

**Caltrain Centralized Equipment Maintenance and Operations Facility (CEMOF)
Monitoring Committee
San Jose City Hall, 200 E. Santa Clara, 18th Floor, San Jose, CA
July 26, 2017
Minutes**

Members Present: Joanne Buckley (Arena – At Large), Jos Peijnenburg (Garden Alameda), Joe Navarro (JPB), Mike Riepe (Shasta-Hanchett Park)

Members Absent: Councilmember Devora ‘Dev’ Davis (San Jose City Council), Brent Pearse (VTA), Clay Reigel (College Park)

Staff Present: J. Navarro, B. Tietjen

Chair Jos Peijnenburg called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m.

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Motion/Second: Riepe/ Buckley

Ayes: Buckley, Navarro, Peijnenburg, Riepe

Absent: Davis, Pearse, Reigel

Public Comment

Patty Marsters, San Carlos, asked what Caltrain was planning on doing for passing tracks. Brent Tietjen said he would follow-up with Ms. Marsters with a response.

Mr. Navarro said there are no plans for passing tracks as part of the Caltrain Electrification Project. California High-Speed Rail Authority may decide to construct passing tracks but that is a separate project being run by a separate agency and requires its own environmental clearance.

Staff Report

None.

Chairperson’s Report

None.

Committee Report

None.

New Business

Caltrain Electrification Project Update

Mr. Tietjen said in May 2017, Caltrain received its Full Funding Grant Agreement from the Federal Transit Administration, allowing Caltrain to issue Full Notice to Proceed to the contractors. Mr. Tietjen said construction is expected to start as early as the end of July. Construction would start in South San Francisco, San Bruno and Millbrae.

Mr. Tietjen said construction could start in San Jose as soon as the end of this year. Mr. Tietjen said there will be some modifications made to the CEMOF facility and would provide more information as the details become available.

Mr. Tietjen said there is a website for construction activities,
www.caltrain.com/pcepconstruction.

Mr. Riepe asked that the Shared Objectives are part of the planning and design process. Mr. Tietjen said he would share the Shared Objectives with the project design team so they can keep them in mind when moving forward.

Mr. Riepe asked what was expected to occur at CEMOF as part of this project. Mr. Tietjen said the main thing would be the installation of overhead wires in the facility.

Ms. Buckley asked if there are any high poles being installed as part of the project. Mr. Tietjen said there will be poles installed that are between 30-40 feet tall that hold wires that will power the trains. Mr. Tietjen said the poles would all be near the facility and not out in the community.

Ms. Buckley asked if there are any designs they can review at this time. Mr. Tietjen said yes, they are currently in the draft stage.

Ms. Buckley asked what the timeline for the whole project is. Mr. Tietjen said Caltrain is looking at revenue service in 2021.

Ms. Buckley asked if that includes the purchase of new trains. Mr. Tietjen said yes.

Chair Peijnenburg asked if there is overnight work expected for the facility. Mr. Tietjen said yes, overnight work is expected to occur throughout the corridor.

Ms. Buckley asked if the building would be modified in any way. Mr. Tietjen said yes, there is a possibility of modifications to the CEMOF building.

Chair Peijnenburg asked if you would have to build out the facility. Mr. Navarro said Caltrain is keeping 25 percent of the diesel fleet. Mr. Navarro said

Chair Peijnenburg asked if there would be a shuttle from Tamien to Gilroy. Mr. Tietjen said that is a possibility. Mr. Navarro said most commuters like a one seat ride and said the possibility of running diesels north to San Francisco is high.

Chair Peijnenburg asked about an update on South Terminal Phase II. Mr. Tietjen said that project does not have funding to go past NEPA clearance and is not moving forward at this time.

Mr. Riepe asked about the Los Gatos Creek Bridge Project. Mr. Tietjen said the Los Gatos Creek Bridge Project is a separate project and is currently under construction.

Chair Peijnenburg asked about how High Speed Rail is coordinating with the Caltrain Electrification Project. Mr. Tietjen said that the High Speed Rail Project is a separate project and is going through its own environmental clearance.

Old Business

Taylor Street Bridge Netting

Mr. Tietjen said the quote for the installation of the bird netting at Taylor Street Bridge for \$50,000. Mr. Tietjen said it was a tough year for the capital budgets and the installation did not make it through the call for projects process this year.

Ms. Buckley asked if they inspected the whole bridge. Mr. Tietjen said the street is not part of the bridge inspection.

Mr. Tietjen said the bridge was in a state of good repair and that there were no issues found with the bridge.

Mr. Riepe said there is water that drips down from the bridge and could be encouraging the birds to nest under the bridge. Mr. Tietjen said the Operations team has instructed the train operators to slow down through the car wash to reduce splash back.

Mr. Tietjen said the inspector's main concern is safety.

Mr. Navarro said they would talk to the in-house engineer and get more information for the next meeting.

Noise Monitoring

Mr. Navarro said there was two nights of noise monitoring. Mr. Navarro said we would distribute the results to the committee for their review. Mr. Navarro said the highest reading received was 86 dB near the inspection track. Mr. Navarro said the others were averaging around 65 to 75 dB.

Ms. Buckley asked if they were on weekends or weekdays. Mr. Navarro said the 21st was a Friday and the 24th was a Monday.

Announcements

Mr. Tietjen said Councilmember Davis was now on the Caltrain Board.

Chair Peijnenburg asked if the next meeting could be held at the CEMOF Facility. Mr. Tietjen said he thinks there are concerns with the public accessing that building and said he would confirm.

The next meeting will be October 25, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjourn: 7:13 p.m.