Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board
Advocacy and Major Projects (AMP) Committee
Regular Meeting

1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, CA 94070

Minutes of May 27, 2026

Members Present:	Jeff Gee, Steve Heminger (Chair)
Members Present via Teleconference:	Margaret Abe-Koga (Vice Chair, arrived at 3:33 pm), Pat Burt (Ex Officio)
Staff Present:	J. Baker, M. Bouchard, C. Fromson, J. Harrison, L. Ko, L. Lumina-Hsu, O. Quintanilla Lopez

1. **Call to Order**
   Chair Heminger called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

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

   Board Vice Chair Burt attended as ex officio member on Board Chair Medina's behalf under Government Code Section 54953.8.7.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance / Safety Briefing**
   Chair Heminger led the Pledge of Allegiance and deferred the safety briefing.

4. **Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda**
   Roland commented on Director Burt's attendance and meeting material availability.

   Adrian Brandt commented on onboard bathroom availability and ending anonymous bathroom access.

Vice Chair Abe-Koga arrived at 3:33 pm.

5. **Approval of Meeting Minutes for March 25, 2026**
   Motion/Second: Gee/Abe-Koga
   Ayes: Gee, Abe-Koga, Heminger
   Noes: None

6. **Approve Initiation of Corridor Crossings Strategy Programs and Adopt Corridor Crossing Strategy Elements**

Casey Fromson, Chief of Staff, provided the presentation that included the following:

- Safety Enhancement Program, Elimination Program, guiding principles implementation and funding
- Baseline and advanced safety advancements; support safety enhancements on Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) property
- Municipality feedback and alignment for entire corridor
- Sequence list, organized by Elimination Program scoring and cities, to be updated with new data and used to create a baseline; federal funding opportunities

Staff provided further clarification in response to the Committee comments and questions, which included the following:

- Corridor-wide strategy and reconciliation of differences per county; buy in from the Transportation Authorities
- California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) permitting, corridor crossing readiness, and flexibility
- Current closures and considerations

Motion/Second: Gee/Abe-Koga
Ayes: Gee, Abe-Koga, Heminger
Noes: None

Public Comment

Roland commented on the one corridor shared approach, rail crossings south of Tamien Station, and Diridon Station development.

Adrian Brandt commented on delineator posts, vehicle incursion prevention, Rail Sentry, and Redwood City crossing classifications.

7. **Adopt Senate Bill 63 Phase 1 Financial Efficiency Review Early Action Strategies**

Oscar Quntanilla Lopez, Director, Budgets and Financial Analysis, provided the presentation that included the following:

- Phase 1 financial efficiency review report: $76 million cost savings to offset inflationary pressure to upkeep more requests for frequent and reliable service
- Increase parking revenue, monetize Caltrain's fiber optic and communication assets; cost efficiencies and improvements to operations and maintenance; conduct a study about feasibility of energy storage; GoPass, Clipper, and Bay Pass enrollment expansion
- Phase 2 to be conducted to address structural operating deficiencies

The Committee commented on the Next Generation Clipper.

Motion/Second: Gee/Abe-Koga
Ayes: Gee, Abe-Koga, Heminger
Noes: None

Public Comment

Roland commented on the April 2012 fiber optics approval, contract splitting by subject experts, and financial difficulties of other agencies.

Adrian Brandt commented on parking, fare enforcement, and shifting labor efficiency.

Vice Chair Abe-Koga left the meeting at 4:21pm.

8. Receive Update on California High-Speed Rail

Mark Tollefson, Chief of Staff, California High-Speed Rail (HSR), provided the presentation that included the following:

- 2026 Draft Business Plan to outline project expansion and completion; revenue generation
- Connectivity, service provisions, and progress for Merced to Bakersfield route
- Expansion to connect Central Valley to the Bay Area and areas within Southern California
- Targeted approach to legislative actions and anticipated 2026 solicitations for co-development agreements and contracts

Staff provided further clarification in response to the Committee comments and questions, which included the following:

- Federal and private sector partnerships; 93 percent state funding; shared investments between cities
- Central Valley annual funding and completion timeline; funding through 2045 but difficulties on fully completing the Central Valley; Minimal investments beyond Gilroy for station improvements and platforms; resource accountability
- Draft business plan to legislature; Senate Bill (SB) 198 in Merced to Bakersfield connectivity to other transit services
- Proposition A (Prop A) compliance and building block approach
- Supplemental project report availability and difficulties implementing contractors
- Reputable workmanship and engagement from the private sectors and ancillary opportunities; co-development partnerships
- Energy storage and redistribution to the HSR operations
- Costing and environmental challenges in California; difficulties progressing projects

Public Comment

Roland commented on a memo from Mehdi Morshed, connectivity to Los Angeles from San Francisco, Prop 1A, Measure A, and battery storage.

Adrian Brandt commented on blended operations on the Caltrain line and passing track availability.

9. **Receive State and Federal Legislative Update**

Jason Baker, Director of Government and Communication Affairs, provided the presentation that included the following:

Federal:

- Surface Transportation Reauthorization under Building Unrivaled Infrastructure and Long-term Development (BUILD) America 250 Act to provide about $470 billion for over five years; program elimination
- 5307 Formula Funds for Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) and FY28 and $3 billion authorized for Capital Investment Grants in FY27 through FY31
- House of Representatives (HR) 7748 for rail safety; forwarded earmarks; May budget revise
- SB 1375, Assembly Bill (AB) 1941, AB 2308, SB 667, AB 2074
- Cap-and-Invest amendments to current funding levels

Public Comment

Roland commented on the appointment of Jason Elliot and Steve Kawa to the HSR Authority board.

10. **Receive Update on Battery Electric Multiple Unit (BEMU) Project**

Chair Heminger deferred the item and stated the information is available in the agenda packet.

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

12. **Date/Time of Next Regular AMP Committee Meeting:** Wednesday, July 29, 2026 at 3:30 pm.

13. **Adjourn -** The meeting adjourned at 5:12 pm in memory of Mehdi Morshed.