

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

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

1. **Call to Order** - Vice Chair Emily Beach called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. **Roll call**

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

VACANT SEATS: Santa Clara BOS, San Francisco BOS, San Mateo BOS

CALTRAIN STAFF: Casey Fromson, Pranaya Shrestha, Jadie Wasilco, Brent Tietjen, Dora Seamans

3. Appointment of Vice Chair

Motion/Second: Papan/O'Connell for Michael Salazar, San Bruno, for Vice Chair

Ayes: O'Connell, Beach, Wolosin, Papan, Constantine, Martinez Beltran, Burt, Smith, Salazar, Collins, Lee, Flores

Noes: None

4. Staff Report

Jadie Wasilco, Manager of Government and Community Affairs for Caltrain, provided an oral report that included updates on signal work, 17 grade crossings, community impacts, coordination with cities, community outreach including mailers, email blasts, and visual signage. She also provided information on signal work schedule, temporary service schedule, having station ambassadors, mobile app alerts, announcements, and 50 percent off fare promotion in April to attract new and returning riders.

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

- A member commented on the February 16, 2022 letter that was sent out earlier and opined that it disenfranchises San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties due to it being linked to High-Speed Rail and funding and asked that it be resent to everyone.
- A member noted that at a prior meeting there was discussion about forming an ad hoc committee of cities that are involved in grade separation designs and staff would follow up.
- In response to a member's question, *staff confirmed that the letter staff will bring back for mayoral approval will specifically focus on Caltrain electrification and reiterating support for the project.*

Public Comments:

- A member of the public commented on the importance of being aware of the internal grade separation study that will have a technical bent and opined on grade ramping distances and costs, and that the current Caltrain engineering standards are very conservative.
- A member expressed concerns on people being able to cross at grade while work is in process so that all the grades in their city is not all closed at the same time and questioned accounting for safety and quiet zones. *Staff confirmed that the project team will work with each city on how the work will be done and address these issues and confirmed the wireless crossing work will help with quiet zones.*

5. Caltrain Electrification Project Update

Pranaya Shrestha, CalMod Chief Officer, provided an update to members on the Caltrain Electrification construction and train manufacturing process, which included March signal work, community impacts, signal work schedule, temporary service schedule, and customer outreach.

- A member of the public commented on dual speed check problems, waiting time, and constant warning time.
- A member asked how the train speeds interact with the system. *Staff provided an explanation on how the two-speed check system is an improvement over a fixed start and there will be further technical improvements, and quiet zones have been operating with wireless crossing for several years.*

6. California High Speed Rail Update

Morgan Galli, Northern California Deputy Regional Director for the California High-Speed Rail Authority provided the presentation, which included the following: 2020 Business Plan was released ten months ago, and the new draft 2022 Business Plan had modest updates that included with new federal funding

opportunities, organizational changes, and regional updates. The presentation also included the Governor's proposed \$9.1 billion transportation infrastructure, opportunities for new stable funding, program progress, important dates, public comment opportunities, board action dates, and environmental processes.

- A member of the public commented on the Request for Proposal (RFP) for train horn quiet zone assessment in Menlo Park, necessary capital improvements, and future quiet zones in other cities.

7. Informational Memos on Caltrain Electrification and High-Speed Rail - provided in the packet and no staff presentation

8. Public Comments on Items not on the Agenda

- A member of the public spoke in support of the Broadway grade separation project, value engineering, and how it is similar to what other cities on the corridor would like for their grade separation projects.

9. LPMG Member Comments/Requests

- A member asked staff to advise when they will get the fourth train for South County and what the final schedule be as far as once electrification takes place.

10. Next Meeting

Thursday, March 24, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.