Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board
Community Advisory Committee
Regular Meeting

166 North Rollins Road, Millbrae, California 94030

Minutes of September 16, 2026

Members Present:	William Abbott, Madeeha Ayub, Kristopher Linquist, Tyler McDowall (Alternate), Melody Pagee, Rohit Sarathy, Mark Thurber, Peter Wickman (Alternate), Adrian Brandt (Vice Chair), Patricia Leung (Chair)
Members Absent:	Rosalind Kutler
Staff Present:	N. Atchison, S. Bullock, T. Burgwyn, A. Feng

1. **Call to Order**
   Chair Patricia Leung called the meeting to order at 5:40 pm.

2. **Roll Call**
   CAC Secretary Alice Feng called the roll and confirmed a Committee quorum was present.

3. **Introduction of New CAC Member**
   - Melody Pagee - San Mateo County

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

5. **Approval of Meeting Minutes for August 19, 2026**
   Motion/Second: Pagee/Ayub
   Ayes: Abbott, Ayub, Linquist, McDowall, Pagee, Sarathy, Thurber, Wickman, Brandt, Leung
   Noes: None
   Absent: Kutler

6. **Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda**
   Roland commented on Caltrain service, project costs, and private operation of the rail alignment between Gilroy and Emeryville.

   Jeff Carter commented on the Public Hearing Room setup, train announcements, bike car seating, restroom availability, and recent service delays.

7. Report of the Chair

Chair Leung stated there was no report.

8. FY2026 Annual Ridership Report

The Committee discussed the item which included the following:

- Automatic passenger count (APC) implementation and delays
- Fare gates at 4th and King Station
- Clipper discount cards and Next Generation Clipper
- Monday and Friday service levels and ridership
- Crowding and service frequency during peak periods

Public Comment

Jeff Carter commented on weekday and weekend service levels, 22nd Street Station ridership, Clipper data, and the availability of detailed ridership data and APCs.

Roland commented on passenger information system issues, APC implementation delays, and his proposal for private operation of the rail alignment.

9. BEMU Update

The Committee discussed the item which included the following:

- Planned BEMU operations between San Jose, Gilroy, and Salinas
- Passenger capacity and potential for future train expansion
- South County Connector funding scenarios and diesel fleet replacement
- Battery life, replacement costs, and future maintenance needs
- UPR testing and coordination requirements
- Wifi capabilities and battery-powered operation under overhead catenary
- Train motorization and resolution of electric multiple unit (EMU) wheel flat issues
- Potential costs for future BEMU trainsets and reduced development costs

Public Comment

Roland commented on BEMU capacity and seating limitations, South County transportation needs, potential battery-electric locomotive operations, and alternative service to Gilroy.

Jeff Carter commented on BEMU battery safety, South County double-tracking improvements, and the need for more frequent and bidirectional service to Gilroy.

10. The Portal Update

The Committee discussed the item which included the following:

- Master Cooperation Agreement and Full Funding Grant Agreement requirements
- Operations and maintenance funding and potential fare considerations
- Caltrain and California High-Speed Rail platform allocation
- 4th and King yard storage and coordination with the rail yard development project
- Future Caltrain service through Salesforce Transit Center

- Right-of-way (ROW) acquisitions and subsurface easements
- Potential impacts from building basements extending into the public ROW
- Tunnel sizing and ventilation requirements

Public Comment

Roland commented on alternative Downtown Rail Extension alignment, train box configuration, high-speed rail train length and egress concerns, and potential project costs.

Jeff Carter commented on Portal project history, future service capacity, train speeds, and travel time between 4th Street and Townsend Street and Salesforce Transit Center.

11. Staff Report

10.a. Customer Experience Task Force Update

10.b. JPB CAC Work Plan Update

The Committee discussed the item which included the following:

- South County Connector service cancellations, bus connections, and service frequency
- Conductor radio upgrades and transition to digital radios
- EMU restroom improvements and maintenance measures
- Grade crossing gate timing and PTC issues
- Fare inspection procedures, fare evasion data, and Clipper Next Generation
- Platform shade and shelter improvements at Sunnyvale Station
- Bicycle boarding decals and station placement
- Schedule coordination with Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART)

Public Comment

Jeff Carter commented on bicycle boarding decals, restroom availability, grade crossing gate malfunctions, ridership trends, early train departures, and passenger boarding procedures at 4th and King Station.

Member Linquist left at 8:07 pm.

12. Committee Member Requests

- Advancement of distance-based fare strategy and study
- Continued focus on bicycle theft prevention and security

13. Date/Time/Location of Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, October 21, 2026 at 5:40 pm at via Zoom and in person at the San Mateo County Transit District Headquarters, Public Hearing Room, 5th Floor, 166 North Rollins Road, Millbrae, CA 94030.

14. Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.