

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

**MINUTES OF JULY 24, 2020**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.

**STAFF PRESENT:** J. Hartnett, J. Cassman, S. van Hoffen, S. Petty, M. Bouchard, D. Hansel, D. Seamans, S. Wong

**1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Charles Stone called the subcommittee meeting to order at 3:0 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

District Secretary Dora Seamans confirmed all the Committee members were present.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Chair Stone extended public comments to three minutes.

Roland Lebrun, San Jose, commented on moving video to different platform (livestream to Youtube)

**4. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 24, 2020**

Motion/Second: Chavez/Zmuda moved approval of the June 24, 2020 minutes

Ayes: Chavez, Zmuda, Stone

Noes: None

Absent: None

**5. Draft Equity, Connectivity, Recovery and Growth Framework**

Sebastian Petty, deputy chief of planning, provided a presentation. He spoke on ongoing recovery planning efforts. Provided a policy venue where the board would go on record on how Caltrain would recovery from the current crisis and the growth plan. Currently renewed focus on equity. Right now, the railroad will not be operating on a stable service. There were community stakeholder interviews and now circled back to these groups. He spoke on equity in service (improving mid-day and off peak service levels, expansion of service frequencies at individual stations, engage in dialog with underserved communities along the corridor, improve access to facilities), equity in fares (encourage trips on multiple systems), equity in planning and communication (expand access to low income people, consideration of outreach processes, develop implementation standards and measurements). How we build our projects, how infrastructure is built. Mr. Petty spoke on connectivity (standardized clock face schedule, prioritize coordination of transfers, build on expanding existing coordination, integration of fare programs). He mentioned that there could be long range service vision even in this limited time, level boarding has significant equity benefits, this policy is focused on the near and medium term, re-emphasize long range vision with operators up and down the corridor, to Salesforce Center to Diridon Station, continuing to work with local jurisdictions to work with the corridor. Mr. Petty spoke on July stakeholder

outreach, from staff at partner agencies, stake holder advisory groups, staff coordinating group, citizen advisory committee, local policy makers group and JPB Board for consideration of revised policy for potential adoption.

Director Zmuda asked about how long it will take at what point will we make changes to schedule to accommodate mid day riders. Mr. Petty said some could be implemented fairly quickly, while others require further analysis.

Director Zmuda asked about reduced fare program and varying timing, how often will the Board revisit this and apply target dates. Mr. Petty said there were no definite times, but we have to return to the Board.

Director Zmuda asked about fare increases and suspension of fares are coming back to the Board. Mr. Hansel said it would be brought back to the Board in September. (august finance).

Dir Zmuda asked about system integration of fares, if there was a group addressing this. Mr. Petty said there is currently a regional fare study underway.

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Dir Zmuda asked about electrification program addressing accessible stations. Ms. Bouchard said there platforms currently modified for accessibility. Mini highs vs gallery cars.

Director Chavez asked about Caltrain being part of GARE. Mr. Petty said they don't believe they are. Dir Chavez asked if this was to address equity. Gov alliance for Racial Equity, public policy to allow for communication on how staff provide services, create the equity framework. It helped people think about how they hire (how to be inclusive), COVID 19 meeting, translating material , outcome you want to the translator, then translate it to English for a technical perspective. Mr. Mau said they were involved with the GARE program.

Dir Chavez spoke about how the trains runs is geared toward who we expect to ride it. And thanked

Board members had a discussion and staff provided further clarification in response to Board comments and questions on the following: how long Measure B funds would last; whether the project would be complete after the second tranche of funds are allocated; completing details around the concept plan; the number of consulting firms engaged.

#### Public comment

Adina Levin, friends of caltrain, successful modernization to work to increase access to clatrain, to highlight disparities as to who has access to public transporation, while lower

income does not have the same access to public transportation and Caltrain. This is a tremendous and this research has drawn connections between service connection and equity. Ms. Levin commented on what is going on at a regional level to enable highlight the fact that connections.

Roland Lebrun, San Jose, commented on schedule, food chain schedule (BART, Caltrain, Muni, VTA, buses) follow BART and schedule trains to accommodate BART train schedules. Equity, low income, don't abandon those who provide the bread and butter, don't spend money at Hillsdales and San Francisco to stick platforms there (inefficient). GARE, station

Chair Stone thanked staff for their work.

#### **6. Caltrain's Commitment Letters to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for Plan Bay Area 2050 Project Submissions**

Melissa Jones, , said the state requires the region to do this every four years. MTC staff has advanced the blueprint for the plan, submissions last summer, MTC review evaluation results. MTC has received draft projects from sponsors and can now move forward to actual draft plan and environmental analysis and EIR by next fall. Recommendations have been released for projects to be included.

#### Public comment

Roland Lebrun, San Jose, commented on the enhanced scenario, increase frequency, increase grade crossing, need solutions working with communities for people to live on both sides of the track. Redwood Junction station needed, increase capacity of the line without blocking the line, that station makes it possible to run double line trains without doubling train traffic, objective for next thirty years.

#### **7. State and Federal Legislative Update**

Casey Fromson, , MTC voted on the second allocation of the federal CARES Act. This second act is \$15M dollars, if additional funds allocated, then there should be a true up process. House passed large COVID package HEROES. There is some movement to introduce package in the Senate hopefully before August recess. May be introduced without funding for transit. Schumer and Pelosi interested in Bay Area transit to receive funding, general advocacy efforts, APTA. Brief update at federal.

At state level: return to session July 13<sup>th</sup>, not returning until July 27<sup>th</sup>. After August 31<sup>st</sup>, adjourn until January, and continue to advocate for transit need in the state.

One bill SB 288 Weiner bill would XXX required streamlining without diminishing

Director Zmuda, how much we were hoping for tranche 2, Casey replied that MTC changed the formula Caltrain would receive.

Chair Stone asked about federal administration.

Board members had a discussion and staff provided further clarification in response to Board comments and questions regarding oppositional messaging.

Public comment

Jeff Carter, Millbrae, commented on frequency of trains and traffic gridlock, el camino stops traffic every 90 seconds or 2 minutes, constant time warning system is implemented will not

Roland Lebrun, San Jose, appreciated sb 288, sb 995 four year extension assembly bill 900 gov brown for California jobs, how we got expedited projects. Anti-google project. This bill allows immediately clear dtx alignment in the Transbay terminal, combined solution of Pennsylvania ave with dtx, this project solves platform issues in Transbay terminal, can be done in two year for less than \$1B.

Recommendation.

WPLP Committee unanimously recommended adoption.

**8. COMMITTEE MEMBER REQUESTS**

Director Zmuda requested an update on fare increase suspension.

**9. DATE/TIME OF NEXT REGULAR WPLP COMMITTEE MEETING: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at 3:00 pm via Zoom.**

**10. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 4:16 p.m.