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Revised Agenda

Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting

San Mateo County Transportation Authority

February 4, 2025, 4:30 pm

Bacciocco Auditorium, 2nd Floor

1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, CA 94070

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TA Community Advisory Committee Members 2025: Barbara Arietta (Chair), Ivan Bucio, Giuliano Carlini, Nheeda Enriquez, John Fox (Vice Chair), Rich Hedges, Karen Kuklin, Sandra Lang, Jeff Londer, Gus Mattammal, Peter Ohtaki, Mike Swire

Staff Liaison:
Peter Skinner, Executive Officer, Transportation Authority

CAC Secretary:
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Tuesday, February 4, 2025

4:30 pm

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda
Public testimony by each individual speaker shall be limited to three (3) minutes.
4. Election of 2025 Chair and Vice Chair
5. Consent Calendar
 - 5.a. **Approval of Minutes of the CAC Meeting of January 7, 2025** Motion
- TA Board Meeting Agenda for February 6, 2025**
 - 5.b. **TA Board Item 7.b** Acceptance of Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the Period Ending December 31, 2024 Motion
 - 5.c. **TA Board Item 7.c** Accept Quarterly Investment Report and Fixed Income Market Review and Outlook Motion
6. **TA Board Item 7.a** Approval of Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of January 9, 2025 Informational
7. **TA Board Item 13** Legislative Update Informational
8. Report of the Chair Informational
9. Report from Staff Informational
10. Member Comments/Requests
Committee members may make brief statements regarding CAC-related areas of concern, ideas for improvement, or other items that will benefit or impact the TA or the CAC
12. Date/Time of Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, March 4, 2025, 4:30 pm
The meeting will be accessible via Zoom teleconference and/or in person at the San Mateo County Transit District, Bacciocco Auditorium, 2nd Floor, 1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, CA. Please see the meeting agenda for more information.
13. Adjourn

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Date and Time of Regular Meetings

The Transportation Authority (TA) meets regularly on the first Thursday of the month at 5:00 pm. The TA Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meets regularly on the Tuesday prior to the first Thursday of the month at 4:30 pm. Date, time and location of meetings may be changed as necessary. Meeting schedules for the Board and CAC are available on the TA website.

Location of Meeting

This meeting will be held in-person at: San Mateo County Transit District, Bacciocco Auditorium, 2nd Floor, 1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, CA. Members of the public may attend in-person or participate remotely via Zoom as per the information provided at the top of the agenda.

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**San Mateo County Transportation Authority
1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, California**

**Community Advisory Committee (CAC)
DRAFT Meeting Minutes**

January 7, 2025

Members Present: B. Arietta (Chair), I. Bucio (arrived at 5:51pm), G. Carlini, N. Enriquez,
(In Person) J. Fox (Vice Chair), R. Hedges, K. Kuklin, S. Lang, J. Londer, G. Mattammal,
P. Ohtaki (4:48pm), M. Swire
Staff Present: P. Gilster, C. Groves L. Ko, J. Manzi, J. Nogales-DeGuzman, M. Petrik,
P. Skinner

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Barbara Arietta called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Lauryn Ko, CAC Secretary, called the roll and confirmed that a quorum was present.

3. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda - There were none.

Chair Arietta noted Item 5 to be heard before 5 before Item 4.

4. Report from Staff

4.a. Amending the Rules of Procedure for the San Mateo County Transportation Authority

Peter Skinner, Executive Officer, Transportation Agency, and Catherine Groves, Legal, Hanson Bridgett presented the staff report provided that included the following:

- New rules and procedures to be approved by TA Board of Directors (BOD)

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

- Updates to election procedure and attendance of TA CAC at TA BOD Meeting
- Agenda flexibility and restrictions, in addition to Brown Act compliance
- Timely communication between TA CAC, TA BOD, and Staff
- Depiction of TA CAC during discussions and personal views

Motion/Second: Hedges/Kuklin

Amendment to Motion: Adding a clause that allows TA CAC Chair to delegate a member if the Vice Chair is unable to attend the TA BOD meeting

Motion/Second: Carlini/Kuklin

Ayes: Arietta, Bucio, Carlini, Enriquez, Fox, Hedges, Kuklin, Lang, Londer, Mattammal, Ohtaki, Swire

Noes: None

~~*Amendment to Motion: Adding a clause that allows TA CAC Chair to delegate a member if the Vice Chair is unable to attend the TA BOD meeting.*~~

Additional Motion: Asking the TA BOD to allow flexibility for Committee to add items to its agenda a few times per year.

Motion/Second: Carlini/Enriquez

Ayes: Arietta, Bucio, Carlini, Enriquez, Fox, Hedges, Kuklin, Lang, Londer, Mattammal, Ohtaki, Swire

Noes: None

4.b. Election of 2025 Chair and Vice Chair

Amendment to Motion: Requesting to postpone elections to next meeting.

Motion/Second: Hedges/Mattammal

Ayes: Arietta, Bucio, Carlini, Enriquez, Fox, Hedges, Kuklin, Lang, Londer, Mattammal, Ohtaki, Swire

Noes: None

5. Consent Calendar

5.a. Approval of Minutes of the CAC Meeting of December 3, 2024

Motion/Second: Hedges/Kuklin

Ayes: Arietta, Carlini, Enriquez, Fox, Hedges, Kuklin, Lang, Londer, Mattammal, Swire

Noes: None

Absent: Bucio, Ohtaki

TA Board Meeting Agenda for January 9, 2025

5.b. TA Board Item 9.b Acceptance of Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the Period Ending November 30, 2024

Motion/Second: Hedges/Kuklin

Ayes: Arietta, Carlini, Enriquez, Fox, Hedges, Kuklin, Lang, Londer, Mattammal, Swire

Noes: None

Absent: Bucio, Ohtaki

5.c. TA Board Item 9.c Awarding Contracts to AppleOne, Inc., COGENT Infotech Corporation, Domain Experts Corporation, and InterSources, Inc. for On-call Full-cycle and Sourcing Recruitment Services for an Aggregate Total Not-to-exceed Amount of \$500,000 for a Five-year Base Term, with up to Two Additional One-year Option Terms

Juliet Nogales-DeGuzman, Director of Human Resources, provided further clarification in response to the Committee comments and questions, which included the following:

- Supplementary, on-demand full cycle recruitment

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

- Services used for hard-to-fill, new and/or vacant positions
- Common recruitment practices of public agencies

Motion/Second: Hedges/Kuklin

Ayes: Arietta, Carlini, Enriquez, Fox, Hedges, Kuklin, Lang, Londer, Mattammal, Swire

Noes: None

Absent: Bucio, Ohtaki

5.d. TA Board Item 9.d US 101 Express Lanes: Quarterly Update on Variable Rate Bonds and Express Lanes Performance

Jessica Manzi, Director, Project Delivery, Transportation Agency, and Peter Skinner, Executive Officer, Transportation Agency, provided further clarification in response to the Committee comments and questions, which included the following:

- Comprehensive Measurement of Express Lanes (EL) performance
- High Occupancy Vehicles of three or more (HOV 3+) on toll bridges and EL
- Increase of toll prices and annual increase of daily trips taken on the EL
- Correlation of Vehicles Miles Taken and daily trips taken on the EL
- Heat maps showing congestion

6. TA Board Item 9.a Approval of Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of December 5, 2024

The Committee provided comments and questions, which included the following:

- Presentation of Ghost Bike in memory of bicyclist incident on Holly Street
- TA BOD Minutes to stay as an agenda item rather than on Consent Calendar

7. TA Board Item 5 Adoption of 2025 Legislative Program

Michaela Petrik, Government and Community Affairs Officer, presented the staff report provided that included the following:

- Minor changes to language used in the draft 2025 Legislative Program

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

- Concerns over small amounts of unspent federal funds
- Governor Gavin Newsom's budget surplus
- Strategy language used in the 2025 Legislative Program

Motion/Second: Kuklin/Ohtaki

Ayes: Arietta, Bucio, Carlini, Enriquez, Fox, Hedges, Kuklin, Lang, Londer, Mattammal, Ohtaki, Swire

Noes: None

8. TA Board Item 6 Legislative Update

Michaela Petrik, Government and Community Affairs Officer, presented the staff report that included the following:

- Federal updates:
 - Kickoff of the 119th Congress
 - House of Representatives appointees and re-appointees
 - Certification of Trump's presidency
 - Continuing Resolution (CR)
 - Pending \$3 million earmark
- State updates:
 - Oath of Office for the 2025-2026 Legislative session
 - Bill introductions
 - Budget surplus announcement from Governor Gavin Newsom
 - Cap and Trade program extension
 - Re-election of positions
- Senate updates:
 - Re-election and election of Senators
- Regional updates:
 - Metropolitan Transportation Committee special meeting on ballot measure polling

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

- Earmarks dependent on CR discussions
- Approach to grants offered by new Administration
- Lifeline money

9. TA Board Item 14.a Strategic Plan 2025-2029 Final Plan and Promotional Vide

Patrick Gilster, Director, Planning and Fund Management, presented the staff report that provided the following:

- Final Strategic Plan and promotional video posted

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

- Lack of clarity on the spending of project money

10. Report of the Chair

Barbara Arrieta, Chair, presented the chair report that included the following:

- Adoption of Capital Improvement Plan by Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (Caltrain)

11. Member Comments/Requests

The Committee members had a robust discussion which included the following:

- Usage of electronic bikes by unlicensed minors
- Holly Street listening session offered by the San Carlos Library
- Bike lane removal discussion at January's City of San Mateo City Council Meeting
- Remembrance of Jon Rubin
- Letter to Honorable Toks Omishakin

12. Date/Time of Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, February 4, 2025, at 4:30 pm.

13. Adjourn- The meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

**San Mateo County Transportation Authority
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**Community Advisory Committee (CAC)
Report of the Chair**

February 4, 2025

Caltrain has another good piece of news to report.

Last month the positive news was about remuneration, the remuneration it had received from the sale of its original diesel trains to Peru.

This month Caltrain is reporting that the positive news is about regeneration, the regeneration of energy. The agency is now stating that regenerative braking on the new electric trains is generating and sending back to the electric grid approximately 23 percent of the energy consumed by the system, thus, showing the new electric fleet to be more efficient than expected.

Originally estimated to cost approximately \$19.5 million annually, Caltrain's electricity use since the launch of electric service averages 207 MWh on weekdays and 175 MWh on weekends revising cost estimates to \$16.5 million.

With the agency expecting approximately \$6 million annually in energy credits from the California Air Resources Board's Low Carbon Fuel Standard Program, Caltrain says the first year of electric service will have lower fuel costs than the previous diesel services.

Currently, Caltrain is providing that power to the grid free of charge, as there is no legal requirement for the agency to be reimbursed for the energy generated.

How does this regenerative braking work? Regenerative braking works by driving an electric motor in reverse to recapture energy rather than losing it as heat during braking. Caltrain's fleet is designed to return that power to the Overhead Contact System, which feeds it to the nearest traction power facility. From there it can be used to power other trains on the system or returned to the grid.

According to Caltrain's Executive Director, Michelle Bouchard, this new electric fleet is delivering on its promise of providing state of the art service, living up to its mission of providing sustainable transportation that enhances the quality of life for everyone.



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Memorandum

Date: January 30, 2025
To: TA Board of Directors
From: April Chan, Executive Director

101 Corridor Connect North County Multimodal Strategy

The 101 Corridor Connect Multimodal Strategy focuses on a one-mile radius on either side of the US101 to identify and prioritize critical yet unfunded transportation projects for future funding.

The project team is currently finalizing the North County Multimodal Strategy and recently held the third and final working group meeting with representatives from local jurisdictions and agencies. During the meeting, the team reviewed the scoring and prioritization methodology for projects, which is aligned with the program goals of safety, connectivity, sustainability, and inclusivity. The team also presented the top 20 scoring projects for feedback, which included bicycle only, bicycle/pedestrian, transit infrastructure, and operational enhancement projects. The next step is for the working group to review and provide input on the draft strategy in February. The draft strategy is scheduled for presentation to the TA Board in Spring 2025.

US 101/SR 92 Area Improvements Project Update

The US 101/SR 92 Area Improvements Project is co-sponsored by the TA and the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG) and will address existing safety and operational deficiencies at four locations within the interchange. These improvements include ramp modifications that will be constructed within Caltrans' existing right of way. The project is funded with \$23 million from the Measure A Highway Program, \$22 million from Regional Measure 3 (RM3), \$5.6 million in State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds and a \$1 million federal earmark for a total project cost of \$51.6 million.

Caltrans is the implementing agency for construction and advertised the project on August 19, 2024. Caltrans received nine bids on November 13, 2024, and recommended award of the project to the lowest bidder, Gordon N. Ball Incorporated on November 25, 2024. The lowest bid of \$27,715,570 was \$792,679 or 3% under the Engineer's Estimate of \$28,508,249. The contract is being processed by Caltrans and it is anticipated to be executed by February 2025. Construction activities are scheduled to begin in spring 2025 and will be complete in late 2026. TA staff continues to coordinate with Caltrans'

Public Information Officer to ensure that residents and the traveling public will be informed about construction activities once the schedule has been finalized.

Atherton - El Camino Real Complete Streets Plan

The Town of Atherton has sponsored a complete streets study to evaluate ways to expand travel options and enhance safety for a 1.5-mile segment of El Camino Real between Selby Lane and Glenwood/Valparaiso Avenue. The study is funded with \$450,000 from the TA's Pedestrian/Bicycle Call for Project Program – Cycle 6 and the TA is providing technical assistance.

The project team completed “Phase 1” Existing Conditions analysis in fall 2024. This included numerous community engagement activities such as in-person pop-up events, listening sessions, community meetings and a survey/mapping tool to gather key insights from corridor users. These insights are being used in “Phase 2” to develop proposed design concepts that include dedicated bike facilities and sidewalks. The team is now seeking community feedback on the proposed design concepts, including through a survey that is available on the project website at www.ecrcompletestreets.com.

Commute.org TDM Workshop

Commute.org is hosting an upcoming Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Workshop on February 25. This workshop will bring together jurisdiction staff and stakeholders from across San Mateo County to discuss key topics, including TDM education, grant opportunities, Transportation Management Association (TMA) formation, and policy and compliance updates.

TA staff will participate as speakers during this event, providing an overview of the Alternative Congestion Relieve (ACR)/TDM Grant Program and sharing information about past awarded projects and projects that are eligible to encourage increased participation in the next funding cycle, anticipated to be released in June 2025. Jurisdictions attending the workshop will receive additional points on their ACR/TDM grant applications, providing an added incentive to both attend this collaborative event and engage in future funding opportunities.

Grade Separation Program Update

Cost escalation is a significant concern for the Grade Separation Program and TA staff plans to bring an update at the March Board meeting on program funding and a status update on the two active grade separation projects at Broadway and Linden-Scott. TA staff expects that both projects may request additional funding to complete their current phases of work in the near future, and staff will also initiate a policy discussion at the March meeting to determine how best to allocate remaining Grade Separation program funds given the increased costs and limited options for external funding. A brief status update on both projects is provided below in advance of the March meeting.

Broadway Grade Separation Project

The project is currently in the design phase (PS&E) and a construction manager/general contractor (CM/GC) was hired in April 2024 to provide input on constructability and construction costs. The revised construction cost estimate increased the total project cost from approximately \$325 million to over \$600 million, creating a significant funding gap. Escalated costs were attributed to design revisions, means of construction, inflation, constraints with working on the electrified railroad, as well as rising costs of materials and labor. The project team is conducting a value engineering effort to

reduce project costs through optimizing the scope and schedule. An update on this value engineering effort is currently planned for presentation to the City of Burlingame City Council at the City's February 18th meeting.

Linden-Scott Grade Separation Project

This project is currently in the preliminary design and environmental phase (PA&ED). Last year, the project completed a value engineering effort and identified construction methods to lower the construction duration, reduce potential right-of-way impacts, and reduce traffic impacts during construction. The original total project cost was estimated at \$450 million, and the value engineering "VE" total project cost has been reduced to \$320 million. The Caltrain project team is providing updates to the project sponsors' (the City of South San Francisco and the City of San Bruno) city councils as well as seeking their approval of the VE project scope. The presentation to the City of San Bruno was on January 28. The City of South San Francisco received an informational update on January 22 and an action item to consider the two alternatives will be presented on February 12.

Holly Overcrossing Listening Session and Next Steps with City

In early January, City of San Carlos staff led a listening session for community members and bike safety advocates to provide their thoughts on how to best address bicycle and pedestrian safety at the Holly Street Interchange. City staff indicated their commitment to a longer-term project to construct a new pedestrian and bicycle overcrossing, while recognizing the need for short-term solutions to address safety concerns. Community members presented various ideas to staff including construction of a median path protected by concrete K-rails, improved pavement markings and more signage to warn drivers about the presence of bicyclists. Residents also proposed curb bulb-outs to slow the speed of right-turning vehicles along with wider pedestrian crosswalks. As a follow-up to the listening session, TA staff will be meeting with San Carlos staff to discuss how the TA can provide technical assistance to help the City develop both near-term and long-term solutions, including encouraging the City to apply to the upcoming highway program call for projects to help fund safety improvements within the interchange.