Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (JPB)
Board of Directors Meeting
1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos CA 94070

MINUTES OF MAY 3, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: J. Bruins (Chair), C. Brinkman, C. Chavez, D. Davis, G. Gillett, J. Gee, D. Pine, C. Stone, M. Zmuda

MEMBERS ABSENT: None


CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Chair Jeannie Bruins called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Vaughn Wolffe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL
Acting District Secretary Gumpal called the roll. A quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Vaughn Wolffe, Sunnyvale, commented on Amtrak’s long-distance train service.

Leslie Little, representing City of Morgan Hill’s elected officials, expressed appreciation for train services in the region and for including electrification in the Caltrain Business Plan.

Vincent De Martell, Palo Alto, thanked the Board for investing in new electric train sets and capacity. He noted a concern with the layout of the proposed bike cars.

Roland Lebrun, San Jose, commented on the lack of Caltrain service south of the Tamien station.

CONSENT CALENDAR
a. Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting of April 5, 2018
b. Approval of Minutes of April 5, 2018
c. Acceptance of Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for March 2018
d. Receive Key Caltrain Performance Statistics – May 2018
e. Receive State and Federal Legislative Update
f. Authorizing Third Amendment of the Use and Maintenance Agreement for the Millbrae Intermodal Station
g. Receive San Jose Diridon Station Planning Update

Motion/Second: Davis/Gillett
Ayes: Bruins, Brinkman, Chavez, Davis, Gillett, Gee, Pine, Stone, Zmuda
Absent: None
Public Comment
Roland Lebrun, San Jose, addressed the Board regarding the brevity of the minutes.

Jeff Carter, Millbrae, addressed the Board regarding the brevity of the minutes.

Vaughn Wolfe, Sunnyvale, addressed the Board and recommended including Amtrak/long-distance trains in the planning of the new Diridon station.

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT
Chair Bruins announced three openings on the Citizens Advisory Committee and encouraged the public to apply by June 1, 2018, with appointment at the July 7 Board meeting. Director Pine inquired about the process for amending the Board’s procedural rules. Chair Bruins responded that there would be an update at the next Board meeting.

REPORT OF THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Brian Shaw, Chair of the Caltrain Citizens Advisory Committee, provided highlights of the most recent advisory committee meeting. He also noted that the draft minutes were included in the Board Members’ reading folders and placed on the public table.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Jim Hartnett, Executive Director, announced a grant that had been pledged from the California State Transportation Agency for the Transit Intercity Rail Capital Program to support Caltrain service improvements, including replacement of the diesel fleet with electric trains, on-board Wi-Fi and enhanced bicycle facilities. In addition, plans include lengthening of some boarding platforms, completion of the Caltrain Business Plan and other efforts.

PRESENTATION ON DEDICATED LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES
Carter Mau, Deputy General Manager/CEO introduced Lieutenant Victoria O’Brien, San Mateo County Sheriff’s Office, who presented a brief video of the services the Sheriff’s Office provides. Board members provided commentary on the video and issues that the Sheriff’s Office handles on a daily basis. Lieutenant O’Brien answered numerous questions of Board members.

PENINSULA CORRIDOR ELECTRIFICATION PROJECT QUARTERLY REPORT AND MONTHLY REPORT FOR MARCH 2018
John Funghi, Chief Officer-CalMod, provided highlights of the electrification project for the first quarter of 2018, including design progress, construction progress (including pole and foundation installation) and electric multiple unit assembly. Mr. Funghi discussed concurrent electrification projects. Finally, budget expenditures and contingencies were discussed. He responded to questions raised throughout the discussion.

MONTHLY REPORT ON POSITIVE TRAIN CONTROL SYSTEM
Michelle Bouchard, Chief Operating Officer, Rail, referred to her written report on Wabtec, the contractor responsible for implementing Caltrain’s Positive Train Control System. She noted the rail CEOs met at the American Public Transit Association annual
meeting in conjunction with Federal Rail Administration representatives, and a majority indicated that they would be requesting extensions of the federal mandate to implement positive train control systems. Ms. Bouchard noted the Board's Positive Train Control ad hoc advisory committee will be meeting to discuss funding/program budgeting for the project.

Public Comment
Andy Chow, San Francisco, addressed the Board regarding the progression of technology, namely the electrification project.

Roland Lebrun, San Jose, addressed the Board on several items: a transparent Caltrain Modernization update, management oversight fees, electric multiple units, electrification, and Caltrain operating six-car versus eight-car trainsets.

CALTRAIN FARE STUDY UPDATE
Elizabeth Scanlon, Planning Director, made a presentation on Caltrain’s fare study and price elasticity of demand. She provided an update on the status of the study including recommended next steps, the on-going regional effort to develop a means-based fare program and considerations for Caltrain’s potential participation in the program.

Public Comment:
Jeff Carter, Millbrae, addressed the Board regarding study of the fare elasticity of subsidized riders versus non-subsidized riders, the definition of elasticity, member agency contributions, and the need for a dedicated funding source.

Doug DeLong, Mt. View, addressed the Board regarding elimination of senior fare discounts.

Adina Levin, Friends of Caltrain addressed the Board regarding the Metropolitan Transportation Commission’s means-based fare study starting as a smaller study, incorporating deeper discounts and perhaps moving towards a regional pass system after evaluation.

Roland Lebrun, San Jose, addressed the Board regarding discontinuation of the Go Pass and focus on a means-based study. He recommended cutting of staffs’ salaries.

Drew, San Mateo, addressed the Board and recommended that the statements regarding fare inelasticity be qualified at certain percentages, not stated as indefinitely inelastic. He also requested that the fare study should also review the current zone structure.

Discussion ensued between Mr. Hartnett, Ms. Scanlon and Board members regarding fare equity and station parking lots.
PRESENTATION OF PRELIMINARY FISCAL YEAR 2018-19 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS
Derek Hansel, Chief Financial Officer, provided a detailed presentation on the preliminary budgets and noted that the final budgets would be presented for adoption at the June 7th meeting.

Ms. Bouchard provided an update on the State of Good Repair program, and discussed the true cost of deferring capital improvement.

Public Comment
Roland Lebrun, San Jose, addressed the Board regarding the budget presentation.

Jeff Carter, Millbrae, addressed the Board regarding the cost of diesel fuel and dedicated funding, and expressed concern with raising fares.

Adina Levin, Friends of Caltrain, addressed the Board regarding the TIRCP grant and the acceleration of the electrification project, partner budget support and MTC’s means-based fare study.

UPDATE ON BLENDED SYSTEM PLANNING WITH CALIFORNIA HIGH SPEED RAIL
This agenda item was deferred to a future meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE
Correspondence was included in the Board members’ reading files.

BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS
Director Chavez requested to hold a future closed session on the topic of safety and security.

GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT
None.

Date/Time of Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, June 7, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.
San Mateo County Transit District Administrative Building, Bacciocco Auditorium, 2nd Floor, 1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, CA 94070

ADJOURN
The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:48 p.m.

An audio/video recording of this meeting is available online at www.caltrain.com. Questions may be referred to the Board Secretary's office by phone at 650.508.6279 or by email to board@caltrain.com.