



CalMod Local Policy Maker Group (LPMG)

Thursday, June 23 2016

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

SamTrans Offices - Bacciocco Auditorium 2nd Floor
1250 San Carlos Ave., San Carlos

Agenda

1. JPB Staff Report
2. Information/Discussion
 - a. LPMG Role / Structure
3. Public Comments
4. LPMG Member Comments/Requests
5. Next Meetings
 - a. HSR Meeting - July 28, 2016
 - b. CalMod Meeting - August 25, 2016

Memorandum

Date: April 28, 2016

To: CalMod Local Policy Maker Group (LPMG)

From: Michael Burns, CalMod Chief Officer

Re: LPMG Role / Structure

The LPMG was created in October 2012 as the venue for local policy makers to discuss and inform decisions on the Caltrain Modernization (CalMod) Program, specifically implementation of the Advanced Signal System and Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project.

LPMG agenda items are identified to provide timely input to the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (JPB) in their actions and discussions regarding the CalMod Program. The CalMod Executive Director provides regular updates to the JPB on the LPMG meeting discussions.

In January 2014, at the request by the City of Palo Alto and Town of Atherton, the topic of the LPMG structure was agendaized. During the meeting, the role and structure of the LPMG was discussed and the group reached consensus that the LPMG should move forward with the current structure but continue to monitor its effectiveness and be open to making changes as necessary.

At the February 2016 meeting, several cities including Palo Alto and Menlo Park asked for the topic of the role / structure of the LPMG to be agendaized for discussion. At the April 2016 meeting, the role / structure of the LPMG was discussed. There was an interest from many LPMG members to explore changing the role of the Chair and how the group could vote on items.

The attached presentation will provide some background on the LPMG creation and focus discussion on changing certain aspects of the current structure.



Local Policy Maker Group (LPMG) Role / Structure

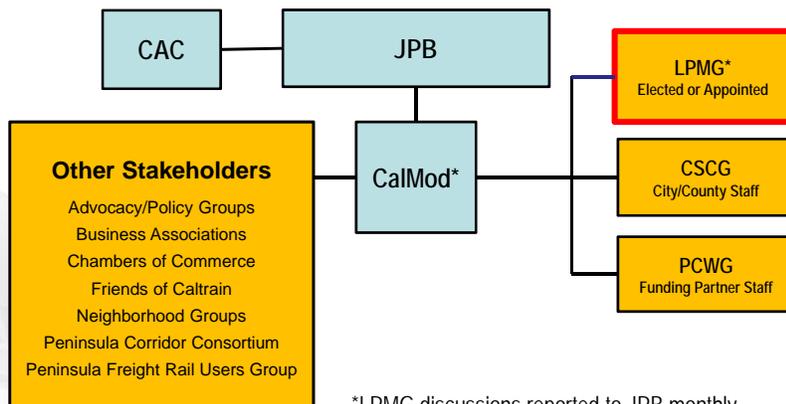
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LPMG Scope

- Caltrain Modernization Program
 - Advanced Signal System (2016)
 - Corridor Electrification and Electric Trains (2020 / 2021)
- HSR/Caltrain Blended System Program (2025/2029)

Local Input



*LPMG discussions reported to JPB monthly through Executive Director

LPMG Context

- SMC Corridor Rail Working Group request to create regular venue city dialogue / participation
- 2012, LPMG formed (CSCG support)
 - Provide local perspective and input to CalMod Program
- 2014, discussed LPMG structure / role
- 2016, started alternating meetings with HSR on Blended System

Current CalMod LPMG Structure

- Public bi-monthly meeting
 - Follow Brown Act
 - Chair: JPB Member
 - Staff: CalMod Team
- Electronic updates on non-meeting months
- Agenda
 - Driven by CalMod milestones
 - Items requested by members
 - Sent out before the meeting
- LPMG handbook

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Potential LPMG Changes

- April 2016 LPMG Meeting Discussion
 - Selection of Chair / Vice Chair
 - Voting (straw votes, consensus position)

Note: HSR led meeting will follow same structure that is agreed to at CalMod meeting

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Discussion



**CalMod Local Policy Maker Group (LPMG)
Summary Meeting Notes for May 26, 2016**

Summary Notes

The purpose of these notes is to capture key discussion items and actions identified for subsequent meetings.

Members Present:

City / County	Representative or Alternate	Present	
		Yes	No
Atherton	Councilmember Wiest	X	
Belmont	Mayor Reed		X
Brisbane	Mayor Lentz		X
Burlingame	Councilmember Beach	X	
Menlo Park	Mayor Pro Tem Keith		X
Millbrae	Vice Mayor Holober		X
Mountain View	Councilmember Siegel	X	
Palo Alto	Mayor Burt	X	
Redwood City	Councilmember Masur	X	
San Bruno	Councilmember Ibarra		X
San Carlos	Councilmember Collins	X	
San Francisco	Gillian Gillett	X	
San Jose	Councilmember Peralez	X	
San Mateo	Mayor Goethals		X
Santa Carla	Mayor Gillmor		X
South San Francisco	Councilmember Matsumoto	X	
Sunnyvale	Councilmember Davis		X

CHAIR – Raul Peralez (Acting Chair)

VACANT SEAT(S): San Francisco County, San Mateo County, Santa Clara County

CALMOD TEAM PRESENT: D. Chung, C. Fromson, S. Murphy

1. JPB Staff Report

- Staff announced that the LPMG Structure would be discussed at the June LPMG meeting. Staff also mentioned that initial conversations are planned regarding the scope of a potential grade separation study.

2. Information/Discussion Items

a. Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project (PCEP) Quarterly Report #6

The LPMG received the 6th quarterly presentation on the PCEP. The quarterly update highlighted PCEP activities on the major contracts, funding updates, and key policy issues regarding the new electric trains.

Caltrain staff also sought feedback from LPMG members on the policy decision regarding onboard restrooms. This was a timely discussion given the Caltrain Board schedule to make a final decision on the topic at the June 2, 2016 meeting.

LPMG members' key comments include the following:

- *One member expressed support for fewer restrooms than the number on Caltrain's current fleet because in the future, with the PCEP, Caltrain will provide faster service and more trains per hour.*
- *One member asked clarifying questions about the ability of ADA passengers to travel between cars. (Note – on the new electric trains, ADA passengers will be able to travel between cars in the event of an incident)*
- *One member expressed support for restrooms onboard because riders are often traveling by different modes, such as buses that don't have restrooms, and may depend on using the restrooms onboard the trains.*
- *A couple members asked clarifying questions about restrooms on the BART system and the utilization of the current restrooms onboard Caltrain trains. (Staff explained BART has bathrooms at their above ground stations but none onboard. Staff discussed in broad terms the utilization of restrooms onboard Caltrain's current fleet.)*
- *One member asked clarifying questions about the restroom policy when Caltrain has longer than six-car trains in the future. (Staff explained the policy decision that the Caltrain Board is scheduled to vote on in June will apply to six-car trains. The Board may revisit the policy in the future if Caltrain has longer trains.)*
- *LPMG Members decided to take a straw vote on the number of restrooms per train:*
 - *Councilmember Raul Peralez – 1*
 - *Councilmember Lenny Siegel – 2*
 - *Mayor Pat Burt – 2*
 - *Councilmember Emily Beach – 1*
 - *Councilmember Ron Collins – 2*
 - *Gillian Gillett – 0*
 - *Councilmember Cary Wiest - 2*
 - *Councilmember Shelly Masur – 1*
 - *Councilmember Karyl Matsumoto - 1*

Note: Several LPMG members were not able to attend the meeting but emailed their opinions on the topic.

- *Vice Mayor Reuben Holober – Supports at least one restroom per train. Also supports considering adding public restrooms at stations, with the highest priority for the most utilized stations.*
- *Mayor Pro Tem Kirsten Keith – Supports onboard restrooms.*
- *Mayor Eric Reed / Vice Mayor Charles Stone – Supports onboard restrooms.*

Public Speakers:

- *A public speaker expressed displeasure with BART because their cars often smell of urine. The public speaker also expressed support for a new vehicle procurement that would match specifications that they have determined are best for the corridor.*
- *A public speaker expressed support for restrooms onboard.*

3. Public Comments

- *A public speaker suggested that Union Pacific agreements should be a future agenda topic. The California High-Speed Rail Authority should modify their trains to accommodate Caltrain platforms and any costs associated with the additional doors that Caltrain plans to have in their new electric train design to accommodate CHSRA requests should be paid for by CHSRA. The speaker also suggested that the LPMG get an update on CBOSS PTC activities.*

4. LPMG Member Comments/Requests

- None