

**Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board  
Work Program – Legislative – Planning Committee (WPLP)  
1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos CA**

**MINUTES OF MAY 26, 2021**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** C. Stone (Chair), S. Heminger

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** C. Chavez

**STAFF PRESENT:** M. Bouchard, D. Hansel, J. Cassman, S. van Hoften, J. Harrison, S. Petty, A. Chan, B. Fitzpatrick, B. Tietjen, L. Low, M. Jones, A. Obeso, A. Simmons, T. Burgwyn, D. Seamans, S. Wong

**1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Charles Stone called the subcommittee meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. ROLL CALL**

District Secretary Dora Seamans called the roll and confirmed a quorum was present.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Roland Lebrun, San Jose, commented on the Caltrain parking lot in Gilroy, grade crossing warning times, and the Staff Coordinating Council.

**4. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 28, 2021**

Motion/Second: Heminger/Stone

Ayes: Heminger, Stone

Noes: None

Absent: Chavez

**5. APPROVE COMPATIBILITY OF PROPOSED BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN UNDERCROSSING FOR CALTRAIN CORRIDOR AT BERNARDO AVENUE IN SUNNYVALE AND MOUNTAIN VIEW**

Sebastian Petty, Deputy Chief of Planning, provided the presentation and covered the following topics:

- Background – Property Access Agreement process
- Rail Corridor Use Policy (RCUP) Compatibility Review: decision making process for a proposed non-railroad use
- Proposed project overview, conditions, and bicycle/pedestrian crossings in RCUP
- Caltrain Board process

Public comment

Roland Lebrun, San Jose, commented on a precedent in Palo Alto.

The Board members had a discussion and staff provided further clarification in response to the Board comments and questions regarding indemnification and who will own the undercrossing when the project is complete.

Motion/Second: Heminger/Stone

Ayes: Heminger, Stone

Noes: None

Absent: Chavez

**6. APPROVE 10-YEAR LEASE WITH PROMETHEUS REAL ESTATE GROUP AT THE SAN CARLOS CALTRAIN STATION**

Brian Fitzpatrick, Director of Real Estate & Property Development, provided the presentation covering the following:

- Background on the Depot building and development
- High level lease terms
- RCUP review, alternative approach, and recommendations

Public comment

Roland Lebrun, San Jose, commented on passing tracks.

The Board members had a discussion and staff provided further clarification in response to the Board comments and questions regarding having a five-year lease with three five-year extensions, and eviction rights.

Motion/Second: Heminger/Chavez

Ayes: Heminger, Stone

Noes: None

Absent: Chavez

**7. STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Lori Low, Government and Community Affairs Officer, provided an update on the following:

- Seamless Bill is a two year bill
- Governor announced \$76 billion surplus for the California Comeback Plan, which included \$1 billion for transit rail projects that are a priority, \$107 million for zero emission rail transit, \$500 million for grade separations and improvements, and \$500 million for active transportation.

Public comment

Roland Lebrun, San Jose, commented on Metropolitan Transportation Commission voting to support Assembly Bill (AB) 1041 reducing the minimum parking requirements in new housing centers.

## **8. UPDATE ON SERVICE RESTORATION**

Ted Burgwyn, Director of Rail Networks and Operations Planning, provided the presentation on the following:

- Ongoing recovery planning efforts including vaccinations and reopening
- Regional transit service scaling up, service restoration goals, and fall service strategy/expansion
- Ongoing constraints, key tradeoffs, and next steps

### Public comment

Roland Lebrun, San Jose, commented on ridership patterns at the beginning of the pandemic and new hires.

Adrian Brandt, San Mateo County, commented on aggressive efforts to capture commuting ridership and not waiting on riders to increase service.

The Board members had a robust discussion and staff provided further clarification in response to the Board comments and questions on the following:

- Restoring baby bullet service to increase ridership
- Addressing telecommuting riders and weekend riders
- Returning voter investment in Caltrain
- Marketing the benefits of riding Caltrain and ensuring safety

## **9. COMMITTEE MEMBER REQUESTS**

None.

## **10. DATE/TIME OF NEXT REGULAR WPLP COMMITTEE MEETING: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2021 AT 3:00 PM VIA ZOOM**

## **11. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 3:59 p.m.