

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)  
PENINSULA CORRIDOR JOINT POWERS BOARD (JPB)  
SAN MATEO COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING  
Bacciocco Auditorium, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos CA 94070**

**DRAFT MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 20, 2024**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** L. Acosta, A. Kulkarni (Alternate), R. Kutler, P. Leung, K. Linqvist, A. Lohe (arrived at 5:57pm), M. Pagee (Alternate), R. Sarathy (arrived at 5:57pm), P. Wickman (Alternate), A. Brandt (Vice Chair)

**MEMBERS ATTENDED VIA TELECONFERENCE:** None

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** D. Albohm

**STAFF PRESENT:** Q. Barbosa, J. Hogan, A. Marx, A. Myles-Primakoff, J. Navarrete, D. Ryan, S. Sargent

Acting Chair Adrian Brandt called the meeting to order at 5:40 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPOINTMENT OF CAC MEMBER**

- Kristopher Linqvist, Santa Clara County
- Leonard Acosta, Santa Clara County
- Ashish Kulkarni (Alternate), Santa Clara County

Acting Chair Adrian Brandt introduced the newly appointed Santa Clara County CAC members and they each provided a brief background of their interest in Caltrain.

**CONSIDERATION OF REQUESTS**

There were none.

**APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Members Leung, Kutler, and Alternate Member Pagee were appointed to the Nominating Committee for 2025 Chair and Vice Chair positions.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 16, 2024**

Motion/Second: Leung / Kutler

Ayes: Kutler, Leung, Pagee, Wickman, Brandt

Abstain: Acosta, Kulkarni, Linqvist

Absent: Albohm, Lohe, Sarathy

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

Steve Ferrari spoke in support of Caltrain’s new service and shared positive experience with staff and on time performance. Mr. Ferrari commented on observed increased ridership and regional transit signage at San Jose Diridon.

**CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT**

Acting Chair Brandt reported on Link21, The Portal (Downtown Extension), Capitol Corridor South Bay Connect, and on his observations of the gate activations.

**BROWN ACT TRAINING AND PRESENTATION**

Anna Myles-Primakoff, General Counsel, and Quentin Barbosa, Associate, provided the Brown Act Training and presentation.

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

- Members must use both audio and visual technology and must publicly disclose whether any individual over the age of 18 is present at the remote location.

Public Comment

Jeff Carter commented on the Brown Act training and presentation.

**2025 DRAFT LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM**

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

- The Legislative Program is structured to apply these core objectives to a series of regional, state, and federal issues falling in these categories:
  - Funding
  - Project and Program Implementation
  - Legislative and Regulatory Actions

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

- Sale of Gallery Cars and Locomotives to Lima, Peru
- Low Carbon Fuel Standard Program
- Regenerative Braking and Energy Feedback
- Operating Deficit and Alternative Funding Sources
- Transit-Oriented Development (TOD)

Public Comment

Jeff Carter commented on the future of funding on public transit, the sale of train cars to Peru and on regenerative braking.

## **STAFF REPORT**

John Hogan, Chief Operating Officer, provided the report that included the following:

- Crossing Optimization Project overview provided by Aaron Marx
- On Time Performance
- Vehicle on the tracks delay improvements
- Minor schedule change tentatively scheduled in January
- Bike Boarding Decal Pilot
- Flat Wheel Updated
- New Train Delivery Schedule

Sam Sargent, Director of Strategy and Policy, provided an update on the Fleet Disposition project.

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- Flat wheel and train handling
- Restrooms and facilities
- Wi-Fi and connectivity
- Infrastructure and project updates
  - Mini high project
  - Bike boarding decal
  - Holiday train update
- Committee positive experience with onboard announcements

## Public Comment

Doug DeLong commented on the whistle mic activation at crossings.

Jeff Carter commented on improved incident delays and on time performance, holiday train, additional restrooms, and bike car boarding.

Daniel Karpelevitch commented on bike boarding decal pilot and the proof of payment system.

## **COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

- Train sale and decommissioning costs
- Train horn noise and train experience
  - Noise levels have been adjusted
  - Suggestion for a quiet car or family car
- Santa Clara construction work
- Holiday train
- CAC Secretary to provide details for end of the year Citizen's Advisory Committee Meetings

Public Comment

Jeff Carter commented on the history of the gallery cars.

**DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

December 18, 2024, at 5:40 pm, via Zoom teleconference or at the Bacciocco Auditorium, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, CA.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm