

**Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board  
Board of Directors**

**1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, CA 94070**

**Minutes of April 3, 2025**

**Members Present:** Margaret Abe-Koga (arrived at 9:06), Pat Burt, David J. Canepa, David Cohen (arrived at 9:09), Shamann Walton, Monique Zmuda, Rico E. Medina (Vice Chair), Steve Heminger (Chair)

**Members Absent:** Jeff Gee

**Staff Present:** J. Baker, M. Bouchard, A. Brandt, C. Fromson, J. Harrison, L. Lumina-Hsu, M. Meader, D. Ryan, M. Tseng

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Heminger called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

**2. Roll Call**

JPB Secretary Margaret Tseng called the roll and confirmed a Board quorum was present.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance / Safety Briefing**

Chair Heminger led the Pledge of Allegiance and delivered the safety briefing.

**4. Consideration of requests, if any, of Directors to participate remotely due to Emergency Circumstances** – There were none.

**5. Request to Change Order of Business** – There were none.

**6. Closed Session: Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (§ 54956.9(d)(1)) [Waltzer v. Cerda, et al, San Mateo County Superior Court, Case No. 22-CIV-03871]**

*The Board convened into closed session at 9:02 am.*

*The Board reconvened into regular session at 9:16 am.*

**7. General Counsel Report – Report Out from Above Closed Session**

James Harrison, Legal Counsel, reported that there were no reportable actions.

**8. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda** – There were none.

## 9. Report of the Executive Director

Michelle Bouchard, Executive Director, provided the presentation that included the following:

- Achieved 95.4 percent on-time performance in March, first time hitting goal since November 2021
- Significant increase in cost for components due to tariffs; planning how to track tariff impacts for budgeting
- Fare structure changes, GoPass changes, and implementation
- Recognized Black History Month, Women’s History Month, and Transit Employee Appreciation Day
- Current train service schedule accommodates special events without extra service
- Station restroom pilot project at Sunnyvale and Redwood City stations
- Sustainability Award from Sustainable San Mateo County for Caltrain Electrification Program
- Caltrain Electrification Project team won John L. Martin Partnering Project of the Year Award

The Board Members had a robust discussion and staff provided further clarification in response to the Board comments and questions, regarding peak hour ridership recovery.

### Public Comment

Jeff Carter commented train schedule, restroom pilot program, and bike car usage.

Adrian Brandt commented on restroom pilot program.

Aleta Dupree, Team Folds, commented on restroom pilot program and GoPass.

Adina Levin, Seamless Bay Area, commented on increased ridership, fare structure, GoPass, all agency Bay Pass, and payment options.

Helene commented on quiet cars.

## 10. Consent Calendar

**10.a. Approval of Meeting Minutes for March 6, 2025**

**10.b. Accept Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the Period Ending January 31, 2025**

**10.c. Adopt Changes to Caltrain Fare Structure and Charter Train, Bike Lockers, and Parking Fees and Receive Report on the Updated Draft GoPass Pricing Structure –**  
*Approved by Resolution No. 2025-14*

**10.d. Authorize the Application for and Receipt of Annual Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) Funds for Ridership Recovery Service Enhancement – Approved by Resolution No. 2025-15**

**10.e. Award a Contract to Myers & Sons Construction, LLC for Construction Manager General Contractor Pre-Construction Services for Middle Avenue Pedestrian and Bicycle Rail Undercrossing Project for \$594,415.98\*– Approved by Resolution No. 2025-16**

Motion/Second: Medina/Zmuda

Ayes: Abe-Koga, Burt, Canepa, Cohen, Walton, Zmuda, Medina, Heminger

Noes: None

Absent: Gee

Public Comment

Roland commented on lack of public opportunity to comment on the supplemental reading file.

**11. Receive Update on the Trespasser Prevention Safety Plan**

Mike Meader, Chief Safety Officer, provided the presentation that included the following:

- Methods to address pedestrian and vehicle trespassing
- Impact on persons as well as Caltrain property and reputation
- Peer engagement with transit agencies, mental health crisis and encampment management
- Expand education efforts including:
  - Upstream mental health training for employees
  - Mental health and resources public messaging
  - Crisis Intervention, signage, Psychiatric Emergency Response Teams (PERT), employee trauma counseling services, counselors/social workers to travel with transit police teams
- Explore engineering methods and environmental deterrents and enhancements including:
  - Means restriction, detection, and alert technologies
  - Trespasser panels and access barrier technologies
  - Transit watch apps with public crowdsourcing
  - Enhance pedestrian crossing channelization, lighting at grade/pedestrian crossings, and explore blue lighting, and audio enhancements at stations
- Increase enforcement, training, and outreach including:
  - Partnership with municipal police departments for enforcement coverage
  - Increase transit police officers
- Budget development and safety improvements evaluation
- Timeline for near-term, long-term efforts, longer term plans and costs benefits

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

- Naming of the activity/program in a respectful and serious manner
- Public crowd sourcing reporting app and potential integration with Caltrain app
- Platform protections measures, station reconstruction integration, and at-level boarding
- Copper theft trespassers
- Initiative ongoing implementation timeline

#### Public Comment

Jeff Carter commented on suicides, Broadway crossing, and counseling services.

Adrian Brandt commented on program naming, cost effectiveness of program methods, and grade separations.

Roland commented on crossing signals.

Aleta Dupree, Team Folds, commented on track barriers and train surfing.

## **12. Receive State and Federal Legislative Update and Consider Position on State Budget Request for Public Transit**

Jason Baker, Director of Government and Communication Affairs, and Devon Ryan, Government Affairs Officer, provided the presentation that included the following:

Federal:

- Full year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act 2025 signed
- Funding elimination of community projects requests; impacts \$3.3 million for South County Wi-Fi project and other Caltrain projects
- Tariffs impact on sales tax revenue and purchasing

State:

- Cap-and-Trade Program reauthorization, protect and increase current levels of funding for public transit, and ensure dedicated high-speed rail revenue
- State budget request efforts to secure additional \$2 billion for public transit over Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 and FY27

Regional:

- Bay Area transit funding efforts by partner agencies
- Polling efforts in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties
- Senate Bill (SB) 63 (Wiener)
  - Create new district governed by Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) including San Francisco , San Mateo and Santa Clara counties may opt-in
  - 10 to 15 years duration, focused on public transportation agencies
  - JPB member agencies would determine financial responsibility for Caltrain

- Accountability requirements of MTC consultant to provide financial review; operators and funding recipients action plans; and MTC to provide annual report to legislature
- SB 79 (Wiener)
  - Authorizes transit agencies to adopt residential and commercial zoning standards
  - Transit-oriented development near major transit stops allowed
- SB 30 (Cortese) diesel-powering on-track equipment; decommissioning; resale and transfer restrictions
- Assembly Bill (AB) 1372 (Papan) Caltrain energy bill which Caltrain sponsors; Caltrain eligible for compensation for energy sent back to the grid from regenerative braking

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

- Budget allocation for \$2 billion public transit funding formula across state public transit agencies and allocation specifications
- San Mateo County obligations to fund Caltrain and Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART)
- Bridge funding gap until regional funding measure to address public transit deficits
- Prospective leader for Citizens Initiative ballot measures
- Advocacy for Cap-and-Trade funding for safety and security measures

Motion/Second: Abe-Koga/Walton

Ayes: Abe-Koga, Burt, Canepa, Cohen, Walton, Zmuda, Medina, Heminger

Noes: None

Absent: Gee

#### Public Comment

Allison Chang commented on electrified train schedule and spoke in support of funding public transit.

Jeff Carter spoke in support of \$2 billion budget allocation to public transit and AB 1372.

Roland commented on BART funding, Measure A program for Caltrain services, and funding opportunities from Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA).

Adina Levin, Seamless Bay Area, spoke in support of \$2 billion budget allocation to public transit, regional funding measure, and commented on Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) obligations.

Paul Wendt spoke in support of SB 63.

Katherine Dumont spoke in support of funding public transit.

### **13. Reports**

**13.a. Report of the Citizens Advisory Committee** – Adrian Brandt, Chair, provided the report, which included the following:

- Broadway grade separation project
- GoPass, fare payment structure, and distance-based fares
- Sustainability program; Regenerative energy, solar panels at stations, and battery storage
- Flat spots, Customer Experience Feedback Survey, trains early departures, and Wi-Fi issues

**13.b. Report of the Chair** - Chair Heminger stated there was no report.

**13.c. Report of the Local Policy Maker Group (LPMG)** - Chair Burt reported LPMG received updates on Caltrain polling; parking program and station access plan; station activation; regional measure, city advocacy role and support of local county measures; sustainability program and increasing ridership.

**13.d. Report of the Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA)** - The item was deferred.

#### Public Comment

Roland commented on the grade separation project funding.

**14. Correspondence** – Available online.

**15. Board Member Requests** – There were none.

**16. Date/Time/Location of Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, May 1, 2025 at 9:00 am at via Zoom and in person at the San Mateo County Transit District, Bacciocco Auditorium, 2nd Floor, 1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, CA.**

**17. Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 11:10 am.