

**Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board  
Advocacy and Major Projects (AMP) Committee  
1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, CA 94070**

**Minutes of January 24, 2024**

**Members Present:** Cindy Chavez, Jeff Gee, Steve Heminger (Chair)

**Staff Present:** M. Bouchard, S. Bullock, J. Harrison, J. Gibson (Kimley-Horn), D. Ryan,  
N. Steward-Crooks, E. Torres (Kimley-Horn), M. Tseng

**1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Heminger called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Roll Call**

Deputy District Secretary Margaret Tseng called the roll and confirmed a Board quorum was present.

**3. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda**

There was none.

**4. Meeting Minutes of December 20, 2023**

Motion/Second: Chavez/Gee

Ayes: Chavez, Gee, Heminger

Noes: None

**5. State and Federal Legislative Update and Approval of legislative Proposal: Support for AB 817 (Pacheco)**

Devon Ryan, Government Affairs Officer, provided the presentation that included the following:

- Applying for All Stations Accessibility Program for 22nd Street Station due to accessibility issues
- Senator Weiner introduced Spot Bill SB (Senate Bill) 925; MTC (Metropolitan Transportation Commission) to request amendments
- MTC requiring employers near transit with fifty or more employees buy a universal pass for all employees
- Timeline extended on SB 926; California Transit Association (CTA) and labor groups remain in opposition

Chair Heminger noted Director Chavez's attendance at MTC meeting and requested feedback.

Dir. Chavez provided a report that included the following:

- Funding allocation to freeways or transit on roadway expansions and transit construction
- Business groups primarily interested in sales tax; Transit Demand Management (TDM) requirements may require more flexibility
- Concerns about insufficient sales tax funding for transit operations; mismatch with local

funding

The Committee Members had a discussion and staff provided further clarification in response to the Committee's comments and questions which included the following:

- The impact of TDM requirements on development projects
- Status of previous SB 926 bill
- Transit operating support challenges

#### Public Comment

Adina Levin, Friends of Caltrain and Seamless Bay Area, suggested clear communication for operational funding needs to maintain and improve public transportation for a regional funding measure.

Motion/Second: Gee/Chavez

Ayes: Chavez, Gee, Heminger

Noes: None

#### **6. Receive an Update on Corridor Crossing Strategy**

Jill Gibson and Edgar Torres, Kimley-Horn Consultants, provided the presentation that included the following:

- Summary analysis of four-track refinement efforts
- Caltrain and High-Speed Rail Authority (HSRA) clause was critical in analyzing tradeoffs between service engineering and the right-of-way
- Blended service of eight Caltrain trainsets and four HSR trains; refined four-track segments at Millbrae, Hayward-Hillsdale, Redwood City and Northern Santa Clara County
- Analysis validated the passing track locations to enable future blended service for Caltrain and HSR and fulfills Caltrain's obligation to HSR
- California Avenue Station is the four-track segment to support the adopted service vision
- Ongoing coordination with corridor cities on the four-track analysis
- Four-track analysis report will be posted online; Crossings Delivery Guide will feature future four-track segments to support blended service

The Committee Members had a robust discussion and staff provided further clarification in response to the Committee comments and questions which included the following:

- Implementation of four-track system working with HSR and partnering with communities where four-track and grade separation projects will be located
- Pursue environmental process for four-track segment locations to ensure that grade separation projects are taken into account
- Multi-agency joint land protection and acquisition of assets for future projects
- Renewed emphasis and collaboration with HSRA to get HSR service to Diridon Station
- Redwood City Station priority for development, strategic purpose in the corridor, and important for the four track segment
- In discussions with Palo Alto to determine how to minimize crossings project impact and tradeoffs; California Avenue project to have minimal impact
- Need defined process to resolve differences between agencies, cities, and HSR

## **7. Receive Update on Crossing Optimization Project**

Sherry Bullock, Program Director for CalMod Program, provided the presentation that included the following:

- Two-Speed Check (2SC); default system required for electrification; provide crossing warning;
- Track circuit-based design monitors approaching train; train speed categorization used to delay crossing activation
- Wireless crossing not required but is an enhancement for electrification that reduces warning times and the number of activations, and provides improved grade crossing safety
- Full speed field activation and wireless crossing pre-testing scheduled for April. Remaining cutovers completed by July 2024; project completion expected in third Quarter of 2024

The Committee Members had a robust discussion and staff provided further clarification in response to the Committee comments and questions which included the following:

- Recommended map with close up of actual area and include workplan timeline
- Process for zero activations
- Enhanced Cybersecurity Plan and fail-safe system
- Need for closed session discussion about security provisions and public communication to emphasize public safety with two-speed check and PTC (positive train control)

## **8. Committee Member Requests**

There were none.

## **9. Date/Time of Next Regular AMP Committee Meeting: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 3:30 pm**

## **10. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 4:52 pm.