Members Present: Joanne Buckley (Arena – At Large), Councilmember Devora ‘Dev’ Davis (San Jose City Council), Rod Hibner (Garden Alameda), Joe Navarro (JPB), Clay Reigel (College Park), Dan Winters (Shasta-Hanchett)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: C. Groves, R. McCauley, J. Navarro, B. Tietjen

Chair Clay Reigel called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Introduction of New Members
Dan Winters introduced himself to the group and explained his background and involvement in the community.

Brown Act Training
Catherine Groves, attorney for Hansen and Bridget, which serves as general counsel for the San Mateo County Transit District, provided an overview training of the Brown Act, California’s public meetings guidelines.

Approval of Minutes – January 23, 2019

Chair Reigel had a correction for the minutes. His name was listed as an Aye bote to approve the November 7, 2018 minutes, but was absent and not able to vote to approve the minutes.

Mr. Hibner brought up that the group had a conversation about water pigeons under the Taylor Street bridge.

The approval of the minutes was tabled until the corrections can be made.

Public Comment
None.

Staff Report
None.
Chairperson's Report
None.

Committee Report
None.

New Business
Year to Date Contact Log

Mr. Tietjen mentioned that there was one resident who has contacted Caltrain multiple times about complaining about increased noise.

Mr. Winter mentioned that he spoke with the resident who had complained about the noise. He mentioned that he complaint process is unclear and the residents should know where the appropriate place to log complaints is.

Mr. Tietjen mentioned the information should be at Caltrain.com/CEMOF. He said there is contact information on the page, and the appropriate email address is construction@caltrain.com, or the customer service line at 1.800.660.4287.

Mr. Winter mentioned that the customer service hotline was not helpful and that they were not aware of the potential work in the area.

Mr. Tietjen mentioned that he will follow up with the customer service team to ensure they are up to date with the most recent developments.

Vice Chair Buckley mentioned that she believed there used to be a contact number for information. She asked how the resident contacted Caltrain.

Mr. McCauley mentioned that the resident first contacted Customer Service by calling the number. Those complaints were then sent to him.

Vice Chair Buckely mentioned that horn noise has increased in the night time as well as the early morning hours. She referred to the Shared Objectives and how one objective is to eliminate objectionable noise during night time. Vice Chair Buckely also noted that the resident asked if there was new staff or management at the facility, who may be unfamiliar with the shared objectives and that question was not addressed.

Chair Reigel said that he was underwhelmed by the responses to the complaints and that the responses could be more in-depth.
Vice Chair Buckley noted that the resident logging complaints was the original chair of the committee and worked on the Shared Objectives.

Mr. Navarro said that at last meeting he did not hear any complaints about an increase in noise. He mentioned that construction for electrification is taking place in segment 4a, which is near Diridon and Santa Clara area. It is an FRA requirement that engineers must blow their horn whenever roadway workers are on the tracks, even if they are in the clear. Mr. Navarro said he would send workers down to ensure no unnecessary horns are being blown. Overall the noise will go away once the electrification project finishes construction.

Councilmember Davis said that Union Pacific did change its operating hours and is sending more trains through the corridor at night. Union Pacific has several at-grade crossings in the area and has contributed to the horn noise. Councilmember Davis mentioned that Caltrain should make clear what is and what is not under their control and forward any complaints to her office.

Councilmember Davis mentioned that residents should receive a timeline of when work will be completed.

Mr. Navarro mentioned that it is difficult to pin down an exact timing for large construction projects like this. Caltrain is currently putting in foundations on the main tracks near the facility.

Vice Chair Buckley asked what time the electrification work happens. Mr. Navarro answered that the contract is for 7:45 pm to 5:30 am and 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. There are three different sub-contractors working at any time.

Mr. Winter thanked Mr. Navarro for his answer and said that if it was made clear on the website how Caltrain is managing the noise, it would be helpful to residents.

Mr. Navarro said he can get a more detailed look at which segments will be worked on at what time. Chair Reigel said the community should notified. Mr. Tietjen said all work along corridor is listed at Caltrain.com/ConstructionNotice, but is happy to agendize getting notifications out to the community could be improved.

Mr. Winter asked if Councilmember Davis could include information in their newsletters. Mr. Fernandez said that the newsletter does include Caltrain items when they have them.

Vice Chair Buckley asked if there is new management at CEMOF. Mr. Navarro said that the managers have been there for a year and six months, respectively.
TASI managers have been there for five+ years. Vice Chair Buckley asked if the Shared Objectives can be provided to those employees. Mr. Tietjen asked if the committee members hear complaints to steer them to the Customer Service line or email construction@caltrain.com.

Mr. Winter said that some community members may not associate the noise with construction rather than general operations. Several members noted that the website is not clear or user-friendly. Mr. Navarro said that the website is being improved.

Mr. Hibner asked if you can distinguish between a Caltrain horn and a Union Pacific horn. Mr. Navarro said that he can, but the general public would likely not be able to. Mr. Navarro mentioned the horn decibel level is regulated by the FRA, Caltrain has set its horns to the lowest limit and relocated horns to the underside of the train to minimize noise.

**Old Business**

**CEMOF Modifications Project**

Mr. Tietjen provided an update and described the project to retrofit the facility to work on the new EMUs.

**Taylor Street Bridge**

Mr. Navarro said they are procuring the bridge netting for Taylor Street Bride. Installation is expected to be in three months. A solar bird call will also be installed that will emit a high pitch tone, inaudible to humans, will deter birds. The blowers from the car wash will also be replaced with new more efficient and effective ones. Mr. Fernandez thanked Mr. Navarro for the improvements and taking the concerns into consideration.

Vice-Chair Buckley asked when the netting is installed, will the area be washed. Mr. Navarro said he would ensure that happens. Mr. Tietjen mentioned that type of work is generally coordinated through the City.

**Announcements**

Mr. Tietjen announced that Mr. McCauley would take over the running of the committee.

The next meeting will be July 24, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjourn: 6:58 p.m.