

**Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board
Advocacy and Major Projects (AMP) Committee
1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, CA 94070
Minutes of January 29, 2025**

Members Present: Margaret Abe-Koga (arrived at 3:51 pm), Jeff Gee, Steve Heminger (Chair)

Staff Present: J. Baker, M. Bouchard, J. Brook, S. Bullock, C. Fromson, J. Harrison,
L. Lumina-Hsu, D. Ryan

1. Call to Order

Chair Steve Heminger called the meeting to order at 3:33 pm.

2. Roll Call

Deputy District Secretary Loana Lumina-Hsu called the roll and confirmed a quorum was present.

3. Pledge of Allegiance / Safety Briefing

Chair Heminger led the Pledge of Allegiance and delivered the safety briefing.

4. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

Adrian Brandt commented on the grade crossing wireless optimization system.

Aleta Dupree commented on rider experience.

Chair Heminger inquired about crossings connected to the wireless control system. Sherry Bullock, Program Director, Caltrain Modernization Program, stated the crossings that were finished in August are under warranty.

5. Approval of Meeting Minutes for December 18, 2024

Motion/Second: Gee/Heminger

Ayes: Gee, Heminger

Noes: None

Absent: Abe-Koga

6. Authorize Executive Director to Execute Contract Change Order with Balfour Beatty Infrastructure, Inc., to Account for Unanticipated Cost Escalation for Labor, Materials, and Equipment

Ms. Bullock provided the presentation, which included the following:

- Final change order includes no potential future claims to be made against Caltrain
 - Within both Balfour Beatty Infrastructure, Inc. (BBII) contract and Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project (PCEP) budget
 - Close out \$50 million BBII contract with \$2.5 million cost savings

- Staff reviewed labor and material price over past three years to determine total cost impact
- Surplus materials and spare parts transferred from BBII to JPB

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

- Federal funds do not impact the project close-out
- Staff must spend funds to be able to invoice; can close contract by March with Board approval
- Reduced risk and cost of litigation as BBII waiver covers litigation that may arise in the future

Public Comment

Roland commented on contract closeout.

Motion/Second: Gee/Abe-Koga

Ayes: Abe-Koga, Gee, Heminger

Noes: None

Absent: None

7. Receive State and Federal Legislative Update

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

Federal:

- Judge halted freeze on federal funds, which expires February 3
- IIJA (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act) funding freeze, although JPB has IIJA funds allocated
- Resignation of federal workers could impact processing time for grants, permits, regulatory needs, and safety issues
- Appropriations – Continuing Resolution until March 14
- \$60.6 million in IIJA federal formula funds was allocated to Caltrain to fund four EMUs (electric multiple units) but not yet received

State:

- Caltrain is partnering with Assemblymember Papan's office to address reimbursement for energy captured from regenerative braking
- Funding for formula-based programs such as TIRCP (Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program) and ZETCP (Zero-Emission Transit Capital Program)
- California withdrew waiver requests to the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency)
 - In-use locomotive regulation unenforceable
 - Alternative clean fleet regulation may still be enforceable; staff seeking guidance from CARB (California Air Resources Board)

Regional:

- Senator Weiner’s office continues work with partners, including MTC (Metropolitan Transportation Commission), on Senate Bill (SB) 63 intent language
 - Caltrain expecting MTC poll results in mid-February

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- TIRCP has grade separation funding which is intact
- CalSTA (California State Transportation Agency) expected to prioritize funds to replace funding taken away from grade separation projects and report to the State in April
- Legal counsel to review cancellation clause in Stadler contract and provide information to the Board

Public Comment

Roland commented on the seven-car EMUs change to four-car EMUs and reduced rider capacity.

Aleta Dupree commented on regenerative braking energy compensation and SB 30.

8. Committee Member Requests - There were none.

9. Date/Time of Next Regular AMP Committee Meeting: Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at 3:30 pm.

10. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm.