



MEETING OF THE
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY OF MARIN
TAM

September 26, 2019
7:00 PM

MARIN COUNTY CIVIC CENTER, ROOM 330
3501 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE
SAN RAFAEL, CALIFORNIA

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present:

Alice Fredericks, Tiburon Town Council, TAM Vice-Chair
Brian Colbert, San Anselmo Town Council
Damon Connolly, Marin County Board of Supervisors
Dan Hillmer, Larkspur City Council
Dennis Rodoni, Marin County Board of Supervisors
James Campbell, Belvedere City Council
John Reed, Fairfax Town Council
Kathrin Sears, Marin County Board of Supervisors
Katie Rice, Marin County Board of Supervisors
P. Beach Kuhl, Ross Town Council
Susan Cleveland-Knowles, Sausalito City Council
Stephanie Moulton-Peters, Mill Valley City Council

Members Absent:

David Kunhardt, Corte Madera Town Council
Eric Lucan, Novato City Council
Gary Phillips, San Rafael City Council
Judy Arnold, Marin County Board of Supervisors, TAM Chair

Staff Members Present

Dianne Steinhauser, Executive Director
Bill Whitney, Principal Project Delivery Manager
Dan Cherrier, Deputy Executive Director
David Chan, Manager of Programming and Legislation
Derek McGill, Planning Manager
Grace Zhuang, Accounting and Administrative Specialist
Helga Cotter, Senior Accountant
Molly Graham, Public Outreach Coordinator
Scott McDonald, Senior Transportation Planner

Vice Chair Fredericks called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

1. Chair's Report (Discussion)

Vice-Chair Fredericks read a resolution of appreciation to Executive Director (ED) Dianne Steinhauser on the occasion of her retirement. ED Steinhauser commented on her experiences throughout her career and her plans for her retirement.

2. Commissioner Matters Not on the Agenda (Discussion)

Commissioner Colbert reported on a Safe Routes to Schools meeting he attended in Ross Valley and commented on the importance of improving driver awareness of this topic. He also reported on a Yellow School Bus meeting he attended commenting that it is vital to reducing congestion. Commissioner Colbert reported that he had been inspired by his fellow commissioners to purchase an electric bike for commuting and reduced his car ownership to one vehicle.

Commissioner Moulton-Peters complimented TAM for the agency's successful *Bike to the Ball Park* promotion. She also commented on Mill Valley's Art Festival which included promotion of biking. She commented on Yellow School Bus discussions and the importance of finding ways to continue and improve this program.

Commissioner Rice commented on the Bay Area Air Quality Management District's (BAAQMD's) *Clean Cars for All* program providing grants for hybrid or electric vehicles or public transit subsidy for families with income below certain poverty level. She stated she would share more details. BAAQMD also approved funding for several other grant programs. She stated TAM should consider putting more effort into applying for or encouraging local jurisdictions to apply for these grants.

3. Executive Director's Report (EDR) (Discussion)

ED Steinhauser referred everyone to the EDR which was distributed prior to the meeting and she thanked Public Outreach Director Molly Graham for her assistance in the preparation of this over the past few years. She reported that several members of the board were absent today because they were attending a State Route (SR) 37 workshop hosted by Senator Mike McGuire. She stated there would be a report next month on that workshop. Caltrans District 4 Director Tony Tavares was scheduled to visit tonight's TAM meeting but is also at the workshop. She was hopeful that he would be able to attend the next TAM meeting.

4. Commissioner Reports (Discussion)**a. Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Report**

Commissioner Connolly reported on the MTC meeting on September 25, 2019. He commented on the amount of key region-wide issues that are beginning to move forward over the next twelve months noting that FASTER (Freedom, Affordability, Speed, Transparency, Equity, Reliability) Bay Area is garnering the most focus at the moment. He reported that AB 1487 has passed and is expected to be signed by the governor. He expected to continue participating on the ad-hoc committee, comprised of MTC/ABAG members, on this topic as it moves forward. He commented on the issue of conditioning transportation funding on affordable housing construction and expected more discussion at MTC on this over the next several months. Commissioner Connolly reported on his meeting with the North Bay MTC Commissioners and CMA Executive Directors from the four North Bay counties along with SMART's executive director and stated that MTC would likely sponsor a rail workshop in the first quarter of 2020. He added that fare integration of transit systems in the Bay Area is another topic that will be discussed at MTC.

b. Marin Transit Report

Commissioner Connolly reported on the 2019 International Zero Emission Bus Conference in San Francisco that he attended with Commissioner Sears and several Marin Transit staff members. He noted that information was available on hydrogen-cell fuel technology which is gaining popularity both nationally and globally as a clean transit mode. He mentioned that Electric busses were also featured and noted that Marin Transit has a few in its fleet.

c. **SMART**

ED Steinhauser reminded everyone that the SMART General Manager's Report was distributed prior to the meeting and she noted that SMART will be deciding in early November about funding options to finish the SMART extensions.

5. Open Time for Public Expression

Cindy Winter, a Larkspur resident, commended ED Steinhauser on the passage of Measure AA and its importance for TAM's consistent, ongoing funding over the next several years.

Bjorn Gripenburg of the Marin County Bicycle Coalition (MCBC) expressed the appreciation of the MCBC for ED Steinhauser's leadership and service.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR (Action)

- a. Approve TAM Board Meeting Minutes of June 27, July 8, July 25, and August 15, 2019
- b. Caltrans Cooperative Agreements for Design and Right-of-Way (ROW) Support of the Highway 101 Marin-Sonoma Narrows (MSN) B7 and B8 Contracts (formerly B1-Phase 2 and A4)
- c. Allocate Measure AA (Transportation Sales Tax) Funds to Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District (GGBHTD) for Ferry Connector Service
- d. Approve the Programming of 2020 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Funds
- e. Approve the Change of TAM Dental Benefit Plan and the Required Plan MOU

Vice-Chair Fredericks opened and closed public comment on the Consent Calendar with no speakers coming forward.

Commissioner Connolly moved to approve the Consent Calendar, which Commissioner Reed seconded. The motion was carried unanimously.

7. Oral Report of the Negotiation Result and Approval of the Employment Contract for the New Executive Director (Action)

Vice-Chair Fredericks reported that she and Chair Arnold finalized negotiations with the top candidate, Anne Richman, for the position of Executive Director. She provided the oral report of the compensation package for the new Executive Director as required by SB1436 and recommended that the Board approve the employment contract with Ms. Richman.

Vice-Chair Fredericks opened and closed public comment on the Item with no speakers coming forward.

Commissioner Kunhardt moved to approve the employment contract for the new executive director, which Commissioner Connolly seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice-Chair Fredericks expressed TAM's excitement to work with Ms. Richman.

8. Marin Transit Update (Information)

ED Steinhauser noted that the two reports usually given during the summer months by Marin Transit and Safe Routes to Schools have been delayed until the latter part of this year. She stated that the Safe Routes update will

be reported on next month, and then she introduced Nancy Whelan, Marin Transit General Manager, to report on Marin Transit's activities.

Ms. Whelan expressed her appreciation to ED Steinhauser for her leadership at TAM over the past years. She reported on Marin Transit's achievements over the last year, including ridership numbers, the on-demand pilot program and the use of zero emission buses pilot program. She discussed the importance of Measure AA for Marin Transit's funding and reviewed the Agency's revenue sources. She gave an update on Marin Transit's local bus service, school transportation, yellow-bus programs, rural transit service, senior and disabled transportation, service changes, completed and upcoming capital projects, and new initiatives including free fare promotions. Ms. Whelan thanked the TAM board for the Measure A/AA and Measure B allocations to Marin Transit.

Commissioner Rice expressed appreciation for the close collaboration between TAM and Marin Transit.

Commissioner Reed commented on opportunities to improve bus accessibility and capacity for electric bicycles as well as traditional bicycles.

Vice-Chair Fredericks thanked Ms. Whelan for the comprehensive report.

9. Caltrans Report (Discussion)

ED Steinhauser commented on the large capital projects planned to launch in 2020, including the North-South Greenway over Corte Madera Creek, the replacement of the Harbor Street Bridge in San Rafael, the widening of the Bellam Blvd. off-ramp in San Rafael, and the Marin-Sonoma Narrows Project in the northern part of the county. She also commented on work on Highway 1 and other miscellaneous access improvements occurring around Marin.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.