

MEETING OF THE  
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY OF MARIN  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
Administration, Projects & Planning  
February 14, 2022  
3:30 PM



Virtual Meeting

**Members Present:**

Alice Fredericks, Tiburon Town Council  
Damon Connolly, Marin County Board of Supervisors  
Dan Hillmer, Larkspur City Council  
Eric Lucan, Novato City Council  
Stephanie Moulton-Peters, Marin County Board of Supervisors, Committee Chair

**Staff Members Present:**

Anne Richman, Executive Director  
Bill Whitney, Principal Project Delivery Manager  
Dan Cherrier, Principal Project Delivery Manager  
David Chan, Director of Programming and Legislation  
Derek McGill, Director of Planning  
Grace Zhuang, Accounting & Administration Specialist  
Jennifer Doucette, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board  
Li Zhang, Deputy Executive Director/Chief Financial Officer  
Molly Graham, Public Outreach Coordinator  
Nick Nguyen, Principal Project Delivery Manager  
Scott McDonald, Senior Transportation Planner

Chair Moulton-Peters called the Administration, Projects & Planning (AP&P) Executive Committee meeting to order at 3:33 p.m. She welcomed everyone to the Committee's virtual meeting and asked Jennifer Doucette, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board, to conduct a roll call and ensure a quorum. Ms. Doucette confirmed the quorum and described how the public could provide comment during the meeting.

**1. Chair's Report (Discussion)**

None.

**2. Commissioners Comments (Discussion)**

None.

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

Executive Director (ED) Anne Richman reported on Black History Month; a prospective tour by the commissioners of the North/South Greenway project; the San Rafael Third Street Major Roads project, which has awarded the contract; extension of the comment period for the Draft Environmental Review of the Novato Blvd. Improvements project; and a public workshop on the San Anselmo Hub Study.

ED Richman also reported that staff from Caltrans (California Department of Transportation) and MTC (Metropolitan Transportation Commission) has been invited to the February 24, 2022 TAM Board Meeting to provide an overview of the current projects on State Route (SR) 37. ED Richman noted that the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Sears Point to Mare Island project is open for public comment until February 28, 2022.

In response to Chair Moulton-Peters, ED Richman stated that the 2021 TAM Annual Report will be heard at the February 24 TAM Board Meeting, which will highlight the completed Major Roads projects that were funded by Measure A/AA.

#### **4. Open time for public expression**

Chair Moulton-Peters asked Ms. Doucette if any public comment had been received and hearing none, she closed this item.

#### **5. Approval of the Minutes from January 10, 2022 Meeting (Action)**

Commissioner Fredericks moved to approve the Minutes of the January 10, 2022 meeting, which Chair Moulton-Peters seconded. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion was passed with Commissioner Lucan abstaining.

#### **6. Highway 101 Interchange and Approaching Roadway Study – Project Status Update and Confirmation of the Evaluation Methodology (Action)**

TAM's Principal Project Delivery Manager Bill Whitney presented the staff report, which asks the Committee to confirm the evaluation methodology for the Highway 101 Interchange and Approaching Roadway Study. Mr. Whitney introduced David Parisi, Principal of Parisi Transportation Consulting.

Mr. Whitney provided an overview of the study and a status update. He noted that the goals and criteria have been established; the deficiencies, constraints, and opportunities have been identified, and the prioritization stage of the interchanges will soon be reached. Mr. Whitney discussed the twelve (12) interchanges included in the study and he stated that eleven (11) were included in the Measure AA Expenditure Plan and the twelfth interchange, Alameda Del Prado, was added to the program by the TAM Board as recommended by staff. He discussed the project timeline and noted that the Task of Prioritization of the Implementation Plan is currently underway.

Mr. Whitney discussed short-term and long-term improvements for the interchanges; goals and objectives of the study, with focus on equity, traffic congestion and safety; evaluation criteria and performance measures, including the need to choose projects that attract funding to implement some of the proposed improvements. He discussed the next steps in the process, including public outreach on the improvement concepts and findings, potentially including public meetings and a workshop in the spring.

Mr. Whitney discussed the need for input from the commissioners on the weighted value of the five goals. Commissioner Lucan discussed his concern that the proposed weighting system might result in prioritizing projects in one geographic area of Marin. Mr. Whitney stated that staff would evaluate the projects on an equal basis and make a recommendation, and that the TAM Board would determine the list of priorities. Commissioner Lucan asked if staff could evaluate the twelve (12) interchange projects by geographical regions, while maintaining a fair evaluation of all the interchanges.

Chair Moulton-Peters discussed her concern that Social Equity should be moved to a higher priority under the list of weighted goals. In response, Mr. Parisi noted that the goal to improve multi-modal access addresses equity and is weighted higher on the list.

In response to Chair Moulton-Peters, Mr. Whitney stated that based on discussions at the July 21, 2021 AP&P Executive Committee meeting, commissioners appeared to prioritize Enhanced Health & Safety over other goals and objectives. Mr. Parisi stated that further analysis might change the goal weight.

Commissioner Fredericks noted that Social Equity is encompassed in the first three goals.

Commissioner Lucan and Mr. Whitney discussed options for the commissioners to share their individual concerns and ideas about the intersections with staff.

Chair Moulton-Peters asked if any members of the public wished to speak or had sent in an e-comment.

Warren Wells, Marin County Bicycle Coalition (MCBC), stated that Highway 101 is the largest impediment to bicycle travel in Marin. Mr. Wells stated that MCBC strongly supports the prioritization of health and safety as a goal, and he discussed the need to move away from modes of transportation that cause greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs); his support for the near-term and long-term improvements, and he commented on the inadequacy of Reduction in Delay as a criterion for reducing GHGs.

Matthew Hartzell, WTB-TAM, thanked staff for the presentation. He expressed support for the public outreach process; inquired about publication of the studies, and he expressed support for prioritizing health and safety and for the weighted system, which he stated should also be applied to the criteria used for evaluation.

Commissioner Lucan moved to confirm and refer the evaluation methodology and draft prioritization/weighting of the goals and objectives to the TAM Board for approval, which Commissioner Fredericks seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

## **7. Review the Semi-Annual Project Status Report (Action)**

Principal Project Delivery Manager Nick Nguyen presented the staff report, which asks the Committee to review the Semi-Annual Project Status Report and refer it to the TAM Board for review and acceptance.

Mr. Nguyen updated the commissioners on the Marin Sonoma Narrows (MSN) project. He stated that the bid opening for the B7 section of the project was scheduled for the following day, February 15, and the project would close the high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane gap in the 50-mile corridor from north of the Golden Gate Bridge to Santa Rosa. Mr. Nguyen stated that staff would provide information on the bids at the February 24 TAM Board Meeting. Mr. Nguyen reported that the B8 project, which will relocate PG&E utility lines from the Caltrans right of way, is in the design phase.

Mr. Nguyen provided an update on SR 37 projects, including an MTC design alternative assessment and a Caltrans flood mitigation project along Segment A (Highway 101 to Sears Point). He stated that the DEIR for the Segment B (Sears Point to Mare Island) project was released in December 2021; and that Caltrans is conducting a corridor-wide Planning & Environmental Linkages (PEL) study for an “ultimate” project to address sea level rise.

Mr. Nguyen reported on progress relating to the multi-use pathway across Corte Madera Creek, which will replace the 4-foot sidewalk with a 12-foot wide multi-use path. He suggested a date should be set in early March for the commissioners to tour the project.

Mr. Nguyen reported on two pilot projects: the completion of the Class IV bikeway from the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge and the multi-use path on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge, which are being monitored for various factors. He also provided an update on the 101/580 Direct Connector Project and noted that the TAM Board reduced the number of design alternatives to four. Mr. Nguyen stated that TAM will start the project initiation process with Caltrans in the next fiscal year, which is a prerequisite to the environmental review process.

Mr. Nguyen also reported on the following projects: the design phase of the Bellam Blvd. project, which is almost complete, but a funding shortfall remains; TAM Board's approval of the Part-Time Transit Lane Feasibility Study at the October 25, 2021 meeting and the expected submission of an application in March 2022 for a TIRCP (Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program) grant to fund project development; and TAM's partnership with Marin Climate & Energy Partnership (MCEP) to provide outreach to expand the electric vehicle (EV) program. Mr. Nguyen concluded his report with a discussion on EV rebates that TAM has provided in the last fiscal year, including rebates for 3 e-bikes and 12 charging heads for the City of Novato and 4 charging heads for the City of Belvedere.

Chair Moulton-Peters thanked staff for the succinct project update report and asked if any members of the public wished to speak or had sent in an e-comment.

Mr. Hartzell discussed his concern that the southern section of the North/South Greenway multi-use path project has not been addressed in the report. In response, Mr. Whitney stated that funding is not available for the project to extend beyond the pedestrian overcrossing to Wornum Drive. He confirmed TAM has not abandoned the project, but it was not included in this report because there has been no activity.

In response to Chair Moulton-Peters, ED Richman confirmed that the Project Status Report will be on the Consent Agenda for the February 24 Board Meeting.

Commissioner Fredericks moved to refer the Semi-Annual Project Status Report to the TAM Board for review and acceptance, which was seconded by Commissioner Lucan. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

*The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.*