

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, June 15, 2017
3:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.
TAM Conference Room
900 Fifth Avenue, Suite 100
San Rafael, California**

TAC Members Present:

Amy Van Doren, Vice Chair
Regan Candelario
Tim Gilbert
Jonathan Goldman
Robert Goralka, Alternate
Mike Grant
Richard Myhre
Raymond Santiago, Alternate
Vin Smith, Alternate
Russ Thompson
Doug Wilson

Staff Members Present

Derek McGill, Planning Manager
David Chan, Project Manager
Dan Cherrier, Project Manager

Guests Present:

V-Anne Chernock, COC liaison

Vice Chair Amy Van Doren called the Technical Advisory Committee meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

1. Introductions

Self-introductions were made around the room.

2. Administration of Oaths

Project Manager Dan Cherrier administered the oath of office to Members Tim Gilbert, Regan Candelario, Raymond Santiago, and Amy Van Doren.

3. Staff Comments

Dan Cherrier reminded the Committee to help the minutes clerk by stating their names when speaking. He also noted that there has been a request to swap agenda Items 7 and 8 because Planning Manager Derek McGill will need to leave by 4:00. After brief discussion with the Committee, it was decided to leave the agenda as it was, with the goal of finishing the meeting by 4:00.

4. Committee Member Comments

Member Thompson said he was glad his boss was now on the Committee with him, because his attendance at these meetings could be confirmed now.

5. Open Time for Public Expression

None given.

6. Consent Calendar

a. Approval of Minutes of March 16, 2017 Meeting

Vice Chair Van Doren made a correction to page 2 of the minutes as follows, "*Mr. Cherrier said he thought that would only work if **the third day** ~~three days~~ of video **is are** collected at the same time as the first two days.*"

Vice Chair Van Doren also commented on information that seemed to be missing from page 5 of the minutes. Mr. Cherrier explained the item she was referring to was discussed at a previous meeting but not this one. After further discussion, Mr. Cherrier recommended deleting the statement, "*Mr. Cherrier noted there is a new Public Works Director in the city, and staff can see whether there is any interest in trying any of the other options*", and the Committee agreed.

Vice Chair Van Doren pointed out that her name was written incorrectly on page 6 of the minutes (*Vice Chair Doren* should be *Vice Chair **Van** Doren.*).

Member Mike Grant moved to approve the minutes of March 16, 2017 as amended. Member Russ Thompson seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. (Member Goldman arrived at the meeting at 3:10 p.m. and was able to vote on the motion. Member Candelario abstained from the vote.)

7. West Marin SFD Funding Request (Action)

Project Manager David Chan presented the staff report, discussing the status of the project, phasing of the priority projects, total amount allocated thus far, and the amount remaining and requested now.

Eric Miller, Marin County, reviewed the scope of the project, previously completed sections, bid opening date, and anticipated start date for this section. In response to question from Vice Chair Van Doren, he clarified the exact area for the final segment of the project as well as funding details. He also discussed recycling of the asphalt that will be removed and traffic controls.

Member Jonathan Goldman moved to approve the West Marin SFD funding request. Member Russ Thompson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

8. Strategic Vision Plan (Information)

Member Doug Wilson joined the meeting at 3:20 p.m. and was seated at the table.

Planning Manager Derek McGill presented the staff report, summarizing information included in the report, including the background and purpose, anticipated release at the end of June, updates to the policies and programs in the Measure A Expenditure Plan, TAM accomplishments since 2004, future plans, future needs, mission statement, public outreach, input from member agencies, milestones, principles and framework, mission statement, and areawide transportation/traffic issues.

Mr. McGill also reviewed the transportation setting, including significant job growth expected in the region, response to the threat of sea level rise, limited access to transit options for some communities, impact from the pending startup of SMART (Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit), funding issues, identifying priority projects, vision strategies, modernizing traffic interchanges, new innovations that need to be incorporated into the planning process, the continuing demand for road maintenance for local streets & roads as well as major roads, programs and services for students and schools, continued support for transportation demand management (TDM) and the alternative fuels program, revenue considerations, and funding opportunities.

Mr. McGill concluded the report and asked for input from the Committee as to which programs/projects they thought should be top priority and whether there were any additional items they thought should be included.

Vice Chair Van Doren asked whether the vision plan is intended to be a precursor to a new expenditure plan. Mr. McGill said the vision plan will use some of the same ideas, but will also have much more than the original expenditure plan.

Vice Chair Van Doren commented on the section under economy, where local transit is cited as a major contributor to the economy because of work commutes, but she thought local travel should also be included under equity as well.

Under Sustainability, Vice Chair Van Doren suggested that active transportation programs access to transit should be included. She also asked for clarification on why the park-and-ride lots were included under the transit capital section, since there is no strong air quality benefit. She also recommended that hybrid and electric vehicles be included in this category. Mr. McGill noted that transit capital could include fleet replacement, and he explained that the project categories don't list every item that could be included but are intended to provide a framework. Vice Chair Van Doren reiterated her concern that for projects funded by TAM, new vehicles purchased should be electric or use an alternative fuel source.

Member Thompson commented on the transition from fixed route bus service to smaller capacity, autonomous vehicles. Vice Chair Van Doren acknowledged there is a trade-off between mobility on demand through the use of private vehicles and the more efficient use of fixed route trips, noting there is a time when each is needed for the community. Mr. McGill explained that is one of the purposes, to identify the different modes and ensure that workable strategies are in place.

Member Goralka pointed out that another goal of the strategic plan is to maximize public safety regardless which transit mode is used. He discussed funding sources specifically for projects with a safety component.

Member Grant expressed concern about the importance of the crossing guard program and potential funding cuts.

Member Goldman said he thought the plan should be more strategic, i.e. finding new ways to continue to meet the needs of a growing economy, other than continuing with the old priorities and policies.

Vice Chair Van Doren agreed. She pointed out that the strategies and goals should not be based on available funding sources, but instead the strategies and policies should drive the plan.

In response to a question about electric vehicles, Mr. McGill explained they were mentioned under alternative fuels sources in the Sustainability section of the draft plan, as well as multiple times in the staff report. He noted as well that Marin has the second highest number of electric vehicles per capita.

V-Anne Chernock, Citizens' Oversight Committee (COC), questioned whether the overarching goals are addressed by a regional body such as the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) or the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), whereas this proposed plan is more focused on Marin-specific issues. Mr. McGill acknowledged there is a connection. He also expressed concern that the goals

should be realistic and achievable. He reminded the Committee that many of the projects and policies were based on community input. He acknowledged that the missing component is how to move ahead with implementation of the concepts.

Member Wilson questioned whether pedestrian access was addressed in the plan, noting that pedestrian accessibility is the glue that drives all other modes. Mr. McGill explained that bicycle and pedestrian issues have been separately addressed, and staff will continue with that framework.

In response to a question from Vice Chair Van Doren, Mr. McGill reviewed next steps in the process.

9. Next meeting

After a brief summary by Mr. Cherrier, the Committee decided by consensus to set the next meeting date for July 20, 2017 if there are enough items for the agenda. Potential agenda items included the latest Measure A assessment report, crossing guard program report, and update on the Vision Plan.

Mr. Cherrier asked Member Russ Thompson to remain after the meeting to be sworn in.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:06 p.m.