

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

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: C. Stone (Chair), C. Brinkman

MEMBERS ABSENT: C. Chavez

STAFF PRESENT: M. Bouchard, C. Fromson, C. Gumpal, S. Petty, D. Seamans, J. Cassman, S. van Hoften

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Charles Stone called the subcommittee meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

District Secretary Dora Seamans called the roll, confirmed a quorum and noted the absence of Director Chavez.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Roland Lebrun, San Jose, provided information on a broken pedestrian crossing light at El Camino Real and San Carlos Avenue. Chair Stone stated he would pass the information on to the City of San Carlos public works department.

Lenora Ross, Housing Leadership Council, discussed the need for an affordable component in Transit Oriented Development policy discussions.

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 24, 2019

By motion (Brinkman/Stone), the Committee recommended Board approval of the July 24, 2019 minutes.

Ayes: Brinkman, Stone

Noes: None

Absent: Chavez

AUTHORIZE RESPONSE TO SAN MATEO COUNTY GRAND JURY REPORT ON “GRADE SEPARATION – BYPASSES TO GREATER SAFETY” AND AUTHORIZE RESPONSE TO SAN MATEO COUNTY GRAND JURY REPORT ON “JUST MISSED IT! FIXING SAMTRANS-CALTRAIN CONNECTION”

Michelle Bouchard, Chief Operations Officer, Rail, addressed the 2019 Grand Jury report regarding its analysis of grade separations, its 12 findings and four recommendations. Ms. Bouchard responded to the Grand Jury question of “Should the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board take on an enhanced role in coordinating and facilitating the completion of the grade separation projects along the Caltrain Peninsula train corridor?” and its recommendation to “create a grade separation master plan prioritizing all at-grade crossings on the corridor, study other train

corridors' implementation of similar master plans and approaches to funding grade separation projects, seek support of such a master plan from the cities on the corridor, and offer funding and design support to cities along the corridor for grade separation projects, as prioritized in the master plan.” Ms. Bouchard discussed aspects of the report and stated a more comprehensive approach should be taken which would include stakeholder engagement and support, completing technical work involved, obtaining peer support and agreement of a long-term viable funding plan. She expressed disagreement with the Grand Jury’s timeline for finalizing such a master plan.

Chair Stone inquired what the cost estimate would be to separate all of the grade crossings along the right of way. Responding, Ms. Bouchard indicated costs would be in the billions of dollars.

Public Comment

Roland LeBrun, San Jose, stated the Grand Jury Report on “fixing the SamTrans Caltrain connection” should address buses meeting the connection to the train and is not an issue that should be before a Caltrain committee.

By motion, (Brinkman/Stone), the Committee recommended Board approval of issuing two responses to two Grand Jury reports; “Grade Separation – Bypasses To Greater Safety” and “Just Missed It! Fixing SamTrans-Caltrain Connection.”

Ayes: Brinkman, Stone

Noes: None

Absent: Chavez

UPDATE ON RAIL CORRIDOR USE POLICY (“RCUP”)

Melissa Jones, Principal Planner and project manager for the Rail Corridor Use Policy project, provided an extensive overview and presentation on the framework for the use policy, how it interrelates to three other endeavors that staff is undertaking (Caltrain Business Plan, Caltrain Station Management Toolbox and Caltrain Transit-Oriented Development Policy) and discussed the progress to date of the policy, the steps needed to finalize the project, with a hopeful, early adoption in 2020. Ms. Jones emphasized that the use policy would be an invaluable tool of informing and guiding the future use of the Caltrain property. She answered questions of committee members, including potential conflicts with Peninsula cities’ projects along the right of way.

Public Comment

Roland Lebrun, San Jose, discussed the mapping process, passing tracks in Belmont, other station issues and platform issues.

Morton Frank, Redwood City, discussed the use policy and suggested adding an additional color in the charts reflecting community impact.

Drew, San Mateo, commented on the colors used in the charts and discussed aspects of the land policy designations and the business plan overlay.

Chair Stone responded to each of the speakers' comments. He asked that staff limit use of acronyms during discussions so the public can clearly understand the issues being discussed.

UPDATE ON TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT POLICY (“TOD”)

Brian Fitzpatrick, Director, Real Estate, provided a lengthy presentation on the components to be crafted into a Transit Oriented Development policy. He stated a detailed administrative policy is necessary to assist staff to work on and structure deals for land use and affordable housing, including a density aspect.

Mr. Fitzpatrick noted the document would be interrelated with other concurrent policy documents: the Business Plan, the Station Management Toolbox and the Railroad Corridor Use Policy. He invited feedback on aspects of the policy.

Committee members discussed policy components that may not fit into a particular neighborhood, such as a component for mixed-use/ground-level retail, which could sit empty for years if mandated - versus incorporating provisions that are pertinent to the area, such as increasing the number of housing units or including a portion of rental-only units. It was noted the policy should also be flexible enough to adapt to future neighborhood conditions.

Mr. Fitzpatrick discussed the four main goals to be included into a draft policy: Sustainable Transportation, Value Creation, Equity and Complete Communities. He discussed each goal in detail with objectives assigned to each and discussed the strategies on how to achieve each goal. Committee members provided commentary on each aspect. Mr. Fitzpatrick concluded by stating that based on feedback, he would revise the goals and objectives, draft the guidelines and refine potential strategies based on the property inventory.

The Committee recessed for a brief period.

Chair Stone invited public comment.

Public Comment

Morton Frank, Redwood City, commented on the affordability aspect of the San Carlos Transit Village and the possible diminishing of the percentage over time. He expressed opposition to further building of market rate housing.

Mark Roest discussed the affordability design and structure strategy and the use of air space over the right of way.

Chair Stone responded to the public comment.

UPDATE ON THE SAN JOSE DIRIDON INTEGRATED STATION CONCEPT PLAN

This item was continued to the next meeting.

DATE/TIME OF NEXT REGULAR WORK PROGRAM-LEGISLATIVE-PLANNING COMMITTEE

MEETING: Wednesday, October 30, 2019 at 1:00 P.M. San Mateo County Transit District
Administrative Building, 2nd Floor, 1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, Ca.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:35 p.m.