

**Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board
Board of Directors Meeting
1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos CA 94070**

**MINUTES OF JANUARY 10, 2019
SPECIAL MEETING**

MEMBERS PRESENT: J. Bruins, Chair; C. Brinkman, C. Chavez, G. Gillett, D. Davis, D. Pine, M. Zmuda

MEMBERS ABSENT: C. Stone

STAFF PRESENT: J. Hartnett, C. Mau, J. Cassman, T. Bartholomew, M. Bouchard, J. Brook, A. Chan, C. Fromson, J. Funghi, B. Grizard, C. Gumpal, D. Hansel, M. Jones, L. Larano, D. Lieberman, L. Millard, C. Mobley-Ritter, S. Murphy, J. Navarro, S. Petty, M. Reggiardo, D. Seamans

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Bruins called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Assistant District Secretary Gumpal called the roll. A quorum was present.

CALTRAIN BUSINESS PLAN UPDATE

Michelle Bouchard, Chief Operating Officer, Rail, introduced Sebastian Petty, Senior Policy Advisor, who provided an in-depth quarterly update on the Caltrain Business Plan, from Oct. – Dec. 2018.

Mr. Petty recalled the purpose of the Business Plan: to address the future potential of the railroad over the next 20-30 years and establish a long-term business strategy. The Plan will address benefits, impacts and costs of future service and allow the public and stakeholders an opportunity to engage in developing a more achievable and financially feasible railroad based on local, regional and statewide needs.

Mr. Petty reviewed the four technical tracks contained in the Business Plan: *Service, Business Case, Community Interface and Organization*. He posed the main question: "How Should Caltrain Grow?" Continuing, Mr. Petty reviewed the assumptions and the baseline contained in the plan, emphasizing the growing market in the Bay Area.

Mr. Petty reviewed assumptions in the plan, including built-out grade separations and crossing improvements. Further, he reviewed the process for developing higher growth and illustrated options of what Caltrain service could look like using 16 trains in a zone-express, local-express and a skip-stop pattern to facilitate a substantial increase in service.

Mr. Petty discussed expansion concepts south of San Jose, noting that the corridor is owned by Union Pacific (UP). UP's plan is to electrify the segment and allow for Caltrain

integration with its segment. Mr. Petty shared all-day service plan options as well as options for peak, off-peak and weekend service.

Mr. Petty then presented growth scenarios for 2040, showing baseline, moderate and high-growth scenarios for the varying segments of the line.

A brief pause allowed for Board member commentary:

Director Chavez expressed appreciation to Mr. Petty for the informative presentation. She inquired about who bears responsibility for building of grade separations, discussed competition in the corridor (e.g., from California High Speed Rail), and discussed certain land use perspectives. She asked staff to make it clear in future presentations to show ownership of the various tracks and to include the southern portion of Caltrain service in context with the rest of the right-of-way.

Director Gillett discussed the upcoming 101 Managed Lanes project and its potential impact on the corridor and Caltrain ridership.

Director Pine discussed the challenges of Peninsula cities in building grade separations. He expressed excitement at seeing a finished Business Plan, especially with more service to the south, and added that the plan should address the potential issue of High Speed Rail not coming to fruition.

Mr. Petty continued the staff presentation by introducing Casey Fromson, Director of Government Affairs. Ms. Fromson provided a synopsis of the community meetings held with all cities along the Caltrain corridor, down to Gilroy. She reviewed the respective cities' key themes as a result of the meetings, namely, service levels, schedules, the physical corridor, land development and station connectivity/access.

Ms. Fromson recapped outreach activities to date and noted the new Business Plan website www.caltrain2040.org also contains upcoming outreach activities.

Chair Bruins thanked Mr. Petty and Ms. Fromson for their incredible work.

Chair Bruins called for public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Doug deLong, Mountain View, suggested that staff review transit operators who provide 24/7 service.

Vaughn Wolffe, Pleasanton, discussed details related to the presentation.

Roland Lebrun, San Jose, discussed details related to the presentation.

Adina Levin, Friends of Caltrain, echoed previous comments regarding competition presented by the highway and urged the Board to prioritize getting cars off the road.

Further Board commentary included Director Brinkman, who thanked the staff for the excellent presentation and stressed the importance of aiming for the “high growth” options in the Plan.

Chair Bruins thanked staff for the quarterly update. She noted that the focus is currently on service planning, but costing out options would be next. Regarding outreach and communication, Chair Bruins suggested promoting the new website, where cities can find updates specific to their areas. She stated the Plan is a huge undertaking and there are many public forums in which to engage in help shaping it.

Executive Director Jim Hartnett thanked the Board for the positive commentary on the Business Plan, emphasizing that it is an extraordinary process and an exciting time to be a part of shaping service to 2040.

ADJOURN

The special meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.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.