

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

**April 25, 2012  
Minutes**

**Members Present:** Chris Escher (Arena), Sally Logothetti (Garden Alameda), Mike Riepe (Shasta/Hanchett Park), Chris Tulin (College Park), Art Lloyd (JPB), Ben Tripousis (VTA)

**Members Absent:** Councilmember Pierluigi Oliverio (San Jose City Council)

**Staff Present:** Michelle Bouchard, Nancy McKenna, David Olmeda  
Gina Simi

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

Chair Chris Tulin called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes – October 26, 2011**

The minutes (Logothetti/Tripousis) of October 26, 2011 were approved.

**Public Comment**

None

**Staff Report**

Interim Community Relations Manager Gina Simi said only one complaint has been received to-date and it was about a loud grinding noise. Staff responded back and explained what happened.

Director of Rail Michelle Bouchard said normally grinding is not done during late hours. She said there have been certain instances, especially during the winter, when the wheels slide and when they get flat they are condemnable.

Chair Tulin said hopefully this was not going to happen in the future.

Chair Tulin asked how often the call log is published and put on the website. It was decided to publish a call log quarterly.

Sally Logothetti asked if the committee should review the log before they are published.

Chris Escher said they should be posted as soon as they are resolved.

### **Chairperson's Report**

Chair Tulin liked the pro-active approach staff and the committee has. She asked what electrification means for the CEMOF facility, this committee and what is appropriate for the scope of the committee.

Ben Tripousis said there is going to be a completely separate clearance process for electrification and community meetings associated with this clearance. Whatever system is put in place for Caltrain will be used by High Speed Rail (HSR). There will be many opportunities for this committee and the neighborhoods to weigh in on HSR and electrification.

Mike Riepe said this committee is in a monitoring phase now and once electrification starts this committee will be more active.

Mr. Escher said this committee needs to ask the neighborhood associations if the monitoring system and this committee is working since only one complaint was received to-date this year.

### **Committee Report**

None

### **Rail Contract Operator Transition**

Ms. Bouchard said staff is qualifying 10 experienced engineers from other properties brought over with the new operator during non-revenue hours on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings on the Caltrain corridor. This training is operating like any revenue trip and the engineers will be operating with horns and making all stops. Out of a total 51 Amtrak engineers, 34 are coming over with the new operator. The new service launch is May 23.

Ms. Logothetti left at 6:29 p.m.

Ms. Bouchard said we wanted to keep as many employees as possible. Out of 94 conductors, 81 are coming over to the new operator and with the large number of Amtrak employees coming over to TransitAmerica (TASI) there should be no disruption in service. She said staff shared the committee's Shared Objectives with TASI and they are highly focused on customer service.

Chair Tulin asked why some notices are being sent out to the committee and some are posted to the neighborhood notices. Ms. Simi said she wasn't aware of the neighborhood websites.

Mr. Escher and Chair Tulin will send the link to Ms. Simi to post to neighborhood websites.

### **Status Update on Screeching Tracks**

Ms. Bouchard said as part of the South Terminal Project lubricators were installed and at this point there are lubricators north and south of the CEMOF facility and are checked once a month. It is status quo with Union Pacific and their lubricators.

Mr. Riepe said he gets complaints from neighbors on the running diesels before they go on ground power. Ms. Bouchard said staff is continuing the spot checks to ensure trains are on ground power and also a report is submitted every morning that lists when trains are put on ground power.

### **Announcements**

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

Adjourn: 6:48 p.m.