

**Caltrain Centralized Equipment Maintenance and Operations Facility (CEMOF)  
Monitoring Committee  
San Jose City Hall, 200 E. Santa Clara, 18th Floor, San Jose, CA  
October 28, 2015  
Minutes**

**Members Present:** Kelly McDonough, (Arena), Jos Peijnenburg (Garden Alameda), Councilmember Raul Peralez (San Jose City Council), Mike Riepe (Shasta-Hanchett Park)

**Members Absent:** David Olmeda (Caltrain), Brent Pearse (VTA), Clay Riegel (College Park)

**Staff Present:** Casey Fromson, April Maguigad, Brent Tietjen

Chair Jos Peijnenburg called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes – July 22, 2015**

Motion/Second: Riepe/ McDonough

Ayes: McDonough, Peijnenburg, Peralez, Riepe

Absent: Riegel, Pearse, Olmeda

**Public Comment**

None.

**Staff Report**

Brent Tietjen, Acting Community Relations Officer, introduced himself and his new role as staff liaison for the CEMOF Monitoring Committee. Mr. Tietjen mentioned there have been staffing changes at Caltrain and thanked the committee for their patience and flexibility as the changes have been made.

Mr. Tietjen said there were no complaints were received since the July 22, 2015 meeting.

**Chairperson's Report**

Chair Peijnenburg thanked staff for arranging the CEMOF tour for members.

**Committee Report**

None.

### **Caltrain Modernization Project Update**

Casey Fromson, Government Affairs Officer, gave an update on the Caltrain Modernization Program.

Ms. Fromson said the Caltrain Modernization Program has two main projects. The first is the Communications Based Overlay Signal System (CBOSS) Positive Train Control (PTC) Project which is primarily a safety program. The project is federally mandated and will install equipment on trains, next to the track and at the control center. Ms. Fromson said the CBOSS/PTC project is a safety project that will control train movements to ensure trains are in the correct locations at the correct times and correct speeds. The system will also assist with worker safety and with double gate down time.

Ms. Fromson said construction has been going on since September 2015 on the CBOSS/PTC project. Ms. Fromson said most of the infrastructure is in place and testing has been going on and will continue for the next few months. Ms. Fromson said Congress just passed an extension of the PTC requirement, giving railroads additional time to get the system in place.

Vice Chair Riepe asked if PTC would extend to Gilroy. Ms. Fromson said Caltrain is the lead agency on the project for the corridor owned by the agency, which goes from Tamien to San Francisco. Union Pacific (UP) owns the corridor south of Tamien and is installing their own PTC system. As part of the federal requirement, all systems must be interoperable so Caltrain will coordinate closely with UP so PTC will be active on all areas of the corridor that Caltrain operates on.

Chair Peijnenburg asked what the radius was for the mailers. Ms. Fromson said they were sent out to one-eighth of a mile from either side of the tracks.

Ms. Fromson gave an update on the second component of the Caltrain Modernization Program, the Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project (PCEP). Ms. Fromson said the PCEP area is from San Francisco to San Jose and will include the installation of infrastructure and new electric trains. The project will include conversion of approximately 75 percent of Caltrain's current diesel fleet to an electric fleet. Other tenants on the Caltrain right-of-way will still be able to use the corridor.

Ms. Fromson said Caltrain went through a two year process to environmentally clear the project and the Board approved the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project in early 2015. A Design Build Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued in February 2015. Caltrain has recently received proposal for the design-build contract and will evaluate those proposals in the coming months. A separate RFP for the Electric Multiple Units (EMUs) was issued in August 2015 and Caltrain is still awaiting proposal for that request. The PCEP is on schedule to be

ready for operation by 2020. Caltrain is still in the procurement phase of the project and will continue to do public outreach as construction and car design begins. Ms. Fromson said there is a funding gap for the electrification project and is coordinating with the agency's partners to close that gap.

Vice Chair Riepe asked if the date of completion for the project has been pushed back one year to 2020. Ms. Fromson said Caltrain updated the cost and schedule in November 2014. The updated schedule and funding gaps were announced at that time.

Chair Peijnenburg asked if Caltrain is dependent on the High-Speed Rail project. Ms. Fromson said the two projects are connected but are separate. Ms. Fromson said roughly half of the funding for the Caltrain project is coming from high-speed rail and that the infrastructure installed will be compatible with high-speed rail. Ms. Fromson said the Caltrain program will be completed before the high-speed rail project comes on the corridor.

#### **Old Business**

None

#### **Announcements**

The next meeting will be January 27, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Chair Peijnenburg mentioned he would not be able to attend the January 27, 2016 meeting and asked Vice Chair Mike Riepe to chair the meeting if there is a quorum.

Adjourn: 6:28 p.m.