

**Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board
Work Program – Legislative – Planning Committee (WPLP)
1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos CA**

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: C. Stone (Chair), C. Chavez, S. Heminger

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: M. Bouchard, D. Hansel, J. Harrison, S. Petty, C. Fromson, D. Santoro, D. Shockley, B. Tietjen, M. Jones, P. Shrestha, D. Seamans, S. Wong

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Charles Stone called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

District Secretary Dora Seamans called the roll and confirmed a quorum was present.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Roland Lebrun, San Jose, commented on governance, not wanting the status quo, attracting and retaining staff and project management.

Aleta Dupree, Oakland, commented on building a better Caltrain, continuing Zoom meetings, using phones to pay for items, and a seamless transit experience.

4. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 25, 2021

Motion/Second: Chavez/Heminger

Ayes: Chavez, Stone, Heminger

Noes: None

Absent: None

Public comment

Roland Lebrun, San Jose, commented on posting meeting transcripts online.

5. APPROVE 2022 WPLP COMMITTEE CALENDAR

Motion/Second: Chavez/Heminger

Ayes: Chavez, Stone, Heminger

Noes: None

Absent: None

6. STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Casey Fromson, Acting Chief Communications Officer, provided an update, which included the following:

- A bipartisan infrastructure bill and budget reconciliation bill
- Federal agency opportunities for additional funding and suspension of debt limit until 2022
- State funding not coming to fruition without the passing of the transportation package
- Garnering support for the electrification package from senators and leadership groups

Public comment

Roland Lebrun, San Jose, commented on \$10 billion for high-speed rail and going to the legislature with an original plan.

7. PENINSULA CORRIDOR ELECTRIFICATION PROJECT (PCEP) PROJECT UPDATE (oral)

Michelle Bouchard, Acting Executive Director, provided an update and discussed the following:

- Project overview update with an updated revenue service date
- Overall scope, project benefits and long-term service vision (equivalent of 5.5 lanes of freeway capacity)
- New project chief Pranaya Shrestha
- Construction Segment, OCS Foundations, OCS Wire, and electric trains
- Key milestones, project cost, top risks, and funding update
- Keeping two speed check work moving forward

Public comment

Aleta Dupree, Oakland, commented on John Funghi, foundation production at Fourth and King, and building foundations.

Roland Lebrun, San Jose, commented on the electrification project, heavy duty system work completion, being familiar with the dual speed check, and approaching trains needing a signal.

The Board members had a robust discussion and staff provided further clarification in response to the Board comments and questions on the current technology at the crossings and a detailed presentation on the signaling program.

8. UPDATE ON MARKETING EFFORTS RELATED TO INCREASING RIDERSHIP

Casey Fromson, Acting Chief Communications Officer, provided an update on the following:

- MTC (Metropolitan Transportation Commission) regional effort
- Caltrain All Aboard Caltrain Campaign, ticket sales and ridership
- Pulse Survey (safety, ridership, future frequency) and employer return to work plans
- Servicing new markets

Public comment

Roland Lebrun, San Jose, commented 18 percent increase in ridership, Google to Berryessa, and FlixBus.

Aleta Dupree, Oakland, commented on pre-pandemic raw numbers, returning riders in other states, half price fares making a difference, getting messages out that the train is running, and cost.

The Board members had a discussion and staff provided further clarification on mask compliance rate on Caltrain, and calling law enforcement for help if needed.

9. PENINSULA SHUTTLE STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS

Sebastian Petty, Director, Caltrain Policy Development, provided an introduction noting that this informational item is on a joint study conducted by SamTrans and Caltrain.

Daniel Shockley, Planner, provided a presentation including the following information:

- Shuttle program overview including performance, demand, finding shuttles, and organization complexity
- Study context, Caltrain's adopted fiscal year 2022 budget
- Agency roles in the shuttle program and each county
- Recent changes and recommendations including changes to management roles
- Next steps included receiving comments from the boards for Caltrain, SamTrans, SMCTA (San Mateo County Transportation Authority), Commute.org

Public comment

Roland Lebrun, San Jose, commented on his experience with riding between Bayshore, the Tamien shuttle Caltrain on the weekend, and San Fernando county funding.

The Board members had a discussion and staff provided further clarification on the significance of Broadway and how Caltrain would be involved.

10. COMMITTEE MEMBER REQUESTS

Director Heminger requested a soup to nuts presentation regarding the signaling program (how will it work, do we have the right technology, will we prevent placing flaggers at rail crossings, how the work is managed and gets done, and whether there are a series of challenges ahead of us, or not, at an appropriate time.

11. DATE/TIME OF NEXT REGULAR WPLP COMMITTEE MEETING: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2021 AT 3:00 PM VIA ZOOM

12. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.