

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

**1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, CA 94070  
Minutes of July 23, 2025**

**Members Present:** Margaret Abe-Koga, Pat Burt, David J. Canepa, Jeff Gee, Monique Zmuda, Rico E. Medina (Vice Chair), Steve Heminger (Chair)

**Members Absent:** David Cohen, Shamann Walton

**Staff Present:** M. Bouchard, C. Fromson, J. Harrison, L. Lumina-Hsu, M. Tseng

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Heminger called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

**2. Roll Call**

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

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

Chair Heminger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**5. Discussion Regarding Senate Bill 63 and Potential Regional Transit Measure, including Consideration of Potential Terms for the Allocation of Regional Transit Measure Funds Earmarked for Caltrain among the Member Agencies**

Chair Heminger provided opening remarks and spoke on the complexity of regional transit measure, previous right-of-way acquisition and electrification experiences, Measure RR funding for Caltrain services, and the letter from Senators Scott Wiener and Arreguín.

Michelle Bouchard, Executive Director, and James Harrison, General Counsel, provided the presentation that included the following:

- Governance Ad Hoc Committee discussed how funds earmarked for Caltrain under Senate Bill (SB) 63 would be allocated amongst the member agencies
- Senators Wiener and Arreguín proposed allocation of 7 percent or \$75 million to Caltrain in regional transit measure
- Ad Hoc Committee recommendations for regional transit measure allocation terms included:
  - Funding target: \$75 million

- Allocation formula: \$32.5 million for Santa Clara County (SCC), \$32.5 million for San Mateo County (SMC), and \$10 million for City and County of San Francisco
- Allocation formula limits: limited to measure; does not set precedent or potential Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) amendments
- Future JPA discussions: resume discussions to resolve inconsistencies, ambiguities, duplication; goal is single agreement
- Commitment to new path forward: recognition of San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans) investment and commit to partnership

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

- Clarification on allocation formula for recommendation
- Number of citizens and riders per county being reflected in each agency's share of allocated funds
- Two main formulas discussed: one based on boardings, one based on comparative measure RR contributions
- SCC's Measure RR allocation is much higher portion than boardings (pays 55 percent of Measure RR)
- Several formulas considered but no single consensus; ad hoc committee worked on holistic compromise to balance contributions from all agencies
- Giving voters decision to choose future of public transportation in Bay Area
- Collaboration and partnership of the three regions served by Caltrain
- Recognizing role of SamTrans leadership in agency's creation, survival, vision, funding, and administration services
- Measure meets SMC and SCC needs to address operational deficit, member agency contribution, bus services restoration; does not meet all of City and County of San Francisco needs

Motion/Second: Abe-Koga/Gee

Ayes: Abe-Koga, Burt, Canepa, Gee, Zmuda, Medina, Heminger

Noes: None

Absent: Cohen, Walton

#### Public Comment

Sebastian Petty commented on funding for all regional transit systems and Caltrain, relationships, and agreements between public agencies.

Don Cecil, San Mateo County Economic Development Association (SAMCEDA), commented on transit agencies relationships and securing funding for public transit.

Jenny Michel spoke in support of the regional transit funding measure, and commented on reliance on public transit, language for contingency funds for climate impacts, and SB 79 to bring revenue streams for Caltrain.

Emily Loper, Bay Area Council, spoke in support of funding allocation formula and SB 63.

Adrian Brandt spoke in support of SB 63 and agency compromise.

Cody Vaughn spoke in support of SB 63, and commented on transit agency integration, equitable funding, transit coordination, measure transparency, and vision for regional transit system.

Katherine Dumont commented on the proposed funding allocation formula and spoke in support of SB 63.

Roland spoke in support of compromise between agencies and SB 63.

Adina Levin, Friends of Caltrain and Seamless Bay Area, commented on ridership levels, schedule coordination enabled by consistent and frequent service due to electrification, and spoke in support of SB 63 and agency compromise.

Caleb Zerger, spoke in support of agency compromise and SB 63, and commented on frequency of service and potential service cuts impact on community.

Cliff Bargar, commented on regional transit coordination growing, federal funding, and value of compromise.

Jordan Grimes, Greenbelt Alliance, spoke in support of SB 63, and commented on transit ridership and unity amongst regional transit agencies.

**6. Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm.