

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

**October 26, 2011
Minutes**

Members Present: Chris Escher (Arena), Mike Riepe (Garden Alameda),
Mike Smith (Shasta/Hanchett Park), Chris Tulin (College Park)

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

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

Others Present: Melrose Cacral (Councilmember Oliverio's office)

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. with no quorum.

Chair Smith said the bylaws were approved by all three agencies.

Status of Transition of New Site Contractor

Director of Rail Operations Michelle Bouchard said a bid process was done for the operations and maintenance of Caltrain. Five bids were received and staff spent considerable amount of time evaluating the bids and doing site visits. A decision was made to award the contract to TransitAmerica (TASI). Amtrak did not bid the work as Amtrak but as part of a joint venture with Bombardier. Any one of the four proposals could have done the job, but TASI outperformed and provided a package well above the other bidders. The contract was awarded on September 1, 2011 and the Notice to Proceed was issued on October 1, 2011. The new contractor will begin operating and maintaining the trains on March 3, 2012. TASI was not the lowest bidder, but was the best value. The contract is a base of five years with five one-year options. Currently Amtrak has a fixed fee. The new contractor will make all their profit based off of performance fees.

This transition will be seamless to customers and expect to see an improvement in all aspects. Director of Maintenance David Olmeda said employees can

transfer to the new operator or stay with Amtrak. Staff has no idea how many employees will transfer to the new operator, but expect it will be a majority.

Ms. Bouchard said Amtrak is being extremely cooperative with the new contractor. With respect to the CEMOF facility, as part of the bid process, there was a large pre-bid meeting where staff provided supporting documents which informed them what was required. The CEMOF shared objectives were part of these documents. Staff addressed the objectives directly and just recently Mr. Olmeda and she met with TASI staff at the CEMOF facility to reiterate the shared objectives.

Mike Riepe arrived at 6:25 p.m.
(Quorum present)

Status Update on Screeching Tracks

Chair Smith said this item was opened in 2005. Ms. Bouchard said the two lubricators were installed on Tracks 2 and 3 at the north end of the curve. It is uncertain when the two lubricators will be installed at the south end of Tracks 2 and 3 because of construction at the Santa Clara and San Jose Diridon stations, but would estimate after the March 3 turnover to TASI. Mr. Riepe said since there are no other options he suggested the item be closed. Manager, Community Relations Todd McIntyre said staff has taken concrete steps to try and resolve this problem.

Mr. Riepe said he notices the engine idling more than then screeching. Mr. McIntyre recently there has been shuffling of trains because of the construction being done at Santa Clara.

Chris Tulin said this item should be closed, but keep on as an agenda item for staff update.

Approval of Minutes – October 27, 2010

The minutes (Tulin/Riepe) of October 27, 2010 were approved.

Public Comment

None

Staff Report

Mr. McIntyre said the Santa Clara and San Jose Diridon project should be completed by January. Chris Escher asked who will be using the far platform at Santa Clara. Mr. McIntyre said it will be the northbound Caltrain platform as well as ACE and Capital Corridor. Ms. Bouchard said ACE use to stop at Santa Clara and will resume stopping there once construction is completed.

Chairperson's Report

None

Committee Report

None

Reappointment of Arena Neighborhood Representative

Chair Smith said he recommends Mr. Escher be reappointed as the Arena Neighborhood Representative.

A motion (Tulin/Riepe) to approve Mr. Escher at the Arena Neighborhood representative was approved by all.

Election of Officers for 2012

A motion (Smith/Riepe) to nominate Ms. Tulin as chair was approved unanimously by the committee.

A motion (Tulin/Riepe) to nominate Mr. Escher for vice chair was approved unanimously by the committee.

2012 Meeting Schedule

The committee (Tulin/Escher) approved the 2012 meeting calendar. It was decided that a January meeting was not needed, but have an April meeting to discuss the transition of the new contractor.

Announcements

The next meeting will be April 25, 2012 at 6 p.m.

Adjourn: 6:45 p.m.