

**Caltrain Centralized Equipment Maintenance and Operations Facility (CEMOF)  
Monitoring Committee  
San Jose City Hall, 200 E. Santa Clara, 18<sup>th</sup> Floor, San Jose, CA  
October 23, 2013  
Minutes**

**Members Present:** Chris Escher (Arena), Art Lloyd (JPB), Jos Peijnenburg (Garden Alameda), Pierluigi Oliverio (San Jose City Council), Mike Riepe (Shasta/Hanchett Park), Chris Tulin (College Park)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Tasha Bartholomew, Casey Fromson, Brett George (General Manager, Transit America Services, Inc.), April Maguigad, Nancy McKenna, David Olmeda

**Others Present:** Sean Tighe (Councilmember's Oliverio's Office)

Chair Chris Tulin called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes – April 24, 2103**

The minutes (Escher/Riepe) of April 24, 2013 were approved.

**Public Comment**

None

**Staff Report**

None

**Chairperson's Report**

None

**Committee Report**

None

**Communications-based Overlay Signal System/Positive Train Control Presentation**

Casey Fromson, Government Affairs Officer said:

- Caltrain Modernization Program (CalMod) is three key components: the Communications-based Overlay Signal System (CBOSS), corridor electrification and electric multiple units (EMUs).
- This is a \$1.5 billion program.
- CBOSS/Positive Train Control (PTC) will be in place by 2015 and is a Federal mandate.
- CBOSS/PTC requirements:
  - Prevent train-to-train collisions
  - Prevent over speed derailments
  - Prevent incursion into established work zones
  - Prevent movement through a misaligned switch
  - Interoperability with other rail tenants
- CBOSS elements for Caltrain:
  - Enhanced crossing safety and performance

- Improved headways and operational flexibility
  - Enforcement of scheduled station stops
  - Schedule management
- Total project cost is \$231 million and currently in Phase 2
- Segments are being done from south to north. Segment 3 is from San Jose to Santa Clara; Segment 2 is Santa Clara to South San Francisco; and Segment 1 is from South San Francisco to San Francisco to San Francisco
- Data communication substation installation involves boring and pulling fiber cable and the work is generally done in the evening. There will be 14 base stations located within the right of way in San Francisco, Brisbane, Burlingame, San Mateo, and San Jose
- Installation activities at CEMOF
  - Installation site prep will begin in December 2013
  - On-board installation in March 2014
  - Installation completed in 12 months
- Outreach
  - Dedicated project hotline, email, website and social media
  - CBOSS/PTC subscription notification list
  - Caltrain construction weekly newsletter
  - Direct mailer to neighborhoods prior to installation
- Stakeholder outreach:
  - City/county staff coordination group
  - Local Policy Maker Group
  - One-on-one meetings with 17 cities in three counties
  - Community meetings as requested
- Public fact sheets include general project information, frequently asked questions, and tentative schedules
- Next steps include:
  - Continue outreach
  - Respond to inquiries
  - Permit installation coordination

Chair Tulin thanked staff for the mailer notifying the neighborhoods about the work.

Chris Escher asked how neighbors can find out more information on the project. Ms. Fromson said at [Caltrain.com/CBOSS/PTC](http://Caltrain.com/CBOSS/PTC).

Mike Riepe asked if this will increase capacity. Ms. Fromson said with CalMod and the current Environmental Impact Report it will add an additional train per peak hour per direction.

Mr. Riepe asked if bicycle access has been considered yet for the new electrified trains. Ms. Fromson said that has not been discussed yet, but it will be something discussed at a later date.

Mr. Riepe said a lot of this work enables high-speed rail so will they be on the same tracks. Ms. Fromson said the infrastructure will be in place

Chair Tulin asked if the work starting in March could potentially cause more trains idling. Ms. Fromson said the train does not need to be on during the installation.

David Olmeda, Director, Maintenance, said all installation for PTC is done in the shop and not on power and during the preventative maintenance program.

Jos Peijnenburg asked when the work on electrification starts. Ms. Fromson said it will be completed by 2019. Mr. Olmeda said trains going to Gilroy will still be diesel.

Mr. Riepe asked about the electrification between San Jose and Gilroy. Ms. Fromson said that is Union Pacific territory.

### **Reappointment of Chris Escher, Arena Neighborhood Representative, and Term Limits**

A motion (Riepe/Peijnenburg) to reappoint Mr. Escher at the Arena Representative was unanimous.

### **Approval of 2014 Meeting Calendar**

Chris Tulin said the four meetings are scheduled and can be cancelled if needed.

A motion (Escher/Riepe) to approve the 2014 meeting calendar was unanimous.

### **Constituent Contact Log**

Tasha Bartholomew, Community Relations Officer, said there were only two complaints since the last meeting in April. They are from a person who works at the Pacific Gas and Electric near CEMOF. She has been in contact with the manager at CEMOF and discussed the issue. TransitAmerica (TASI) has been directed to put trains in low idle and shut-off the head end power engine and not park the trains near the facility.

Brett George said this is a collaborative effort between operational and mechanical crews to correct this issue.

Chair Tulin contacted Mr. Omodt regarding his concerns on trains idling. He said they have tapered off from the beginning year.

Chair Tulin asked if the committee feels the issue of idling and noise could be closed out on the constituent log.

A motion (Escher/Riepe) to close this item was unanimous.

### **Exception Report Status**

Mr. Olmeda said the concept was since staff was monitoring noise and emissions to create a process. Staff has been working with TASI to streamline the process and increase awareness. This is work in progress and staff will continue to work with TASI.

Chair Tulin said she doesn't want to create more work, but the extended questions being asked when complaints come in will help to resolve this issue.

Mr. Peijnenburg asked if staff can tap into the noise measurement at the airport. Mr. Riepe said this was discussed many years ago and it was found it would not work with the surrounding noise with the trains.

**Old Business**

Mr. Riepe asked about old minutes being put on the website. Nancy McKenna, Assistant District Secretary said that only the current year and past two years are posted on the website.

Mr. Peijnenburg asked if he can get a tour of the facility. Mr. Olmeda said to send email regarding tour.

**Announcements**

The next meeting will be January 22, 2014

Adjourn: 6:57 p.m.