem.

Ms. Buckley asked if there were any structural concerns with the bridge. Mr. Tietjen said the bridge is currently in a state of good repair and is inspected annually.

Old Business

None

Announcements

The next meeting will be January 26, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjourn: 6:31 p.m.