

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

**MINUTES OF AUGUST 25, 2021**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** C. Stone (Chair), C. Chavez

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** S. Heminger

**STAFF PRESENT:** M. Bouchard, D. Hansel, J. Harrison, S. Petty, B. Fitzpatrick, C. Fromson, T. Bartholomew, A. Akin, 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 the audio quality, moving 4,5,7 to consent, governance, and the new schedules.

**4. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 28, 2021**

Motion/Second: Chavez/Stone

Ayes: Chavez, Stone

Noes: None

Absent: Heminger

Public comment

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

**5. APPROVE 2022 WPLP COMMITTEE CALENDAR**

Motion/Second: Chavez/Stone

Ayes: Chavez, Stone

Noes: None

Absent: Heminger

**6. AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF AN EXCLUSIVE NEGOTIATION AGREEMENT TO EXPLORE A PROPERTY EXCHANGE WITH KM-ECR LLC**

Brian Fitzpatrick, Director, Real Estate & Property Development, provided an update that included the groundwork for a potential land swap and the Caltrain Station in Redwood City.

Public comment

Roland Lebrun, San Jose, commented on proposed similar development with Google, removing passing tracks in South San Francisco, Redwood junction connection, level boarding and passing tracks, and equity.

Motion/Second: Chavez/Stone

Ayes: Chavez, Stone

Noes: None

Absent: Heminger

**7. PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER RAILROAD SAFETY AND SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH**

Public comment

Roland Lebrun, San Jose, commented on suicide prevention through engineering.

The Board members had a discussion and directed staff to:

- List the suicide prevention partners as part of the action and to include the programs between us and those partners in body of the report.
- The need for a paradigm shift and representatives at higher levels of government to understand and fund grade separations

Motion/Second: Chavez/Stone

Ayes: Chavez, Stone

Noes: None

Absent: Heminger

**8. POLICY REGARDING WAIVER OF FEES ASSOCIATED WITH REQUESTS FOR CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY INTERESTS**

Brian Fitzpatrick, Director, Real Estate & Property Development, provided an update on the following:

- The policy and fee schedule and association with a variety of agreements
- Develop guiding principles that staff would follow for when it might be a good idea to waive these fees
- Four guiding principles : 1) quid pro quo 2) if JPB is a co-sponsor 3) event sponsored by another agency (bike to work day) 4) community service oriented nonprofit agencies

Public comment

Roland Lebrun, San Jose, commented who makes the determination for the policy and fees.

The Board members had a discussion and staff provided further clarification on the guiding principles that would be used by the executive director on potentially waiving fees.

## **9. STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

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

- At the federal level, the infrastructure package passed Senate and needs House approval
- \$1 trillion package with half consisting of one-time stimulus funds and the other half of traditional appropriations
- \$8 billion Capital Investment Grant Program for one-time up front stimulus funding and staff will looking to apply for future grants for grade separations
- Had 16 meetings with the state legislature

## **10. PENINSULA CORRIDOR ELECTRIFICATION PROJECT (PCEP) PROJECT UPDATE**

John Funghi, CalMod Chief Officer, provided the presentation, which included the following:

- Identifying appropriate funds for electrification
- 2040 service vision and staying consistent with partners
- Bi-partisan infrastructure package (\$66 billion for rail, \$12 billion inner city rail, \$3 billion for grade crossing safety improvements)
- Major project elements and complete rebuild of two substations in South San Francisco and San Jose
- Future growth for Caltrain (jobs/housing in Bay Area) and tripling of ridership
- Electric train production, key milestones, and updated project costs
- Top risks and project priorities

### Public comment

Roland Lebrun, San Jose, commented on updating various slides, constant warning time completion before electrification and implementation, and reviewing governance.

The Board members had a robust discussion and staff provided further clarification on the following:

- Concerns on being over budget, overruns and use of contingency funds
- How to stop the overuse of budget and potential reoccurrence of these types of issues with PG&E in South San Francisco
- Complications of the project not going away; holding partners to a high standard, have predictions so the public understands this process
- Not having an underground authority

## **11. DIRIDON REAL ESTATE UPDATE**

Brian Fitzpatrick, Director of Real Estate & Property Development, provided the presentation that covered the following:

- Caltrain owns a 3 acre parcel adjacent to Diridon station and pursuing development on a portion of this land
- Rail Corridor Use Policy (each area designated as a property use zone)

- Real Estate Process and timeline and next steps

Aaron Akin, Community Development Consultant, provided a presentation that covered the following:

- Amended DSAP
- Land use balance and affordable housing implementation
- Diridon Integrated Station Concept Plan and proposal

#### Public comment

Roland Lebrun, San Jose, commented on an integrated development, extending the overall station to the North rather than South, parcel staging during construction, and integrated planning.

Mike Sodergren, San Jose, commented on the historic Diridon station, its designation as landmark, the fate of station, and preserving the station.

The Board members had a discussion and staff provided further clarification in response to the Board comments and questions regarding PacSJ's concerns regarding the Diridon Station.

## **12. COMMITTEE MEMBER REQUESTS**

Director Chavez requested staff include the presentation maps (KM-ECR LLC) in the packet.

Director Chavez requested local suicide boards and partnerships listed as part of the action in Railroad Safety and Suicide Prevention month.

Director Chavez requested information addressing concerns regarding preservation of Diridon station as a historic landmark at the full board meeting.

## **13. DATE/TIME OF NEXT REGULAR WPLP COMMITTEE MEETING: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2021 AT 3:00 PM VIA ZOOM**

## **14. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 4:34 p.m.