

**Caltrain Centralized Equipment Maintenance and Operations Facility (CEMOF)
Monitoring Committee
San Jose City Hall, 200 E. Santa Clara, 8th Floor, San Jose, CA**

**October 27, 2010
Minutes**

Members Present: Art Lloyd (JPB), Chris Escher (Arena), Sally Logothetti (Garden Alameda), Mike Smith (Shasta/Hanchett Park), Chris Tulin (College Park)

Members Absent: Councilmember Pierluigi Oliverio (San Jose City Council), Ben Tripousis (VTA)

Staff Present: Michelle Bouchard, Todd McIntyre, Nancy McKenna, David Olmeda

Attendees: Terry Reilly (Councilmember Oliverio's Office)

Chair Mike Smith called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The committee (Lloyd/Logothetti) approved the minutes of the May 19, 2010 meeting.

Public Comment

None.

Staff Report

Manager Community Relations Todd McIntyre stated only two calls were received to the hotline. Both were responded to within 24 hours and closed out within 3 days and one item was a freight train complaint.

Chairperson's Report

Chair Smith said he doesn't want to be the chair next year and also he is terming out in one year. He hopes someone would step up and be chair.

Proposed Bylaws Revision

Chair Smith said this proposal came from a concern that there is only one outstanding issue remaining and unless something comes up there is no need to meet quarterly. He said the facility has been open for three years so the start-up issues no longer exist. Chair Smith thought that maybe the committee doesn't even need to exist, but decided to maintain it in case an issue arises and the

neighborhoods still have the committee to contact. He said the proposed change in the bylaws would state that there would be a minimum of one meeting a year and the committee would no longer be required to have the four meetings as initially proposed in the bylaws.

Mr. McIntyre said the committee might want to consider changing the distribution of the quarterly report to after each scheduled meeting.

Mike Riepe said the problem with having fewer meetings is there could be a Brown Act issue with communication among the committee members.

Mr. McIntyre said information can be sent, but there can not be any discussion among the committee.

Mr. Riepe said quarterly reports could still be issued if there are items to be reported.

Chair Smith said the communication that is sent by Mr. McIntyre is sent to the neighborhood associations.

Mr. McIntyre said in the past there was someone from the College Park neighborhood on the JPB CAC and this is another avenue for people to express their concerns.

A motion (Logothetti/Tulin) to amend the bylaws to only require one meeting per calendar year was approved by all.

2011 Meeting Schedule

The meetings for 2011 are January 26, April 27, July 27 and October 26.

A motion (Lloyd/Logothetti) was made to approve the meeting dates for 2011.

Chair Smith said if no issues arise between now and the January meeting he will cancel that meeting.

Status Update on Screeching Tracks

Director of Rail Transportation Michelle Bouchard said Union Pacific (UP) operates on Main Track 1. She said staff has been working with UP engineering staff to evaluate the state of good repair of the existing lubricator.

Ms. Bouchard said UP found it to be inadequate because the wiper bars were no good. She said UP has replaced the short wiper bars with longer wiper bars. Ms. Bouchard said Caltrain engineering staff is working with UP engineering staff to ensure the lubricator is being filled. She said in late July a rail friction modifier

test was done and it proved the product will do a better job of controlling wheel squeal. Ms. Bouchard said the curve is acute enough for the lubricator but the tonnage of the freight does not prioritize this lubricator. She said in late June two rail lubricators were installed at the north end of the curve of Tracks 2 and 3, which Caltrain owns. Ms. Bouchard said as of today staff has determined there are some adjustments to be made to quiet the screeching with additional lubricators at the southern end of the curve or by moving the northern end lubricators. She said these lubricators are being maintained regularly.

Art Lloyd asked what tracks the ACE train uses. Ms. Bouchard said they use all of them.

Ms. Bouchard said if it wasn't for staff contacting UP the lubricator would not exist and be maintained.

Chris Tulin asked what the timing is for the decisions on Tracks 2 and 3. Ms. Bouchard said it hasn't been decided but will have Mr. McIntyre communicate to the committee.

Mr. Riepe asked if there is an additional avenue to raise this issue above UP.

Mr. McIntyre said staff has a good working relationship with UP and they have been more responsive.

Chair Smith asked at one point should the committee close this issue. The committee feels it should be kept open. He appreciates all the effort staff has put into this issue and the progress that has been made.

Announcements

The next meeting will be January 26, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjourn: 6:50 p.m.