



MEETING OF THE  
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY OF MARIN  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
Funding, Programs & Legislation  
April 11, 2022  
2:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

**MEETING MINUTES**

Members Present: Beach Kuhl, Ross Town Council  
Brian Colbert, San Anselmo Town Council, Committee Chair  
Judy Arnold, County of Marin Board of Supervisors  
Katie Rice, County of Marin Board of Supervisors

Members Absent: Susan Cleveland-Knowles, Sausalito City Council

Staff Members Present: 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 and 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 Colbert called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.*

Chair Colbert 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 Comments (Discussion)**

None.

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

Deputy Executive Director (DED)/Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Li Zhang provided updates on the following items: construction status of the North-South Greenway Project; the result of the Caltrans Planning Grant application submitted by staff; Rotary Club's successful Protecting the Environmental Event on April 9, which TAM staff attended; the planned closure of a portion of East Blithedale Avenue as part of the East Marin Water District Pipeline Replacement Project; development of San Rafael's Canal Neighborhood Community Based Transportation Plan; the Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit's (SMART's) Strategic Plan development process and listening sessions; and the California Department of Transportation's Comment period for the Initial Study/Negative Declaration of the proposed State Route 37 (SR 37) Capital Preventive Maintenance Pavement project in Marin County.

DED/CFO Zhang also reported that TAM staff attended a briefing for the Marin City/Manzanita Park and Ride flooding discussion on April 7, which included Marin City and Sausalito community members, State Senator Mike McGuire, local elected officials, Caltrans District 4, and Marin County Public Works staff to discuss sea level rise and periodic flooding in the area. Caltrans, Marin County Public Works and Marin City Community Service District staff committed to work together and develop interim and long-term projects to address the sea level rise and flooding challenges.

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

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

#### **5. Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 14, 2022 (Action)**

Chair Colbert asked if any members of the public wished to speak or had submitted a comment by e-mail, and hearing none, he asked for a motion.

Commissioner Rice moved to approve the Minutes of the March 14, 2022 meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Arnold. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

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

DED/CFO Zhang introduced Director of Programming and Legislation David Chan and Gus Khouri of Khouri Consulting to present this item, which recommends the Funding, Programs & Legislation (FP&L) Executive Committee review the recommended new positions on Assembly Bill (AB) 2237 and AB 2438 and refer them to the TAM Board for adoption.

Staff recommends changing the adopted position from Watch to Oppose for AB 2237 after the bill was amended on March 22, 2022; and changing the adopted position from Watch to Oppose Unless Amended for AB 2438 after that bill was amended on March 21, 2022.

In response to Commissioner Rice, Mr. Khouri explained that any letters of opposition towards AB 2438 would include proposed amended language; and that AB 2438 impacts state funding, whereas AB 2237 impacts local funding.

Marin County Bicycle Coalition (MCBC) Policy and Planning Director Warren Wells expressed his support of AB 1713, AB 1909, and transportation projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Mr. Wells also stated that AB 1778 is intended to be a statewide bill.

Commissioner Rice moved to support the change of the adopted position from Watch to Oppose for AB 2237 and adopted position from Watch to Oppose Unless Amended for AB 2438 and refer the new positions to the TAM Board for adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner Kuhl. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **7. Proposed Changes to Crossing Guard Location Scoring Factors (Action)**

DED/CFO Zhang introduced Principal Project Delivery Manager Dan Cherrier and Advance PDI Consultant James O'Brien to present this item, which recommends the FP&L Executive Committee review the proposed changes to the TAM Crossing Guard Program scoring process and criteria and refer them to the TAM Board for review and approval.

Staff recommends creating a new, separate scoring criterion for pedestrian/bicycle accident history with zero points for no documented accident history and one point for a documented accident history of conflicts between vehicles and pedestrians/bicyclists – the new criterion would have a weight of 10, and accident history would be removed from the “Other Factors” criteria; changing the lower limit of the age range for “school-aged” pedestrian or bicyclist included in the volumes used for scoring from kindergarten to transitional kindergarten at school locations that have transitional kindergarten programs; and using the highest regular posted speed limit along any approach to a location for scoring rather than a school-hours speed limit posted for “when children are present.”

Mr. O’Brien provided an overview of the TAM Crossing Guard Program, including current crossing guard location scoring factors and weighting, and the proposed changes, which were presented to and supported by the Marin Public Works Association (MPWA).

Mr. Cherrier provided an overview of the overall program considerations, including staffing, finances, impacts of COVID-19, the current crossing guard contract, and next steps.

Commissioner Rice expressed her support for the program changes; and in response to Commissioner Rice’s inquiry, Mr. Cherrier explained that the review committee included members from the Marin County Office of Education (MCOE), public works directors, school parents, and TAM staff and consultants.

Commissioner Arnold moved to refer the staff recommendations to the TAM Board for review and approval, which was seconded by Commissioner Kuhl. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

*The meeting was adjourned at 2:54 p.m.*