



MEETING OF THE
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY OF MARIN
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Funding, Programs & Legislation
September 14, 2020
2:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

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MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Judy Arnold, County of Marin Board of Supervisors, Committee Chair
Beach Kuhl, Ross Town Council
Katie Rice, County of Marin Board of Supervisors
Eric Lucan, Novato City Council
Susan Cleveland-Knowles, Sausalito City Council

Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Anne Richman, Executive Director
Dan Cherrier, Principal Project Delivery Manager
David Chan, Manager of Programming & Legislation
Denise Merleno, Executive Assistant
Helga Cotter, Senior Accountant
Li Zhang, Deputy Executive Director/Chief Financial Officer

Chair Arnold called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

1. Chair’s Report (Discussion)

Chair Arnold welcomed everyone to the virtual meeting as allowed by Governor Newsom’s Executive Order N-29-20, asked Ms. Denise Merleno to conduct a roll call, and reported that there was a quorum of the Committee. She reported that the State has elevated the County of Marin from the purple tier to the red tier effective September 15, which will allow more businesses to open.

2. Commissioner Comments (Discussion)

None.

Item 4 was taken out of order.

4. Open Time for Public Expression

Chair Arnold asked staff if any member of the public wished to speak or had submitted a comment by e-mail, and hearing none, she closed this item.

3. Executive Director's Report (Discussion)

Executive Director Anne Richman highlighted items in her report including an update on the Agency's final sales tax collection for FY2019-20 noting that \$27.48 million was received which was only \$0.02 million less than the \$27.5 million budgeted for the year. She reported on a new safety barrier that was installed on the flyover off-ramp from westbound I-580 to Sir Francis Drake Boulevard in August, the third meeting of the Marin 101-580 Stakeholder Working Group meeting on August 25, potential changes to TAM's partnerships with Transportation Network Companies as a result of Assembly Bill (AB) 5, and an upcoming meeting of TAM's Citizens' Oversight Committee (COC) on September 21. She finalized her report by discussing the ways Bay Area transit agencies are adapting to changes needed as keep employees and riders safe as a result of COVID-19, a congestion pricing study being conducted by the San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA), and that the draft California Transportation Plan (CTP) 2050 is available for review and public comment until October 22.

Chair Arnold asked staff if any member of the public wished to speak or had submitted a comment by e-mail, and hearing none, she closed this item.

5. Approval of Meeting Minutes from July 13, 2020 (Action)

Commissioner Lucan moved to approve the Minutes of July 13, 2020 which was seconded by Commissioner Rice. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion was unanimously approved.

6. State Legislative Update (Discussion)

ED Richman introduced Gus Khouri, TAM's Legislative Consultant, who presented this discussion item.

Mr. Khouri provided an update on the state legislature including 380 bills that Governor Newsom must sign or veto by September 30. He noted that among those to be considered are an amendment to Senate Bill (SB) 288 (Weiner) which TAM took a support position on, to remove language pertaining to alterations around bridges and arterials; SB 895 (Archuleta), supported by TAM, which would require the California Energy Commission (CEC) to spend more resources on clean energy; and SB1291 (Beall) which would delay the timing to submit a federal and state transportation improvement plan in order to be eligible for federal funding eligibility.

Regarding the state budget, Mr. Khouri reported that the state legislature approved the budget for the upcoming year and that Governor signed off on it. However, a special session may be convened after the November election to address the \$54 billion deficit.

He reported on staff's efforts to apply for \$40 million through the California Transportation Commission's Solutions for Congested Corridors program and expressed appreciation to Chair Arnold and Commissioner Lucan for their participation in these efforts.

He finalized his report by discussing the Governor's Transportation Action Plan to reduce single occupancy, gasoline-powered cars and deliver more multimodal projects.

Chair Arnold asked if any member of the public wished to speak or had submitted a comment by e-mail, and hearing none, she closed this item.

7. Update on COVID-19 Impacts on Crossing Guard Program (Discussion)

ED Richman introduced this discussion item and noted that the program has been deeply affected by the COVID-19 health crisis. TAM Project Delivery Manager Dan Cherrier and James O'Brien of Advanced PDI presented this item. Mr. O'Brien began by providing a summary of the program and described the three main impacts that COVID-19 has had on the program including a decline in Measure AA revenue, short-term cost savings due to school closures, and changes to in-person school operations. He reviewed a variety of scenarios, once school re-opens, to assess current and future program impacts. Mr. O'Brien noted that all but one scenario will leave a positive ending-fund balance in FY 2020/21, more than half the scenarios will be in the red at the end of FY 2021/22, and that there will need to be a significant reduction in the number of guards in FY 2022/23. He finalized his presentation by discussing the next steps which included continuing to prepare for school reopening, making budget adjustments needed based on revenues and costs, looking at other revenue or cost reduction measure options to maintain the current number of guards until the program undergoes its recertification in 2022, and be ready to make changes, as needed, in Spring 2021.

Commissioner Lucan asked if keeping abreast of changing traffic patterns will be part of the ongoing monitoring once schools reopen. Mr. O'Brien said that it will be conducted as resources permit. Feedback from the crossing guards will be utilized to determine intersections that have low usage.

Commissioner Rice stressed the importance of collaborating with the Safe Routes to Schools (SR2S) program's task forces during this time to better understand how various schools are handling their reopening. She added that this information could better inform the need and placement of crossing guards during the reopening process.

Chair Arnold asked about coordination with the Marin County Office of Education. Mr. Cherrier stated that Mike Grant, the Assistant Superintendent, participates in these discussions.

ED Richman closed this item by reporting that staff has been in discussion with coordinators of the SR2S program, and she envisions these two programs can complement each other towards a smoother reopening of schools.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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