

**Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board
Technology, Operations, Planning, and Safety (TOPS) Committee
1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, CA 94070
Minutes of May 28, 2025**

Members Present: Shamann Walton

Members Present via Teleconference: Pat Burt (Vice Chair), Rico E. Medina (Chair)

Staff Present: M. Bouchard, S. Bullock, A. Davol (Metropolitan Transportation Commission), J. Harrison, J. Hogan, L. Ko, L. Lumina-Hsu, G. Rogers, B. Tietjen, B. Thompson, H. Zhu

1. Call to Order

Chair Medina called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

2. Roll Call

Loana Lumina-Hsu, JPB Deputy Secretary, called the roll and confirmed a quorum was present.

3. Pledge of Allegiance / Safety Briefing

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

4. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

Aleta Dupree, Team Folds, commented on the timing of train gate crossings.

Roland commented on material posting and the cancellation of the JPB Advocacy and Major Projects (AMP) Meeting.

5. Approval of Meeting Minutes for April 23, 2025

Motion/Second: Burt/Walton

Ayes: Burt, Walton, Medina

Noes: None

6. Guadalupe River Bridge Replacement Project

Sherry Bullock, Program Director, and Brent Tietjen, Manager, External Affairs, provided the presentation that included the following:

- Continuation of obtaining permits, addressing compliance issues, and construction preparation
- Completion of Project Reset, Construction Contractor Global Reset, risk evaluation and allowance, funding plan, and concurrence receipt
- Project completion in two dry seasons (anticipated October 2026, end of second dry season)

- \$4 million risk allowance for potential risk and mitigation, with an addition \$4.5 million for project contingency
- Original Walsh Construction contract at \$31,126,833, to now total \$89,787,026
- Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Bus Bridge Agreement to provide service between Diridon and Tamien stations, \$2 million cost of estimated services
- Increase aggregate for HDR Engineering Consultant Services from \$8,703,073 to \$10,289,139
- Single source Troutman Pepper Locke contract extension and capacity increase
- De-energization of tracks to decrease service at Tamien station for six months
 - Continuation of diesel service, in addition to VTA
 - Service changes to be delivered through online and offline platforms

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

- Bottom risk assessment, predicting costs and scheduling setbacks
- Risk allowance, accounting for additional risks and higher price escalation
- Additional costs outside of original scope
- Email from Gilroy Council Member Zach Hilton regarding bus bridge usage
- Risk allocations and relationships with other agencies to reduce unknown

Motion/Second: Burt/Walton

Ayes: Burt, Walton, Medina

Noes: None

Public Comment

Doug DeLong commented on investigations relating to issued project permits and concerns for newly issued project permits.

Roland commented on the extensiveness of the project compared to the original plans and suggested a method to relieve track traffic issues.

7. Receive Update on Rail Operations and Maintenance Successor Contract

Graham Rogers, Project Manager, provided the presentation that included the following:

- Identification of potential firms and teams for services through Request for Expressions of Interest (RFEI)
- Feedback received on contract scope and approach, risk and delivery, performance requirements and data, experience and workforce, mobilization and transition, proposal process and roadblocks
- Parallel procurement schedule aligning with peer agency solicitations

Public Comment

Roland commented on the bundling of specific services and the accountability of agencies for providing these services.

8. Receive Update on Apprenticeship Program

John Hogan, Chief Operating Officer, provided the presentation that included the following:

- Recognized by the California Department of Industrial Relations and the Federal Department of Labor
- Eligible for high school graduates and above; two-and-a-half-year program and provides college credit
- Mission College to complete the program in December 2025 and kick off apprenticeship in Fall 2026
- Federal and state benefits to developing curricula

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

- Learning environment critical for specialized trades
- Outreach and organizations to prompt hiring

9. Receive Update on San Francisco Station Boarding Process Improvements

Mr. Hogan provided the presentation that included the following:

- Crowd control and fare enforcement after events with no security and scheduling issues
- Plans for expansion and refinement of process through staff and customer experience

The Committee members had a robust discussion and staff provided further clarification in response to the Committee comments and questions, which included passenger feedback collection.

Public Comment

Aleta Dupree, Team Folds, commented on the clarification of the Clipper card process during the funneling of passengers.

10. Receive Update on Next Generation Clipper Implementation, Challenges, and Mitigation Strategies

Bruce Thompson, Manager, Fare Program Operations, and Hui Zhu, Data Analyst, Fare Program Operations, provided the presentation that included the following:

- Next Generation Clipper features and rollout timeline
- Challenges and mitigation plans for fare enforcement device limitations, card balance check, Caltrain monthly pass adjustments

- Pre-launch, soft launch, and hard launch phases to create awareness of changed policies through materials, social media, outreach, frequently asked questions (FAQ), announcements, videos, and use of customer support

Public Comment

Aleta Dupree, Team Folds, commented on the upcoming Clipper Executive Board Meeting and the loopholes during the adoption of the new Clipper card.

Adina Levin, Seamless Bay Area, commented on staff's initiative to support passengers through rollout.

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11. Committee Member Requests - There were none.

12. Date/Time of Next Regular TOPS Committee Meeting: Wednesday, July 23, 2025, at 1:30 pm.

13. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 3:04 pm.