

**Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board  
Work Program – Legislative – Planning Committee (WPLP)  
1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos CA**

**DRAFT MINUTES OF JULY 28, 2021**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** C. Stone (Chair), C. Chavez, S. Heminger

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** M. Bouchard, D. Hansel, J. Harrison, S. Petty, B. Tietjen, L. Low, A. Simmons, M. Hansen, T. Burgwyn, D. Seamans, S. Wong

**1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Charles Stone called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. and Acting Executive Director Michelle Bouchard led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. ROLL CALL**

District Secretary Dora Seamans called the roll and confirmed a quorum was present.

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

Roland Lebrun, San Jose, commented on the Project Management Oversight Consulting (PMOC) report, Communications Based Overlay Signal System (CBOSS) grade crossing warning times, Balfour Beatty Inc., and Parsons Inc.

**4. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 23, 2021**

Motion/Second: Chavez/Stone

Ayes: Chavez, Heminger, Stone

Noes: None

Absent: None

**5. REDWOOD CITY PLANNING AND REAL ESTATE UPDATE**

Anthony Simmons, Director of System Wide Planning and Policy, provided the presentation, which included the following:

- Redwood City context including ridership and grade separation coordination and the Whipple Avenue grade separation study
- 2040 Long Range Service Vision and the Dumbarton Rail Corridor
- Sequoia Station Redevelopment details including assigned residential, office, retail, childcare, and parking units

Brian Fitzpatrick, Director of Real Estate & Property Development, provided the presentation, which included the following:

- A widened right of way to accommodate 4 tracks by moving CVS and Safeway closer to El Camino Real
- SamTrans owns 315 spot parking garage under Sequoia Station

- Minkoff Group Development and a potential land swap and benefits to the JPB with minimal impact to JPB property

#### Public comment

Roland Lebrun, San Jose, commented on the Dumbarton rail location, having a station between Menlo Park and Redwood City, and Redwood junction.

Jeff Carter, Millbrae, commented on expansion of Caltrain to four tracks to Redwood City, connecting to Altamont Corridor Express (ACE) through Dumbarton rail, level boarding, and grade separation.

Adrian Brandt, San Mateo County, commented on east west connectivity for Redwood City, housing, and accommodating high speed/regional rail.

The Board members had a discussion and in response to the Board comments and questions, staff provided clarifications on the following:

- Number of onsite affordable residential units and balancing residential units with office units, and what does affordable housing mean in each city
- Land use and local plans up and down the corridor
- Checking in on goals and whether we could do more
- Provide more city context when including city projects
- Understanding the maximum and minimum of what is available for development relative to parking availability
- Consider Dumbarton rail and high speed rail

Motion/Second: Chavez/Stone

Ayes: Chavez, Heminger, Stone

Noes: None

Absent: None

## **6. STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Casey Fromson, Acting Chief Communications Officer, provided an update on the following:

- The Governor signed a budget bill but it did not include the proposed high speed rail investment funds
- Identifying appropriate funds for electrification
- 2040 service vision and staying consistent with partners
- Bi-partisan infrastructure package (\$66 billion for rail, \$12 billion inner city rail, \$3 billion for grade crossing safety improvements)

## **7. UPDATE ON SERVICE RESTORATION**

Ted Burgwyn, Director of Rail Network and Operations Planning, provided the presentation and spoke about the following:

- August 30<sup>th</sup> new train schedule and August 2021 weekday plan
- Service planning strategy to recapture the commuter market, address inequities, and build new ridership

- Ongoing constraints
- Millbrae BART connections
- Gilroy Service
- Financial implications, overall benefits, and future considerations

#### Public comment

Jeff Carter, Millbrae, commented on restoring bullets on the weekend, restoring service to Broadway station, Gilroy service, and real time data collection.

Roland Lebrun, San Jose, commented on masks, vaccinations, state employee testing, the Sunnyvale stop, baby bullets originating in Gilroy, and Caltrain recovery efforts.

Adina Levin, Friends of Caltrain, commented on service, the Millbrae connection on weekends and evenings, transfers, and clear signage.

Adrian Brandt, San Mateo County, commented on vaccine requirements, moving away from zone fare system and toward a distance based fare system.

Chair Stone left at 4:08 pm and appointed Director Heminger to proceed as acting chair

The Board members had a robust discussion and staff provided further clarification in response to the Board comments and questions regarding the following:

- Whether this would be a staged process and staff providing future updates
- Upgrading service for a southbound Sunnyvale baby bullet and meeting with Sunnyvale staff
- BART Caltrain connection at Millbrae and being mindful of the situation with other transit agencies' schedule changes
- Reaching off peak riders
- Increasing service to increase ridership
- JPB authority for masks and vaccinations for workers and the public and what the three counties currently mandate

Director Chavez left at 4:30 pm

## **8. UPCOMING MARKETING EFFORTS RELATED TO INCREASING RIDERSHIP**

Casey Fromson, provided a presentation on the following topics:

- Pre-pandemic and post pandemic Caltrain service and ongoing analysis
- Regional marketing campaign strategy from 8/9 to 9/30 with led by MTC (Metropolitan Transportation Commission) and with participation from 27 transit agencies
- Caltrain Approach from 8/16 to 10/31 with a local focus and outreach
- Physical marketing to include train wrap, mailers, and print ads
- Reminders for safety protocols
- Monitor, adjust, and improve

Public comment

Jeff Carter, Millbrae, commented on revamping zones to distance based fares to increase ridership. He asked if the monthly pass also be 50% during September and when the comprehensive fare package was going to be revealed

Adrian Brandt, San Mateo County, commented on businesses advertising employee vaccinations.

In response to Director Heminger's comments, staff provided further clarification on the mandatory San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) employee vaccinations and Caltrain vaccination requirements.

**9. COMMITTEE MEMBER REQUESTS**

Director Chavez requested staff sit down with Sunnyvale Mayor and staff to elaborate on service restoration updates.

Director Heminger requested a potential recommendation regarding a mask and vaccination mandate.

**10. DATE/TIME OF NEXT REGULAR WPLP COMMITTEE MEETING: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2021 AT 3:00 PM VIA ZOOM**

**11. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 4:51 p.m.