

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

**MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 24, 2021**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** S. Heminger

**STAFF PRESENT:** J. Hartnett, J. Cassman, S. van Hoften, S. Petty, M. Bouchard, D. Hansel, R. Rios, B. Fitzpatrick, L. Low, S. Petty, D. Seamans, S. Wong

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

Chair Charles Stone called the subcommittee meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. and Director Cindy Chavez 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 Caltrain reaching out to Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) to express interest in purchasing the Gilroy parking lot.

**4. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 27, 2021**

Motion/Second: Chavez/Stone

Ayes: Chavez, Stone

Noes: None

Absent: Heminger

**5. STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE AND APPROVAL OF LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS**

Lori Low, Public Affairs Officer, provided a federal and state legislative update. She noted the House Budget Committee approved President Biden's \$1.9 trillion pandemic aid that could bring \$1.9 billion for Bay Area transit. Ms. Low reported hearings beginning on the Governor's proposed state budget on the regulatory reporting relief related to the transportation development act.

Public comment

Roland Lebrun, San Jose, commented on Assembly Bill (AB) 1091 by Mark Berman which proposes to replace elected officials on the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Board with members of the public.

## **6. POLICY REGARDING THIRD PARTY REQUESTS TO USE PROPERTY OWNED BY THE PENINSULA CORRIDOR JOINT POWERS BOARD**

Brian Fitzpatrick, Director of Real Estate & Property Development, provided the presentation on the background and proposed revisions to the property conveyance policy and fee schedule. Mr. Fitzpatrick noted the policy context, types of uses covered, and how uses were approved. He reiterated that they would schedule a hearing in March and this would go to the Joint Powers Board in April.

The Board members had a discussion and staff provided further clarification in response to the Board comments and questions regarding an internal Land Use Committee for Caltrain, termination for transit purposes clause, using equity analysis to determine policy, affordable housing, and incentives for affordable housing developers.

### Public comment

Jeff Carter, Millbrae, commented on not preventing future use of four tracks with current actions.

Roland Lebrun, San Jose, commented on deferring recommendation to the Board until there is a new team.

Drew, San Mateo, commented on policy for the use of parking lots for a skateboard parks, and policy for addressing bike pedestrian paths.

Motion/Second: Chavez/Stone to recommend the staff report to the Board and call a public hearing in April

Ayes: Chavez, Stone

Noes: None

Absent: Heminger

## **7. BACKGROUND ON GRADE SEPARATION PROJECTS AND PROCESS**

Sebastian Petty, Deputy Chief of Planning, provided the presentation on the purpose, regulation, safety, usage, and existing gate downtimes. He explained Section 190 program funding. Mr. Petty also noted city-led grade separation, closure plans and the corridor wide grade separation strategy.

The Board members had a discussion and staff provided further clarification in response to the Board comments and questions regarding a continuous funding stream, looking at opportunities with land, differences between this presentation and the Business Plan presentation to the full Board, shovel-ready construction projects, idling trains, climate change, and needing Federal funding.

### Public comment

Roland Lebrun, San Jose, commented on four-track grade crossing, displaying all grade crossings in the presentation, prioritization, fatalities, and using advanced technologies to increase safety and efficiency when installing electrification.

Jeff Carter, Millbrae, commented on obtaining highway funding for grade separations and train frequency.

Oso, San Diego, commented on adopting sustainable policy and the electrification completion date.

Drew, San Mateo, commented on developing a framework for future bicycle-pedestrian crossings.

#### **8. COMMITTEE MEMBER REQUESTS**

Director Chavez requested a bullet to the Property Conveyance presentation regarding Caltrain's internal land use committee and termination for transit purposes clause.

#### **9. DATE/TIME OF NEXT REGULAR WPLP COMMITTEE MEETING: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2021 AT 3:00 PM VIA ZOOM**

#### **10. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.