



MEETING OF THE  
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY OF MARIN

MARCH 24, 2022  
6:00 PM

**Virtual Meeting**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Members Present: Beach Kuhl, Ross Town Council  
Brian Colbert, San Anselmo Town Council, TAM Vice-Chair  
Chance Cutrano, Fairfax Town Council  
Charles Lee, Corte Madera Town Council  
Damon Connolly, Marin County Board of Supervisors  
Daniel Hillmer, Larkspur City Council  
Dennis Rodoni, Marin County Board of Supervisors  
Eric Lucan, Novato City Council  
James Campbell, Belvedere City Council  
Kate Colin, San Rafael City Council  
Katie Rice, Marin County Board of Supervisors  
Stephanie Moulton-Peters, Marin County Board of Supervisors, TAM Chair  
Susan Cleveland-Knowles, Sausalito City Council  
Urban Carmel, Mill Valley City Council

Members Absent: Alice Fredericks, Tiburon Town Council  
Judy Arnold, Marin County Board of Supervisors

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 & Administrative 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 meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.*

Chair Moulton-Peters welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board Jennifer Doucette to conduct a roll call to ensure a quorum. A quorum of the Board was confirmed and detailed information about how the public may participate was provided.

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

None.

**2. Commissioner Matters Not on the Agenda (Discussion)**

None.

### 3. Commissioner Reports (Discussion)

#### a. MTC Report – Commissioner Connolly

Commissioner Connolly reported on the regional Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Grant Strategy, which is a Bay Area focused advocacy strategy to maximize the federal discretionary grants the region can receive, including a list of priority projects and programmatic categories for regional endorsement. The project list targets a limited set of U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) administered BIL grant programs. The transportation agencies in the region would agree to support certain projects as priorities for select programs in the BIL. For other programs, any local project would be supported by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) if it is consistent with Plan Bay Area (PBA). This is intended to focus advocacy and limit internal competition. For the North Bay, State Route (SR) 37 is identified as a priority, as is the Golden Gate Bridge seismic work. MTC staff has done significant outreach for this proposal.

Commissioner Connolly also reported that updating the Complete Streets Policy is the first item of adoption related to MTC's Active Transportation (AT) Plan. MTC is recommending updates to the Complete Streets Policy including updating the complete streets checklist requirements, creating a process for exempting projects from complete streets requirements, and updating when a project must adhere to the policy.

#### b. Marin Transit Report – Commissioner Colbert

Commissioner Colbert reported that MTC established a Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force in April 2020 to set a course for public transit recovery and long-term improvement. The Task Force developed a Bay Area Transit Transformation Action Plan and published it in July 2021. As a part of the Plan, MTC and the transit agencies and stakeholders are currently focusing on Transit Network Management. Specifically, MTC is leading an analysis of regional transit coordination and governance. Consideration is being given to a central transit network management entity within MTC or separate from MTC. The analysis will consider the role of local transit boards such as Marin Transit (MT) and the MTC relative to setting transit fares and service levels. MT is participating actively in this effort and will report on the results of the analysis over the next several months.

Commissioner Colbert also reported that at the March 7 MT Board meeting, staff made the third of three presentations on ridership and financial projections and future service plans. Staff reported that although revenues have been relatively stable, labor and fuel costs are rising rapidly; and incremental service changes and reductions will be initiated in the coming year to help maintain financial sustainability in the near term and over the next five years. Staff proposes to reduce service hours by approximately 10% and shift service hours among transit contractors over the next two years. Specific areas targeted for consideration are: reducing service on routes that were expanded during COVID; reducing overlapping service in key corridors, such as Highway 101 and the San Rafael/Fairfax corridors; reducing Express services, dedicated feeder and first/last mile services, and recreational transit services in West Marin; and eliminating underperforming services. While cuts and shifts to fixed route services offer the most effective cost saving measures, staff are also evaluating other opportunities to reduce costs without significant impacts to riders. Assumptions regarding overall service levels will be included in the FY 2022-23 budget discussions. Specific service changes may be subject to MT's public outreach and public hearing policy. Outreach will be conducted in the future as service plans are further developed.

#### c. SMART Report – Commissioner Lucan

Commissioner Lucan reported that the Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) kicked off its Welcome Back celebration with new reduced fares through August 31, 2022 and free parking at SMART-owned lots; and that the February average weekday ridership was the highest since the beginning of COVID.

#### **4. Executive Director's Report (Discussion)**

Executive Director (ED) Anne Richman reported on Women's History Month; the North-South Greenway Project tour; electrical vehicle (EV) awareness and events; the East Blithedale Project; the State and Regional Active Transportation Program (ATP) call for projects; additional transit funding from the American Rescue Plan and funding in the Omnibus Appropriations Bill; and the restoration of California's authority to set emission standards.

ED Richman also reported that on March 9, TAM announced an opportunity for public agencies in Marin County to identify project concepts for EV charging and fleet investments to transition the next wave of Zero Emission Vehicles in the county; and called attention to this month's Caltrans report.

Lastly, ED Richman provided an update on future return to in-person meetings, including virtual attendance and remote location notice and compliance requirements.

Commissioner Hillmer expressed his support of the 101/580 Direct Connector project to accommodate increased demand on Sir Francis Drake from future housing development and increased ferry service.

#### **5. Open Time for Public Expression**

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

Cool the Earth representative Annika Osborn provided information on the Ride and Drive Clean Marin Campaign, including EV Awareness Events, in-person EV and electric bike (e-bike) shows, and EV Zoom webinars.

Jean Severinghaus inquired how the public may provide input on ATP projects in Marin County. ED Richman explained that TAM staff would be able to direct her inquiry.

#### **6. CONSENT CALENDAR (Action)**

- a. Approve TAM Board Meeting Minutes February 24, 2022
- b. Adopt TAM Resolution No. 2022-03 in Compliance with AB 361
- c. Authorize Contract Amendment for the North/South Greenway Gap Closure Project
- d. Authorize Contract for Audio/Video Services for In-Person/Hybrid Board Meetings

Commissioner Cutrano made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar, which was seconded by Commissioner Campbell. Chair Moulton-Peters opened the item to public comment and hearing none, a roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **7. Adopt Positions on 2022 State Legislative Bills (Action)**

ED Richman introduced Gus Khouri, Principal of Khouri Consulting, to present this item, which asks the Board to adopt the recommended positions on various 2022 State Legislative bills.

Mr. Khouri provided an overview of 23 bills, of which staff recommends a Watch position on 17 bills and a Support, or Oppose position on six bills, as follows – Support: AB 1944, AB 2622, SB 922, SB 942, SB 1049; and Oppose: AB 1638.

Mr. Khouri also provided information on two newly introduced bills, AB 2237 and AB 2438. The commissioners requested that staff provide more information on developing items, such as the Governor's gas tax proposal, and AB 2237 and AB 2438 at the next Funding, Programs and Legislation (FPL) Executive Committee or Board meeting.

Chair Moulton-Peters asked if any members of the public wished to speak or had sent in an e-comment, and hearing none, asked for a motion.

Commissioner Lucan made a motion to Support AB 1944, AB 2622, SB 922, SB 942, SB 1049; Oppose AB 1638; and Watch AB 1713, AB 1909, AB 1919, AB 1946, AB 2120, AB 2237, AB 2438, AB 2449, AB 2647, AB 2807, SB 873, SB 917, SB 1078, SB 1217, SB 1230, SB 1050 and AB 1778, which was seconded by Vice-Chair Colbert. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

**8. Review and Approve the Measure A/AA ½-Cent Transportation Sales Tax and the Measure B \$10 Vehicle Registration Fee Revenue Projections and the FY2022-23 Annual Budget Development Schedule (Action)**

Deputy Executive Director/Chief Financial Officer Li Zhang presented this item, which recommends the TAM Board reviews and approves the Measure A/AA ½-Cent Transportation Sales Tax and the Measure B \$10 Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) Revenue Projections and the FY2022-23 Annual Budget Development Schedule.

Ms. Zhang provided an overview of the FY2022-23 budget timeline and process; current U.S. economic conditions, including gross domestic product (GDP), and the labor, consumer, business and housing markets. Ms. Zhang also provided an update on the local economy, including Measure A/AA and Measure B revenue projections.

Chair Moulton-Peters asked if any members of the public wished to speak or had sent in an e-comment, and hearing none, asked for a motion.

Commissioner Rice made a motion to approve the revised FY2021-22 Measure A/AA revenue level, the recommended FY2022-23 Measure A/AA and Measure B revenue levels, and the budget development schedule, which was seconded by Commissioner Carmel. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

**9. Measure B Expenditure Plan Review Process and Timeline (Action)**

ED Richman introduced Senior Transportation Planner Scott McDonald to present this item, which recommends that the Board approves the proposed Measure B Expenditure Plan Review timeline and process.

Mr. McDonald provided an overview of the Measure B Expenditure Plan review requirement, including background, process, schedule, public outreach, nexus and Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) consistency requirements, and recommended timeline and next steps.

Commissioner Carmel inquired about examining the policy for how often the Expenditure Plan is reviewed.

Commissioner Kuhl commented that staff should consider the amount of funds generated in relation to the time and scope of the review.

Commissioner Cutrano made a motion to approve the Measure B Expenditure Plan Review timeline and process, which was seconded by Commissioner Cleveland-Knowles. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

*The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.*