

**Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board
Advocacy and Major Projects (AMP) Committee
1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos CA 94070**

Minutes of May 24, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: S. Heminger (Chair), J. Gee

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VIA TELECONFERENCE: C. Chavez (Vice Chair)

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: M. Bouchard, N. Fogarty, C. Fromson, Z. Guan, J. Harrison, D. Ryan,
D. Seamans, M. Tseng

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Steve Heminger called the meeting to order at 3:32 pm, noted Vice Chair Chavez was attending remotely under Assembly Bill 2449 due to health reasons, 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

There were none.

4. Public Meeting Minutes of March 29, 2023

Motion/Second: Gee/Chavez

Ayes: Gee, Chavez, Heminger

Noes: None

Absent: None

5. State and Federal Legislative Update and Approval of Legislative Proposal:

Support AB 557 (Hart)

Support AB 1377 (Friedman)

Devon Ryan, Government Affairs Officer, provided the presentation that included the following:

- The Rail Safety Act with new regulations passed Senate Commerce Committee
- Community project requests to add improvements for six crossings along the corridor
- State Senate Select Committee met last week focusing on the fiscal cliff
- State budget released in January would allow flexing of TIRCP (Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program) dollars

The Board had a discussion and staff provided further clarification in response to the Board members comments and questions on that included the following:

- Legislature understanding of Caltrain’s risks to operating funding
- Determining funding options
- Supportive of CTA (California Transit Association) requests
- Possible strain to operating dollars if TIRCP is not fully funded as expected

Public Comment

Adrian Brandt expressed concern for unfunded mandates with railroad unions forcing two operators in locomotive cabs.

Motion/Second: Gee/Chavez

Ayes: Gee, Chavez, Heminger

Noes: None

Absent: None

6. Authorize Execution of Agreement with San Mateo County Transit District in Connection with Bus Bridge Services for the Caltrain Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project (PCEP) 2023 Weekend Closures**

Zhenlin Guan, Deputy Director of Project Delivery, provided the presentation that included the following:

- 2023 Construction and service changes – 31 partial weekend shutdowns and benefits of construction and testing on weekends
- Bus bridge support services – additional outreach to partnering agencies for support since February; SamTrans and Compass Transportation to provide bus bridge support
- Costs and budget for four weekend shutdowns

Public Comment

Adrian Brandt commented Compass Transportation using vehicles not suitable for carrying bikes so the riding community needs to be aware.

The Board had a discussion and staff provided further clarification in response to the Board Members comments and questions that included the following:

- Compass Transportation buses do not have front bike racks, but have luggage compartments underneath the buses for bikes; SamTrans has bike racks upfront on buses
- Need public information for bike capacity limitations

Director Gee noted he also serves on the SamTrans Board and disclosed non-interest for purposes of conflict-of-interest law.

7. Corridor Crossings Strategy Introduction

Jill Gibson, Consultant, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., provided the presentation that included the following:

- Baseline conditions, current challenges, problem statement, purpose, and paths
- Project delivery opportunities, crossing delivery guide and approach spectrum including independent, coordinated, and system-wide projects
- Program strategy process, circulation and mobility workshop, and key takeaways to date
- Timeline and 2023 Engagement Schedule including future in-person Local Policy Maker Group (LPMG) workshops, City/County staff coordinating group, Board and Board committees' meetings
- Business Plan: 4-Track Context and 4-Track Segment Refinement

The Board had a discussion and staff provided further clarification in response to the Board members comments and questions that included the following:

- Explore organizational and technical capacities within the approach spectrum
- Caltrain funds have not been part of funding plans for grade crossings
- 4-Track Segment Refinement locations
- Inherent tensions with property owners for TOD (transit-oriented development)
- Possible service impact due to construction projects along corridor

Public Comment

Adrian Brandt commented on full activation of new space created underneath where tracks used to be when tracks are elevated and be careful of funding sources for grade separations.

8. Railyards Preliminary Business Case Update

Nadine Fogarty, Deputy Director of TOD (Transit Oriented Development) and Real Estate, introduced and noted working closely with DJ Baxter, Consultant, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. and Genevieve Cadwalader, Vice President/Investment Officer, Prologis, Inc.

DJ Baxter, Consultant, Kimley-Horn provided the presentation that included the following:

- Overview and background and involved parties and project partners
- Preliminary Business Case (PBC), analysis framework, and goals and objectives
- Evaluate options, policy priorities and core assumptions, and current Activities

The Board had a discussion and staff provided further clarification in response to the Board members comments and questions that included the following:

- Under what circumstances is it appropriate for the Board to discuss land, land use, and value and any implications
- Staff to provide background information on Caltrain railyard rights for more robust Board understanding and engagement
- Planning process - final decision unclear with different metrics, different stakeholders, values, benefits, and tradeoffs and how to resolve any potential disputes or stalemates

- Currently collecting data to define roles and responsibilities and there may be a future workshop later to work on defining the roadmap for decision-making
- Development and business climate in San Francisco

Public Comment

Adrian Brandt supported Board concerns about unclear decision making and the need for robust roadmap to responsibilities and funding plan.

9. Committee Member Requests

There were none.

10. Date/Time of Next Regular AMP Committee Meeting: Wednesday, June 28, 2023 at 3:30 pm.

11. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:57pm