



## Memorandum

**Date:** September 30, 2015

**To:** CalMod Local Policy Maker Group (LPMG)

**From:** Marian Lee, Chief Officer, Caltrain Planning / CalMod Program

**Re:** September E-Update

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This memo provides a brief update on key CalMod activities since the August Local Policy Maker Group (LPMG) in-person meeting.

### **Advanced Signal System (CBOSS PTC) Update**

To date, installation of the Backup Central Control Facility (BCCF) and wayside infrastructure is complete, and 95 percent of the onboard train equipment and conduit and fiber installation is complete. The team continues to work through challenges associated with release of the software, complexities associated with testing, and interoperability matters with the Union Pacific and passenger tenants.

In coordination and support from the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), system testing will continue through the end of the year with revenue service demonstration targeted for December 2015. There is meaningful progress with testing and the FRA is working closely with Caltrain.

The LPMG and Caltrain Board has received several updates on the CBOSS PTC project. The following is a link to the latest project update presented at the September 2015 Caltrain Board Meeting:

[http://www.caltrain.com/Assets/\\_Agendas+and+Minutes/JPB/Board+of+Directors/Presentations/2015/2015-09-03+JPB+CBOSS+Update.pdf](http://www.caltrain.com/Assets/_Agendas+and+Minutes/JPB/Board+of+Directors/Presentations/2015/2015-09-03+JPB+CBOSS+Update.pdf)

### **Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project (PCEP) Update**

The following items were presented to the LPMG at the August meeting. Subsequent Caltrain Board actions/discussions are highlighted below.

- The Caltrain Board approved delegation of authority to the Executive Director to execute agreements with the 17 cities and three counties in the project area. The agreements will outline understandings related to project design review, obtaining

permits, construction planning, and other coordination matters associated with final design and construction of the PCEP. CalMod staff is continuing to work with staff from each of the 17 cities and three counties to prepare and execute the agreements with a target completion date of December 2015. Execution of the agreements with each city/county will be processed as required by each jurisdiction.

- The Caltrain Board approved delegation of authority to the Executive Director to enter into Cooperative Agreements with SamTrans and VTA which would allow Caltrain to use eminent domain in the counties of San Mateo and Santa Clara, if necessary. The agreement with San Francisco will be processed separately in several months. As identified in the Final Environmental Impact Report, Caltrain will need to acquire properties along the right-of-way as part of the project. Most of these acquisitions are slivers of parcels for placement of the electrical poles or easements for the electric safety zone. The exception is two sites needed for traction power facilities located in Santa Clara County. It is Caltrain's intent to obtain these properties through voluntary transactions with property owners. However, in instances where voluntary transaction is not possible, the cooperative agreements will provide Caltrain with the ability to utilize eminent domain.
- The September Caltrain Board item on the Six-Party Regional Funding Supplement for a total of \$98M was pulled from the agenda. The Executive Director announced that more time was needed by the funding partners to finalize the supplemental memorandum of understanding before the Caltrain Board takes action.

**CalMod Local Policy Maker Group (LPMG)  
Summary Meeting Notes for August 27, 2015**

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**Summary Notes**

The purpose of these notes is to capture key discussion items and actions identified for subsequent meetings.

Members Present:

| City / County       | Representative or Alternate | Present   |    |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|----|
|                     |                             | Yes       | No |
| Atherton            | C. Wiest                    | x         |    |
| Belmont             | C. Stone                    | x         |    |
| Brisbane            | C. Lentz                    | x         |    |
| Burlingame          | J. Root                     | x         |    |
| Menlo Park          | R. Cline                    |           | x  |
| Millbrae            | R. Holober                  |           | x  |
| Mountain View       | C. Clark                    | x         |    |
| Palo Alto           | P. Burt                     | x         |    |
| Redwood City        | J. Seybert                  | x         |    |
| San Bruno           | K. Ibarra                   |           | x  |
| San Carlos          | R. Collins                  | x         |    |
| San Francisco       | S. Gygi                     | x         |    |
| San Jose            | A.Kalra                     |           | x  |
| San Mateo           | Jack Mathews                | x         |    |
| Santa Carla         | Jamie Matthews              |           | x  |
| South San Francisco | K. Matsumoto                | x (chair) |    |
| Sunnyvale           | J. Davis                    | x         |    |

**CHAIR** – (Acting) Karyl Matsumoto

**VACANT SEAT(S)**: San Francisco County, San Mateo County, Santa Clara County

**CALMOD TEAM PRESENT**: D. Chung, S. Cocke, D. Couch, C. Fromson, M. Lee

**1. JPB Staff Report**

a. City /County Agreements

At the September Caltrain Board meeting, staff will ask for delegation of authority to the Executive Direction to enter into the Cooperative Agreements with SamTrans and the

Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) for property acquisition. Additional information about the agreements and action at the Board meeting is included in the September E-update above.

b. Real Estate Cooperative Agreements

At the September Caltrain Board meeting, staff will ask for delegation of authority to the Executive Director to enter into agreements with the 17 cities and three counties in the project area. The agreements will outline understandings related to final design and construction of the PCEP. Additional information about the agreements and action at the Board meeting is included in the September E-update above.

At the request of the LPMG, Guy Preston, the CHSRA Project Manager, provided an update on the planned blended system planning efforts in the peninsula. Mr. Preston highlighted progress on the statewide program including construction activities in the Central Valley. Mr. Preston stated that applicable to the peninsula corridor, the CHSRA Board issued a request for qualifications for environmental and engineering services. Services procured will be used for planning, preliminary engineering, alternatives analysis, station design, and stakeholder coordination. Mr. Preston stated that CHSRA staff will begin the outreach process in September with expanded efforts to follow after contract award in November 2015.

*LPMG members asked many questions about the high speed rail efforts planned for the corridor.*

*Key themes included the following:*

- *How is CHSRA going to address the need for grade separations and grade crossing improvements along the corridor?*
- *Where is the maintenance and storage facility going to be located? What locations are being considered?*
- *What stations are going to support 50" platforms? If there are three high speed rail stations, what is the rationale for considering changing all station platforms to 50"?*
- *What is the blended planning process and what are the key milestones? If the target is obtaining a ROD by the end of 2017, when will planning occur?*
- *Will the CHSRA be using context sensitive solutions in planning?*
- *What is Caltrain's involvement in the blended planning process?*

*In addition to the questions, many LPMG members expressed concern about the unclear outreach process and timeline for addressing important blended system issues that remain unresolved in the corridor. LPMG members encouraged Mr. Preston for early, transparent and frequent communications with all communities along the corridor.*

*Mr. Preston provided facts where appropriate in fielding questions and generally responded with an acknowledgement that many of the expressed concerns would get addressed during the blended planning and environmental process. Mr. Preston also confirmed that he clearly*

understood from this meeting that the communities were concerned about the outreach process and would carry the message back to the Caltrain High-Speed Rail Authority Headquarters. Mr. Preston concluded with information on the planned outreach meetings scheduled for September and October in San Francisco, San Jose, Morgan Hill and Burlingame. (Here is the link to the HSR flyer: [http://www.hsr.ca.gov/docs/programs/construction/Final\\_OpenHouseFlyer\\_082015.pdf](http://www.hsr.ca.gov/docs/programs/construction/Final_OpenHouseFlyer_082015.pdf))

*Public Speakers:*

- *A public speaker expressed concern for Caltrain and CHSRA's funding plans.*

## **2. Information/Discussion Items**

### **a. Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project (PCEP) Funding Plan Update**

The LPMG received an update on the PCEP funding plan. The same presentation was provided at the August Caltrain Board meeting. The presentation highlighted a grant strategy for filling the \$431 million funding gap. Having a full funding plan is needed before PCEP contracts can be awarded. Sources for addressing the funding gap include: FTA Core Capacity, HSR/State, MTC, JPB and local JPB partners.

*Public Speakers:*

- *A public speaker expressed his understanding of the SamTran's reorganization news and plans for a new Chief Financial Officer. He also expressed preference for grade separating the corridor first instead of starting the PCEP and concern that CHSRA plans at Diridon would not work and will impact the alignment.*

## **3. Public Comments**

- None

## **4. LPMG Member Comments/Requests**

- *An LPMG member requested more information about CHSRA's previous work related to context sensitive solutions. (Note: Caltrain staff found information related to the previous Context Sensitive Solution effort by the CHSRA from several years ago. The following is a link to the information: [http://www.caltrain.com/projectsplans/CaltrainModernization/Documents/Archived\\_Documents/Context\\_Sensitive\\_Solutions\\_Toolkit.html](http://www.caltrain.com/projectsplans/CaltrainModernization/Documents/Archived_Documents/Context_Sensitive_Solutions_Toolkit.html) Please know that since that time, the CHSRA has committed to the "Blended System" in the corridor and some of the information provided in the link is outdated. For current information about the CHSRA blended planning process, please contact Ben Tripousis, Northern Regional Director, at [ben.tripousis@hsr.ca.gov](mailto:ben.tripousis@hsr.ca.gov).)*