

**Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board  
Technology, Operations, Planning, and Safety (TOPS) Committee**

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

**Minutes of February 25, 2026**

**Members Present:** Shamann Walton, Rico E. Medina (Chair)

**Members Absent:** Pat Burt

**Staff Present:** B. Baney, M. Bouchard, S. Bullock, C. David, J. Guaracino, J. Harrison,  
L. Ko, J. Lin, M. Louie, L. Lumina-Hsu

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Roll Call**

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

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

Chair Medina led the Pledge of Allegiance and stated as Directors and staff were in attendance, dispensed the safety briefing.

**4. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda**

Roland commented on posted meeting materials.

Adrian Brandt commented on the February Palo Alto grade crossing collision and safety enhancements.

**5. Approval of Meeting Minutes for December 17, 2025**

Motion/Second: Medina/Walton

Ayes: Walton, Medina

Noes: None

Absent: Burt

Chair Medina stated Item 8 will be heard before Item 7.

**6. Award a Construction Contract for the San Francisquito Creek Bank Stabilization Project to Hanford Applied Restoration and Conservation for a Total Amount of \$2,379,910, Amend the Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Budget to Increase it by \$4,918,560, Approve a Revised Project Baseline Budget of \$13,985,882, and Adopt the Project Schedule and Funding Plan\***

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

- Five responsive bids received; Hanford Applied Restoration and Conservation as the lowest bidder
- \$14 million estimate at completion costs; \$9,067,322 previously approved budget and \$4,918,560 additional funding

Motion/Second: Walton/Medina

Ayes: Walton, Medina

Noes: None

Absent: Burt

Public Comment

Roland commented on structural integrity monitoring funds and safety concerns.

**7. Adopt the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board's 2025 Title VI Program and Updated Systemwide Service Standards and Policies**

Michelle Louie, Title VI Administrator, Office of Civil Rights, and Catherine David, Manager, Rail Operations Planning, provided the presentation that included the following:

- Three-year updates with Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and general reporting and transit reporting requirements for public notice and transparency of complaints, standards, and policies to reflect electrification
- 2025 Program Updates: resources and messaging for riders, demographics, systemwide service standards and service results monitoring
- Service metrics; updated core amenities

Motion/Second: Walton/Medina

Ayes: Walton, Medina

Noes: None

Absent: Burt

Public Comment

Roland commented on reduced track capacity, battery electric multiple unit (BEMU) service availability, on-time performance (OTP) standards, and platform equity.

Adrian Brandt commented on trains leaving early and the absence of a public address (PA) system at Gilroy Station.

## **8. Receive Quarterly Update on Caltrain's Construction Program and Capital Delivery Projects**

Ms. Bullock provided the presentation that included the following:

- Quarterly progress report distribution resumption for 21 current construction program and capital delivery projects
- 100 percent design in Fall 2026 for grade crossing improvements installation
- Corridor safety enhancement program installation and implementation
- System improvement projects for predictive arrival and departure system (PADS), voice over internet protocol (VoIP) digital dispatch system, geographic information system (GIS), enterprise asset management (EAM)
- Mini-High Platforms electrification support; updates needed to five stations south of Tamien; claim settlement
- Bridge structural monitoring

### Public Comment

Roland commented on structural integrity monitoring and inspection for bridge stabilization.

## **9. Receive Update on the Policy Regarding Conveyance of Property Interests Involving Property Owned by the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board and Fee Schedule**

Jenny Lin, Manager, Real Estate and Transit-Oriented Development, provided the presentation that included the following:

- Guiding principles of safety, current and future need, revenue generation and cost recovery, station activation and ridership, and stewardship rights
- 2021 fees updated for cost recovery, revenue alignment, and clarity
- Executive Director's authority expanded for property agreements and fee waivers to be competitive with leasing properties

Staff provided further clarification in response to the Committee comments and questions on the special events policy.

## **10. Receive Quarterly Safety Update and Adopt Caltrain Corridor Right of Way Safety Strategy**

Jerry Guaracino, Chief Safety Officer, provided the presentation that included the following:

- Injury reporting; reportable rail equipment accidents
- Efficiency testing for operations, machines, dispatch, maintenance of way (MOW), traction electrification system (TES)
- Trespasser prevention through engineering, education, and enforcement
- Engineering through fencing, pedestrian channelization and barriers, grade crossing rapid enhancements, closed-circuit television (CCTV), artificial intelligence (AI) detection and anti-trespass panels, and cutting vegetation
- Education through mental health partnership events, social media and station-wide messaging, hotline, and employee and contractor training

- Enforcement through ticketing, plate reading, municipality police departments, and increasing transit police
- Hazard and risk assessments, grade crossing risk mitigation, education, and engineering activities for calendar year 2026-2028

Staff provided further clarification in response to the Committee comments and questions on the adoption of the Corridor Right of Way Safety Strategy.

Motion/Second: Walton/Medina

Ayes: Walton, Medina

Noes: None

Absent: Burt

#### Public Comment

Roland commented on the grade crossing diagram.

Adrian Brandt commented on license plate recognition technology, delineators, and RailSentry; incursion and incident statistics; and trespassers.

#### **11. Receive Results of the Caltrain Climate Vulnerability Study**

Bo Baney, Manager, Environmental and Sustainability Planning, provided the presentation that included the following:

- High heat, storms flooding, and wildfire smoke to increase in future; river and coastal flooding, extreme heat, wildfire, wind, and power conditions were examined
- Four-phased approach for adaptation planning
- Stakeholder and public outreach engagements; survey received 1,265 responses
- Public feedback on delayed or cancelled service due to climate

#### Public Comment

Adrian Brandt commented on wind risks, tree policy, and articulated arms gate replacement.

**12. Committee Member Requests** - There were none.

**13. Date/Time of Next Regular TOPS Committee Meeting:** Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 1:30 pm.

**14. Adjourn** - The meeting adjourned at 2:58 pm.