

**Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board
Advocacy and Major Projects (AMP) Committee
1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, CA 94070
Minutes of April 23, 2025**

Members Present: Jeff Gee, Steve Heminger (Chair)

Members Absent: Margaret Abe-Koga

Staff Present: J. Baker, M. Bouchard, J. Brook, D. Chazan, C. Fromson, J. Harrison,
M. Jones, L. Lumina-Hsu

1. Call to Order

Chair Steve Heminger called the meeting to order at 3:31 pm.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Pledge of Allegiance / Safety Briefing

Chair Heminger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

Aleta Dupree commented on Clipper 2.

Adrian Brandt commented on the lack of Clipper card readers onboard trains.

Adina Levin, Friends of Caltrain and Seamless Bay Area, commented on Clipper 2 delayed release and the limited charge capacity of Clipper handheld readers.

5. Approval of Meeting Minutes for March 26, 2025

Motion/Second: Gee/Heminger

Ayes: Gee, Heminger

Noes: None

Absent: Abe-Koga

**6. Receive State and Federal Legislative Update and Consider Positions on Legislation:
Assembly Bill 476 (Gonzalez) and Senate Bill 63 (Wiener)**

Jason Baker, Director, Government and Community Affairs, provided the presentation, which included the following:

Federal:

- House and Senate working on reconciliation package to be ready by Memorial Day
- Tariffs impact on railroad uncertain
- 15-earmark limit for Fiscal Year 2026

- Executive order targeted towards clean energy could impact TIRCP (Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program), LCTOP (Low Carbon Transit Operations Program), high-speed rail funding, and LCFS (Low Carbon Fuel Standard) program

State:

- Governor noted surge in Caltrain ridership
- On April 15, Governor announced will seek extension of cap-and-trade program
- Staff tracking and supporting \$2 billion budget request
- Assembly Bill (AB) 1372 (Papan) Caltrain Energy Bill to be heard April 30
- AB 1074 pulled from Committee and not moving forward
- Senate Bill (SB) 30 (Cortese) – amendments, such as limiting on-track equipment to locomotives, suggested
- AB 476 (Gonzalez) – copper wire theft protection; important for Caltrain infrastructure

Regional:

- SB 63 (Wiener) – San Francisco Bay Area local revenue measure – recommend support if amended
- Clarify circumstances
- Include only San Francisco, Alameda, and Contra Costa counties, other counties could opt in
- Change “Peninsula Rail Transit District” to Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board
- Address expenditure plan and funding level

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

- JPB not supporting SB 63 unless amended; continue to work with bill author
- Need backup plan in case of potential recession at time of November 2026 election

Public Comment

Aleta Dupree spoke in support of AB 476 and expressed concerns with SB 30.

Adina Levin, Friends of Caltrain and Seamless Bay Area, spoke in support of SB 63 pending receiving more information and rider multi-agency passes.

Adrian Brandt commented in support of electric power compensation and copper wire theft prevention; opposed the Cortese bill unless amended.

Motion in support of AB 476/Second: Gee/Heminger

Ayes: Gee, Heminger

Noes: None

Absent: Abe-Koga

Motion in support of SB 63/Second: Heminger/(no second)

Alternate Motion in support of SB 63 as staff recommended/Second: Gee/Heminger

Ayes: Gee, Heminger

Noes: None

Absent: Abe-Koga

7. Receive Introduction to Caltrain's Long-Range Service Vision Update

Dahlia Chazan, Chief, Planning, introduced Melissa Jones, Deputy Director, Policy Development. Ms. Jones provided the presentation, which included the following:

- Service vision is key output of Caltrain business plan process; used for decision-making by Caltrain and partners
- Maintain core service in current service area while expanding throughout region
- Plan for next decade; adoption planned for late summer or early fall 2025

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

- Stanford University's financial contributions to first-phase work
- Service vision still appropriate although timeline has changed
- Commuters electing to return to office may increase rail ridership and benefit agency
- Railroad electrification presents development opportunities

Public Comment

Aleta Dupree commented on increased train frequency and using transit rather than cars.

Adrian Brandt commented on level boarding and suggested clarity for graphic reflecting train frequency.

Adina Levin, Friends of Caltrain and Seamless Bay Area, commented on project prioritization to maximize ridership and level boarding.

8. Committee Member Requests - There were none.

9. Date/Time of Next Regular AMP Committee Meeting: Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at 3:30 pm.

10. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 4:29 pm.