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	Χ	
Belmont	Mayor Reed		Х
Brisbane	Mayor Lentz		Х
Burlingame	Councilmember Beach	Χ	
Menlo Park	Mayor Pro Tem Keith		X
Millbrae	Vice Mayor Holober		Х
Mountain View	Councilmember Siegel	Х	
Palo Alto	Mayor Burt	Х	
Redwood City	Councilmember Masur	Х	
San Bruno	Councilmember Ibarra		Х
San Carlos	Councilmember Collins	Х	
San Francisco	Gillian Gillett	Х	
San Jose	Councilmember Peralez	Х	
San Mateo	Mayor Goethals		Х
Santa Carla	Mayor Gillmor		Х
South San Francisco	Councilmember Matsumoto	Х	
Sunnyvale	Councilmember Davis		Х

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. <u>Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project (PCEP) Quarterly Report #6</u>
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:
 - o Councilmember Raul Peralez 1
 - o Councilmember Lenny Siegel 2
 - o Mayor Pat Burt − 2
 - Councilmember Emily Beach 1
 - Councilmember Ron Collins 2
 - o Gillian Gillett 0
 - Councilmember Cary Wiest 2
 - Councilmember Shelly Masur 1
 - Councilmember Karyl Matsumoto 1

Note: Several LPMG members we 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