

**Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board
Board of Directors**

1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, CA 94070

Minutes of February 6, 2025

Members Present: Margaret Abe-Koga, Pat Burt, David J. Canepa, Jeff Gee, Shamann Walton (arrived at 9:05am), Monique Zmuda (arrived at 9:05 am), Rico E. Medina (Vice Chair), Steve Heminger (Chair)

Staff Present: M. Bouchard, A. Brandt, S. Bullock, N. Fogarty, C. Fromson, J. Harrison, L. Ko, L. Lumina-Hsu, D. Ryan

1. Call to Order– Chair Heminger called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

Item 3 was called before Item 2.

2. Oath of Office: David J. Canepa (representing San Mateo County Board of Supervisors)
Deputy District Secretary Loana Lumina-Hsu administered the Oath of Office to David J. Canepa, representing San Mateo County Board of Supervisors.

3. Roll Call

Ms. Lumina-Hsu called the roll and confirmed a Board quorum was present.

4. Pledge of Allegiance / Safety Briefing

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

5. Consideration of requests, if any, of Directors to participate remotely due to Emergency Circumstances – There were none.

6. Request to Change Order of Business

The Board called Item 13.b.i.

7. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

Jeff Carter commented on train departure times and automatic passenger counter.

Aleta Dupree, Team Folds, commented on cell phone reception and Wi-Fi in tunnels.

8. Report of the Executive Director

Michelle Bouchard, Executive Director, provided a report which included the following:

- Wireless crossings inhibit feature rollout and significant gate downtime improvements
- Regional collaboration sync of Bay Area transit agencies for schedule changes, regional mapping, and wayfinding

- Crossing installation improvements at Burlingame Broadway Crossing, Palo Alto Churchill Crossing
- Customer satisfaction survey resulted high overall rider satisfaction and riders most satisfied with conductors and onboard safety experiences

Public Comment

Jeff Carter commented on operating service, spare trains, and event services.

Aleeta Dupree, Team Folds, commented on operating service, spare trains, track incursions, and station parking.

Adina Levin commented on transit schedule coordination with partnering agencies, wayfinding, fares and payments with Clipper 2.0, and public transportation funding.

Adrian Brandt commented on noise levels, train wheels, rail sentry system, and preventative measures for incursions.

9. Consent Calendar

9.a. Approval of Meeting Minutes for January 9, 2025

9.b. Accept Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the Period Ending November 30, 2024

9.c. Accept Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the Period Ended December 31, 2024

Motion/Second: Medina /Gee

Ayes: Abe-Koga, Burt, Canepa, Gee, Walton, Zmuda, Medina, Heminger

Noes: None

Absent: None

Public Comment

Aleta Dupree, Team Folds, commented on electric chargers related to train operation and market interest rates.

10. Authorize Executive Director to Execute Contract Change Order with Balfour Beatty Infrastructure, Inc., to Account for Unanticipated Cost Escalation for Labor, Materials, and Equipment - *Approved by Resolution 25-08*

Sherry Bullock, Program Director, Caltrain Modernization Program, provided the presentation that included the following:

- Final change order includes no potential future claims to be made against Caltrain
- Within budget for both Balfour Beatty Infrastructure, Inc. (BBII) and Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project (PCEP) contracts

- Approximately \$2.5 million in surplus materials and spare parts transferred from BBII to JPB as trade-offs for minor punch list and mitigate supply chain delays and risks
- Project cost at completion include \$2.5 million savings in contract with \$380,000 contingency remaining
- Close out complex design build contract within contract amount
- Completed project without claims or litigation
- Enabled PCEP completion within \$2.5 billion budget

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

- Project completion with no claims or litigation arising from contract itself
- JPB will reserve rights to pending and or potential future litigation to cross claim against BBII which BBII agreed
- Safe and proper storage of surplus supplies and materials included audits for accountability

Motion/Second: Gee/Zmuda

Ayes: Abe-Koga, Burt, Canepa, Gee, Walton, Zmuda, Medina, Heminger

Noes: None

Public Comment

Roland commented on March 2022 incident and the cost incurred by Caltrain.

11. Receive State and Federal Legislative Update

Casey Fromson, Chief of Staff, and Devon Ryan, Government Affairs Officer, provided the presentation that included the following:

- Executive Director trip to Sacramento on February 2 to discuss transit issues, Caltrain update and priorities, and confirmed state funding will continue, assurances of Caltrain's future funding, and identified sources for those future funds
- State legislature reconvened and California withdrew requests for Environmental Protection Act (EPA) waivers. Further guidance expected from California Air Resources Board (CARB) in the near future
- Active Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) polling and results expected on February 14; Caltrain polling expected mid-February
- State budget requests \$2 billion over two years to support public transit across the state
- Federal judge issued temporary restraining order on Office of Management and Budget memo to freeze federal financial assistance
- Staff reviewing federal grants received and how it impacts grants with decreased federal workers, communications, permitting, inspections, and Federal Transportation Authority (FTA) collaboration

- Department of Transportation (DOT) program prioritization impacts to JPB's perspective funding, and applicability to existing funding agreements Secretary of Transportation Sean Duffy confirmed; Former Rep Marcus Molinaro nominated as FTA Administrator
- JPB has \$60.6 million allocated federal funding but not yet received. \$1 million is for reimbursements while the remainder is for funding projects
 - Federal funds needed to fund four Electric Multiple Units (EMU) purchased August 2023. Funding still needs Congress approval to be drawn down in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 and FY2026

Public Comment

Jeff Carter commented on regenerative braking compensation, regional funding measure, and federal funding distribution.

Roland commented on EMU maintenance and government funds for EMUs.

Adina Levin commented on regional and state funding.

Aleta Dupree commented on other agencies' electric regeneration system compensation and federal government reimbursements.

12. Receive Update on Caltrain Real Estate Revenue Opportunities

Nadine Fogarty, Director, Real Estate Development, provided the presentation that included the following:

- JPB has 37 acres with Transit Oriented Development (TOD) opportunities identified in San Francisco, Hayward Park, Redwood City, Mountain View, and San Jose
- Hayward Park project on hold due to market conditions
- Diridon TOD, consistent with Diridon Station Area Plan, entitled December 2024 as flexible as possible. Monitoring market conditions prior to developer solicitation
- San Francisco Railyards potential for mixed use TOD with potential revenue stream
- Mountain View TOD partnered with City of Mountain View. Staff in conversation with city staff to explore development feasibility of 2017 City-led Transit Center Master Plan
- Currently over 50 active commercial leases with annual revenue over \$1 million
- Focused on identifying additional sites for lease potential, initiate corridor-wide leasing strategy, and reviewing station assets

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- Build into process project updates for Board to include obstacles and barriers identifications for the Directors assistance

- Define potential real estate development goals such as primary goals of revenue, affordable housing in TOD, and secondary goals to increase ridership levels, grade crossing separations plans, and bike/pedestrian crossings
- Strengthening communication and involvement with partnering cities to expedite projects being built; Address quality of life by mitigating train noise
- Explore creating policy for less parking to enable more development and revenue potential

Public Comment

Jeff Carter commented on increasing trackage to increase service and coverage, San Francisco railyard, and Caltrain stations relocation.

Roland commented on TOD opportunities and small parcels.

Adrian Brandt commented on station activation, Rail Service vision, and preservation of right way for development.

13. Reports

13.a. Report of the Citizens Advisory Committee

Adrian Brandt, Chair, provided the report, which included the following:

- Received Strategic Financial Plan presentation discussing energy procurement strategy, regenerative braking reimbursement, and energy storage solutions
- Ridership and funding sources, distance-based fares, and variety of fare instruments
- Quarterly safety update, incursion issues, rail sentry system, preventative measures need to discourage vehicle code violations at crossings
- Discussed code of conduct for riders; bike theft on bike cars; new suicide prevention assistance signage; and customer satisfaction survey results

13.b. Report of the Chair

13.b.i. Resolution of Appreciation for Ray Mueller – *Approved by Resolution 25-07*

Chair Heminger thanked San Mateo County Supervisor Ray Mueller for his service.

Supervisor Mueller expressed appreciation for his time on the Board.

Motion/Second: Medina/Heminger

Ayes: Abe-Koga, Burt, Canepa, Gee, Walton, Zmuda, Medina, Heminger

Noes: None

13.c. Report of the Local Policy Maker Group (LPMG)

Chair Burt provided the report, which included the following:

- Appointed Sunnyvale Councilmember Richard Mehlinger as Vice Chair
- Reviewed Caltrain legislative program, operating budget, and 10-year operating plan
- Briefed on regional measure update
- Future meetings to focus on corridor crossing strategy; Cities interests in station activation; and Caltrain-City partnership toolkit

13.d. Report of the Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA)

Chair Gee provided the report, which included the following:

- Updated schedule and how far project can advance with current funding. Facing over \$2 billion shortage
- Project approved to go into engineering and enough funds for engineering next couple years. If no funding is identified, slow down in FY2027
- Potential reduction in federal funding will lead to relying on local and state funding

Public Comment

Roland commented on high-speed train accommodation on Caltrain tracks.

14. Correspondence – Available online.

15. Board Member Requests – There were none.

16. Date/Time/Location of Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, March 6, 2025 at 9:00 am at via Zoom and in person at the San Mateo County Transit District, Bacciocco Auditorium, 2nd Floor, 1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, CA.

17. Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 11:28 pm.