

**CalMod Local Policy Maker Group (LPMG)
Summary Meeting Notes for March 24, 2022**

Summary Notes

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

City / County	Representative or Alternate	Present
Atherton	R. Polito	X
Belmont	T. McCune	X
Brisbane	T. O'Connell	
Burlingame	E. Beach	X
Gilroy	R. Armendariz	X
Menlo Park	J. Wolosin	X
Millbrae	G. Papan	X
Mountain View	M. Abe-Koga	X
Morgan Hill	R. Constantine, Y. Martinez-Beltran	X
Palo Alto	P. Burt	X
Redwood City	M. Smith	X
San Bruno	M. Salazar	X
San Carlos	R. Collins	X
San Francisco	A. Sweet	
San Jose	S. Jimenez	
San Mateo	A. Lee	
Santa Clara	A. Becker	X
South San Francisco	E. Flores	
Sunnyvale	R. Melton	
San Francisco BOS	TBD	
San Mateo BOS	TBD	
Santa Clara BOS	TBD	
Chair	Jeff Gee	X
Vice Chair	Emily Beach	X

VACANT SEATS: Santa Clara BOS, San Francisco BOS, San Mateo BOS
CALTRAIN STAFF: Casey Fromson, Boris Lipkin, Rich Walter, Shirley Wong

1. Call to Order

Chair Jeff Gee called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

3. Staff Report

Casey Fromson, Chief Communications Officer, reported that Caltrain will have a 50% discount on almost all fares during the month of April. Ms. Fromson also reported that ridership is rising back up. Ms. Fromson talked about the March 10th collision on the Caltrain corridor, she thanked the Caltrain employees, emergency personnel, and transit partners for how they handled the immediate aftermath. She spoke on how the National Transportation Safety Board and other regulatory agencies are investigating the incident and that Caltrain cannot comment further as the investigation is still underway.

LPMG members' and alternate members' key comments and clarifications with staff included the following:

- A member asked for clarification on ridership being at 20%, *staff confirmed that ridership is at 20%.*
- A member commented that they believed the fare discount would be well received by the public and that they will make it well known throughout their community.

4. California High Speed Rail Update

Boris Lipkin, Northern California Regional Director of the High Speed Rail Authority, provided a presentation on the San Jose to Merced Project Station.

- San Jose to Merced Environmental Process
- What is the Final EIR/EIS?
- Range of Alternatives
- Summary of Preferred Alternative Design Features
- Benefits of the Preferred Alternative
- Comments on Draft and Revised/Supplemental Draft EIR/EIS
- What Has Resulted from Public Comments and Responses?
- April Two-Day Board Meeting
- Next Steps
- Statewide Updates
- Spring 2022 Construction Update Video

LPMG members' and alternate members' key comments and clarifications with staff included the following:

- A member asked for clarification on whether embankments were classified as grade separations, *staff clarified that it is based on individual circumstances.*
- A member asked that if grade separations need to be added if another environmental document would need to be done or if it could be incorporated into the pre-existing

document, *staff clarified that if the grade separations are in existing rail corridors that there are exemptions available for them.*

- A member asked if there would be further details or broken out expenses that will be presented, *staff said that the business plan for cost estimates in each project section.*
- A member asked if any changes had been made since the letters from various jurisdictions or if they will be moving ahead with the current EIR as proposed, *staff clarified that they are working to respond to every comment that they have received and adjusting where it is appropriate.*

5. Informational memos on Caltrain and High-Speed Rail – distributed with agenda

6. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda - None

7. LPMG Member Comments/Requests

- MTC is putting together a package request for federal money for five to six grade separations along the corridor.
- There are concerns from the community that the process hasn't been as transparent as it could be.
- Improve lines of communication between all the cities and keep everyone up to date.
- To get projects to moved forward with funding, work with the corresponding transit agencies so that they are fully prepared and planned out.
- C/CAG and TA got together to see what projects are the most viable.
- Priority is being based on project readiness
- Need to come together as a corridor to figure out their own part
- Multiple cities have complaints about the current EIR that was presented and would like to see them resolved

8. Next Meeting

Thursday, April 28, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.