

**Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board  
1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, CA 94070**

**Board of Directors  
Minutes of September 4, 2025**

**Members Present:** Margaret Abe-Koga (arrived at 9:57 am), Pat Burt, David J. Canepa, David Cohen, Jeff Gee, Shamann Walton, Monique Zmuda, Rico E. Medina (Vice Chair), Steve Heminger (Chair)

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

**1. Call to Order**

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

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

**6. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda**

Roland Lebrun commented on the Diridon project.

Jeff Carter commented on electrified service anniversary, ridership levels, and service levels.

Aleta Dupree, Team Folds, commented on Clipper 2, open payment system, and electrified service.

Adrian Brandt commented on Senate Bill (SB) 63 and San Mateo County Board of Supervisors discussions on regional transit funding.

**7. Report of the Executive Director**

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

- Caltrain Safety Roadshows promoting safety culture and knowledge
- August 16 conducted full-scale emergency exercise

- August on-time performance (OTP) at 93 percent; July ridership over 1 million riders
- 19th trainset scheduled to arrive late September
- Joint letter from transit agencies to Senators Scott Wiener and Jesse Gabriel regarding State Loan Terms
- Special events ridership increased
- Proposed fare changes; upcoming public hearing and public meetings at Citizens Advisory Committee, Finance Committee, and Board of Directors

Chair Heminger presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Ms. Bouchard commemorating her 10-year anniversary with Caltrain.

#### Public Comment

Aleta Dupree, Teams Fold, commented on special event ridership levels and SB 63.

Jeff Carter commented on 2026 special events, distance-based fares, and congratulated John Hogan, Chief Operating Officer, and Ms. Bouchard.

Adina Levin commented on ridership levels, Transit Month, and SB 63.

Adrian Brandt congratulated Mr. Hogan and Ms. Bouchard and commented on distance-based fares.

*Director Walton left the meeting at 9:26 am.*

## **8. Consent Calendar**

### **8.a. Approval of Meeting Minutes for August 7, 2025**

### **8.b. Award a Master Service Agreement of Train Control System to Wabtec Transportation System, LLC for a Total Not-To-Exceed Amount of \$3,982,553 for a Five-Year Term\* – Approved by Resolution No. 2025-40**

### **8.c. Award a Cooperative Purchasing Contract to ParkMobile, LLC to Provide Mobile App Parking Services Through November 2029 for an Estimated Amount of \$900,000\* – Approved by Resolution No. 2025-41**

### **8.d. Authorize the Disposition of Three Nippon Sharyo Gallery Cars and One General Motors-EMD F40 Diesel Locomotive – Approved by Resolution No. 2025-42**

### **8.e. Authorize Execution of Amendment Number 2 to Contract 23-J-C-040 with Flatiron-Herzog Joint Venture for Construction Manager/General Contractor (CMGC) Support Services and Amendment Number 5 to Contract 23-J-P-041 with Mark Thomas for Designer Services for Broadway Burlingame Grade Separation Project 65 Percent Redesign\* – Approved by Resolution No. 2025-43**

### **8.f. Authorize Executive Director to Execute Lease Agreement with Caltrans for Three Locomotives, Three Cab Cars, and 13 Coach Cars\* – Approved by Resolution No. 2025-44**

- 8.g. Authorize Execution of Funding Agreements with Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) for Use of Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Regional Measure 3 and Measure B Funds for the Environmental Phase of the Diridon Station Redevelopment Project and Amend the Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Budget to Increase It From \$34,831,992 to \$66,491,608\*\* – Approved by Resolution No. 2025-45**
- 8.h. Award a Contract for Diridon Station Redevelopment Project Environmental Phase Services to ICF Jones & Stokes, Inc. for a Total Not-To-Exceed Amount of \$21,101,357 for a Three-Year Base Term, with up to Two Additional One-Year Option Terms for up to \$1 Million per Option Year\* – Approved by Resolution No. 2025-46**

Motion/Second: Medina/Cohen

Ayes: Burt, Canepa, Cohen, Gee, Zmuda, Medina, Heminger

Noes: None

Absent: Abe-Koga, Walton

Public Comment

Roland commented on the Diridon project.

**9. Proclamation in Honor of Railroad Safety and Suicide Prevention Month**

Tasha Bartolomew, Director, Communications, provided the presentation that included the following:

- Local suicide prevention partnerships in all three countries served
- Safety and suicide prevention improvements and activities
- Upcoming activities include rail safety blitz, suicide prevention employee training, and social media messaging

*Director Walton rejoined the meeting at 9:35 am.*

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

- Security fencing in Palo Alto; pilot for safety and security measures that improved vehicle accidental and deliberate intrusions
- Community efforts to address suicides

Motion/Second: Gee/Medina

Ayes: Burt, Canepa, Cohen, Gee, Walton, Zmuda, Medina, Heminger

Noes: None

Absent: Abe-Koga

Walter Ng, Community Engagement Supervisor, San Mateo Suicide Prevention Program, thanked the Board for the proclamation and stated the efforts working with the communities.

#### Public Comment

Aleta Dupree, Team Folds, commented on rail safety.

Jeff Carter spoke in support of suicide prevention measures and methods by Caltrain staff.

Adrian Brandt commented on suicide prevention, safety, and individual's mental health.

### **10. Receive State and Federal Legislative Update, Discuss Cap-and-Invest Program, and Consider Staff Recommendation Regarding Identification of Projects for Inclusion in the Program**

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

#### Federal

- Presidential Executive Order "Improving Oversight of Federal Grantmaking"; previously awarded grants to undergo review for compliance with Federal Administration guidelines; Caltrain currently does not have grants impacted; staff actively tracking

#### State

- October 12 last day for Governor to sign or veto bills
- California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) Transit Transportation Task Force; finalized report due by October 31; report underplays need for funding and transit fiscal crisis; Task Force members directly asking for state operations funding
- California High Speed Rail (CHSR) Progress Report – connect San Francisco to North Los Angeles by early 2038

*Director Abe-Koga joined the meeting at 9:57 am.*

#### Cap-and-Invest Program

- Governor proposal of minimum \$1 billion for California High Speed Rail (HSR)
- Proposal to extend Cap-and-Invest from 2030 to 2045 but does not accommodate previous expenditure levels
- Bay Area delegation's CHSR bookend investment request \$2.2 billion through 2045 inclusive of Caltrain's Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project
- Expand Caltrain legislative position for expenditure framework to a higher level to be inclusive of projects to be funded by CHSF bookend funding

### Senate Bill (SB) 63

- San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties opted-in; anticipate bill will have additional amendments
- SB 125 funds allocated to Caltrain and monies not distributed yet; discussion in legislature to possibly revoke funds up to \$10 million
- Transit Operations Loan – if not all five counties opt-in to SB 63, jeopardize eligibility to get loan; if a county serviced by Caltrain opt-out, no dedicated money for Caltrain in the measure

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

- Shovel-ready projects, grant funds leveraging, and plan funding for mega-projects
- Grade-separation project safety and transportation network functionality
- Caltrain legislative position was referred to the JPB Advocacy and Major Projects (AMP) Committee for a special meeting during the week of September 8

Amended Motion by Director Burt to add system capacity and safety (grade separation funding need enhanced by high-speed rail investments).

Friendly amendment by Gee to expand “Project readiness and feasibility to progress.”

Directors Medina and Walton proposed deferring the item to the JPB Advocacy and Major Projects (AMP) Committee for further discussion.

Director Burt withdrew motion. The Board deferred the item to the JPB Advocacy and Major Projects (AMP) Committee to meet during the week of September 8.

### Public Comment

Roland Lebrun commented on cap-and-trade and SB 63.

Jeff Carter commented on SB 63 and high-speed rail.

Adrian Brandt commented on number of conductors on the trains and high-speed rail.

Adina Levin commented on Cap-and-Trade, regional funding measure campaigns, and projects’ schedules.

## **11. Receive Update Regarding The Portal / Downtown Rail Extension (DTX) Project**

Sherry Bullock, Interim Chief, Design and Construction and CalMod, provided the presentation that included the following:

- Initial revenue service anticipated 2035
- Caltrain/Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA) Master Cooperative Agreement under development; due Fall 2026
- Updated project cost estimate reduced from \$8.25 billion to \$7.57 billion
- Risks include securing local funding, utility relocation construction, securing right-of-way access, and securing third-party agreements
- Risk mitigation efforts review schedule, cost management, simply tracking system delivery

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

- Cost-estimate reduced with adjusted scope; eliminate unnecessary platforms; improved vertical circulation; shorten tunnel stud
- Track and system integrity; Caltrain and CHSR need safety accountability as operators of the track
- Project schedule and timing of progress based on funding availability
- Federal funding source stability; federal grant currently under review
- Project impact if federal funding revoked; strategy to continue project forward
- Progressive design-build approach; risk sharing; cost reduction innovation
- Contracting methods benefits and shortfalls; relationship with contractors; integrated project delivery team

### Public Comment

Jerry Brozell spoke against funding the DTX project.

Aleta Dupree, Team Folds, Skirt Folds representative, commented on Grand Central terminal project and spoke in support of the DTX project.

Roland Lebrun commented on DTX project tracks.

Jeff Carter commented on the DTX project and Pennsylvania Avenue extension and spoke against the relocation or closing of 22<sup>nd</sup> Street station.

## **12. Reports**

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

- New and reappointed CAC members
- Quarterly safety updates; license plate reading enforcement at crossings pilot
- Ridership report
- Wheel flats
- Rail Sentry notification process
- Quiet car considerations; CAC suggestions provided

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

**12.c. Report of the Local Policy Maker Group (LPMG)** - Chair Burt stated there was no report.

**12.d. Report of the Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA)** - Chair Gee reported the TJPA is amending leases for downtown activity, August 16 was the 7th anniversary for Salesforce Center, the 2026 officer elections, and Chair Gee was elected to continue as Chairman of the Board.

**13. Correspondence** – Available online.

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

**15. Date/Time/Location of Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, October 9, 2025 at 9:30 am at via Zoom and in person at the Mountain View City Hall, Council Chambers, 500 Castro Street, Mountain View, CA 94041.**

**16. Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 11:22 am.