

CalMod Local Policy Maker Group (LPMG)

Location: SamTrans Offices
1250 San Carlos Avenue, 2nd Floor- Bacciocco Auditorium, San Carlos

Date: January 24, 2013
Time: 6:00PM – 7:30PM

Agenda

1. JPB Staff Report

2. Information/Discussion Items
 - a. EIR/EA Update – R. Walter, ICF (Attachment A)
 - b. JPB/CHSRA New Agreement – S. Murphy (Attachment B)

3. Public Comments

4. LMPG Member Comments / Requests

5. Next Meeting: February 28, 2013, 6:00PM, SamTrans Offices, Auditorium

Future Item Ticklers:

- *Local Concerns Log*

CalMod Local Policy Maker Group (LPMG) December 20, 2012 Meeting

The following are summary meeting notes. The purpose of these notes is to capture key discussion items and actions identified for subsequent meetings.

Information/Discussion Items

1. CalMod Local Policymaker Group (LPMG)

Staff recapped the purpose of the LPMG, membership, meeting frequency and protocols. The LPMG meetings are public meetings. The group is comprised of elected officials/appointments representing the 17 cities and 3 counties along the blended system route. A key focus of the group will be to provide the JPB with a local perspective on issues related to advancing the blended system on the Peninsula.

2. Corridor Electrification Environmental Process

Staff introduced ICF, the environmental consultant selected by the JPB to prepare the Corridor Electrification environmental document. Rich Walter, the Project Manager with ICF, described the scope, process and schedule for preparing the environmental document. The Notice of Preparation (NOP) will be issued in late January. The goal is to complete the environmental process in 18 months, which will assist with the commencement of electrified revenue service in 2019.

3. JPB/HSR New/Updated Agreement

Staff outlined the need to update the 2004 and 2009 agreements between the California High Speed Rail Authority and (CHSRA) and the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (JPB). Staff presented key principles contemplated for inclusion in the new agreement and solicited input. The most important principle to capture in the agreement is the CHSRA and JPB commitment to advance a blended system in the peninsula. The outdated documents reflect the 4-track vision, which was locally rejected.

In December, the JPB and the CHSRA Boards heard information items covering the key principles for inclusion in a new agreement. Staff anticipates going to the JPB for action in January/February 2013. Staff requested comments on the principles by the 3rd week of January.

4. Blended System Planning Update

Staff provided an update on 2 blended system planning studies: Service/Operations Considerations Study; and Grade Crossing and Traffic Study. Preliminary findings were presented. The studies are focused on analysis to inform future decision-making about blended system improvements.

Staff will be presenting in public venues as requested in January and February. March is the target date for public release of the draft and final reports. Public comments will be solicited on the draft report and addressed in the final report.

Action Items

- Provide information about JPB engineering standards regarding grade separations and crossings with greater than two tracks.
- Provide CHSRA staff memo (information item) regarding the CHSRA/JPB New/Updated Agreement.
- Distribute draft CHSRA/JPB agreement at the January LPMG meeting.



Memorandum

Date: January 24, 2013

To: CalMod Local Policy Maker Group (LPMG)

From: Marian Lee, CalMod Executive Officer

Re: Corridor Electrification Notice of Preparation & Public Scoping Meetings

In December, Caltrain staff and the environmental consultant team, ICF International, provided you with an overview of the corridor electrification environmental approach, project scope, schedule and immediate next steps.

Since the last LPMG meeting, the project team has been drafting the Corridor Electrification Notice of Preparation (NOP), which initiates the environmental clearance process. Four public scoping meetings will be held during the end of February to solicit input on the proposed project. The exact dates of these meetings are still being finalized. The proposed meeting locations are supported by the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board Members. The NOP is anticipated to be released on January 31, 2013.

- San Jose City Hall, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, Date TBD
- Palo Alto City Hall, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, Date TBD
- Caltrain Office, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, Date TBD
- San Francisco City Hall, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, Date TBD



Memorandum

Date: January 24, 2013

To: CalMod Local Policy Maker Group (LPMG)

From: Marian Lee, CalMod Executive Officer

Re: JPB / CHSRA New Agreement

In December, Caltrain staff shared the December Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (JPB) staff memo regarding recommended key principles for inclusion in the new agreement to be developed between the JPB and the California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA).

The existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Agreement between the two agencies dating back to 2004 and 2009 are outdated and need to be updated to reflect the two agencies' commitment to advancing a Blended System for the peninsula corridor.

Following the December JPB meeting, staff received a significant amount of comment from cities and community stakeholders.

Staff is working to have a draft of the new agreement available at the January CalMod Local Policymaker Group (LPMG) meeting.

At this meeting, staff will share input obtained from stakeholders on the proposed principles thus far and discuss recommendations for addressing them.

This item will be presented to the JPB in February as an information item followed by action in March. The schedule was modified to sufficiently obtain and address stakeholder input.

Interested parties are asked to submit final comments on the draft agreement by February 13.

Attachment B