

**Caltrain Centralized Equipment Maintenance and Operations Facility (CEMOF)
Monitoring Committee
San Jose City Hall, 200 E. Santa Clara, 18th Floor, San Jose, CA
November 7, 2018
Minutes**

Members Present: Joanne Buckley (Arena – At Large), Rod Hibner Joe Navarro (JPB), Clay Reigel (College Park)

Members Absent: Councilmember Devora ‘Dev’ Davis (San Jose City Council)

Staff Present: J. Navarro, B. Tietjen

Vice Chair Clay Reigel called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Appointment of Garden Alameda Representative - Rod Hibner

Motion/Second: Reigel/Buckley

Ayes: Buckley, Navarro, Reigel

Absent: Davis

Election of Officers

Joanne Buckley nominated Clay Reigel for chair.

Motion/Second: Buckley/Hibner

Ayes: Buckley, Hibner, Navarro, Reigel

Absent: Davis

Chair Clay Reigel nominated Joanne Buckley for vice chair.

Motion/Second: Reigel/Hibner

Ayes: Hibner, Navarro, Reigel

Abstain: Buckley

Absent: Davis

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Motion/Second: Reigel/Buckley

Ayes: Buckley, Reigel, Navarro

Abstain: Hibner

Absent: Davis

Public Comment

None.

Staff Report

Philip Fernandez, Council Assistant (District 6), reported that the City of San Jose has a new Public Works Director who is exploring potential solutions to the Taylor Street Bridge bird dropping issue. Mr. Tietjen confirmed that the estimate from Caltrain staff for new netting was around \$50,000.

Chairperson's Report

Vice Chair Buckley asked if there were any complaints regarding the facility. Mr. Tietjen said there were no complaints for the year and that he would confirm that Customer Service is aware to notify him of any complaints that arise.

Committee Report

Vice Chair Buckley asked about the extension of the pit and if the committee could get new schematics, especially for the inspection pit extension. Mr. Tietjen said that the CEMOF Modifications would be discussed later in the agenda.

New Business

CalMod Update

Mr. Tietjen reported that Caltrain Electrification was continuing in Segment 2 which is from South San Francisco to Menlo Park and that there are poles and wires up in San Bruno. Mr. Tietjen said crews are expected to begin installing foundations in San Jose in February or March 2019. Mr. Tietjen said construction is continuing at the Traction Power Substation just south of I-880.

Philip Fernandez asked if any complaints have been received about Caltrain Electrification. Mr. Tietjen said he has not received any complaints from San Jose. Mr. Tietjen added that potholing for utilities is the loudest part of the work and that is about halfway done in San Jose.

CEMOF Modifications

Joe Navarro said foundation work is expected to begin in the CEMOF area around February 2019 and would allow the foundation work to be done in late spring so crews could begin work on the CEMOF Modifications. Mr. Navarro said that track 5 will be the pit that is being extended.

Vice Chair Buckley asked if track 5 is closest to the facility or closest to Stockton. Mr. Navarro said that track 5 is closest to the facility. Mr. Tietjen said that there is already a pit there but that it is just being extended to facilitate inspections of the new trains.

Vice Chair Buckley asked if the pit would be extended north and south. Mr. Tietjen said that was correct.

Mr. Navarro said the work at the facility will be minimal and that the extension of the pit is the primary function of the modifications. Mr. Tietjen said there will be a sprung structure for parts storage on the east side of the facility.

Vice Chair Buckley asked if the footprint of the existing facility will stay the same. Mr. Navarro said yes.

Mr. Tietjen said residents might notice dump trucks coming in and out of the facility hauling dirt or concrete.

Mr. Hibner asked if it would be mostly daytime work. Mr. Navarro said yes that it would be mostly daytime.

Mr. Hibner asked about the noise levels for electrification construction work. Mr. Tietjen said that they have received about a dozen complaints about potholing work. Mr. Tietjen said there have been very few complaints about foundation drilling. Mr. Tietjen said the work moves fairly quickly along the corridor.

Mr. Fernandez said the Joint Powers Board has good presentations online for their electrification updates.

Mr. Hibner asked if there are 5 lines in the yard. Mr. Navarro said there are 8 lines. Mr. Hibner asked if all 8 would be electrified. Mr. Navarro said they would all be electrified. Mr. Tietjen said the new trains would be quieter once they are in service.

Mr. Hibner asked about the schedule. Mr. Navarro said the electrification construction would be from late January to May 2019 and the CEMOF Modifications would follow that.

Mr. Hibner asked when the first new trains be rolled out and when will the diesels be phased out. Mr. Navarro said that diesel will remain to support Gilroy service which is not being electrified at this time.

Mr. Hibner said he heard something about they have to go 15 feet instead of 10 because of who owns the line.

Mr. Fernandez said the tracks south of Tamien are owned by Union Pacific and will not be electrified and that there will still need to be service down to Gilroy and there will be a phased approach.

Mr. Tietjen said you could see the new trains on the tracks late 2019 to begin testing and revenue service is expected in 2022.

Mr. Hibner asked about the Clipper 2.0 project. Mr. Navarro said Clipper 2.0 will not have an impact on these projects.

Vice Chair Buckley said she saw in previous minutes that the current pit is 350 feet and asked what the extension will be. Mr. Navarro said it will be a little more than 600 feet when finished. Mr. Tietjen said that is a benefit for the community because the trains will have to be moved less for inspections.

Mr. Navarro said brake inspections have to occur every five days. Mr. Navarro said there could be three train inspections a night without shifting them around as much.

Mr. Tietjen said there will be a community in mid to early January about CEMOF Modifications work.

Vice Chair Buckley asked if the plans to monitor noise were removed because the new trains will be quieter. Mr. Navarro said they can monitor noise if the committee would like and that he will confirm the noise levels of the new trains.

Old Business

None.

Announcements

The next meeting will be January 23, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjourn: 6:29 p.m.