CalMod Local Policy Maker Group (LPMG)

Thursday, May 25, 2017
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
SamTrans Offices – Bacciocco Auditorium 2nd Floor
1250 San Carlos Ave., San Carlos

Agenda

1. LPMG Chair Report
2. JPB Staff Report
   a. PCEP Funding Update
   b. Electric Train Design & Public Input Website
   c. Construction Update
   d. Design Review
3. Public Comments
4. LPMG Member Comments/Requests
5. Next Meetings
   a. HSR Meeting – June 29, 2017
   b. CalMod Meeting – July 27, 2017

All items on this agenda are subject to action
Memorandum

Date: May 22, 2017
To: CalMod Local Policy Maker Group (LPMG)
From: Michael Burns, CalMod Chief Officer
Re: Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project Update

Electric Train Microsite
Earlier this month, PCEP launched a website to engage the public on the look and feel of the new electric trains and to provide opportunities for public input. Visitors to the site can learn about the trains’ features, including updated amenities and the configuration of passenger and bike cars. The site also provides a critical avenue for public feedback on important design features, such as the exterior design, seats and bike storage. Next year, after feedback on the design is complete, the site will feature a 360-degree virtual tour of the new trains. The website can be accessed at www.calmodtrains.com.

Current status of the FTA Core Capacity Full Funding Grant Agreement:
On May 22, 2017, the Federal Transit Administration announced that they will execute a Full Funding Grant Agreement committing $647 million to the Caltrain Electrification project. Caltrain has worked for over two decades to plan this critical improvement. Over the last few years, more than $1.3 billion was secured from local, regional and State commitments, and contracts were awarded to design, and eventually construct the project. This agreement commits the final funding needed to start construction of a project that will transform and improve the way people travel along one of the region’s most congested corridors.

The PCEP has already received $73m in previously appropriated Core Capacity funds and the FFGA would allow Caltrain to access those funds in addition to future Core Capacity funds. On May 5, 2017, Trump signed H.R.244 - Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017. H.R. 244 is a $1 trillion spending bill which funds the federal government through September. The bill included $100 million investment in the Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project (PCEP). The already appropriated funds should be available to support project construction immediately.