



MEETING OF THE  
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY OF MARIN

APRIL 28, 2022  
6:00 PM

**Virtual Meeting**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Members Present: Alice Fredericks, Tiburon Town Council  
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  
James Campbell, Belvedere City Council  
Judy Arnold, Marin County Board of Supervisors  
Katie Rice, Marin County Board of Supervisors  
Maribeth Bushey, San Rafael City Council  
Stephanie Moulton-Peters, Marin County Board of Supervisors, TAM Chair  
Urban Carmel, Mill Valley City Council

Members Absent: Eric Lucan, Novato City Council  
Susan Cleveland-Knowles, Sausalito City Council

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  
Emily Tong, Senior Accountant  
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

*Chair Moulton-Peters called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.*

Chair Moulton-Peters welcomed everyone to the meeting and Executive Director (ED) Anne Richman issued an oath of office to Maribeth Bushey as the alternate representing the City of San Rafael. Chair Moulton-Peters 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. Adopt TAM Resolution No. 2022-04 in Compliance with AB 361 (Action)**

ED Richman explained that the Board may reconfirm its ability to meet virtually by adopting Resolution No. 2022-04 for compliance with Assembly Bill (AB) 361. Chair Moulton-Peters asked if any members of the public wished to speak or had sent an e-comment, and hearing none, asked for a motion.

Commissioner Campbell moved to adopt TAM Resolution No. 2022-04 for compliance with AB 361, which was seconded by Commissioner Arnold. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

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

None.

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

None.

**4. Commissioner Reports (Discussion)**

a. MTC Report – Commissioner Connolly

Commissioner Connolly reported on the Bay Area Infrastructure Financing Authority (BAIFA) Joint Powers Agreement, which was expanded to include all Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) commissioners, and also allows BAIFA to implement tolling on State Route (SR) 37, subject to the passage of Senate Bill (SB) 1050 (Dodd).

Commissioner Connolly also reported on MTC's support, with amendments, of SB 942 (Newman) Free or Reduced Fare Transit Program, which would provide critically needed ongoing funding for free and reduced fare transit programs, which in turn provide the benefits of increasing transit ridership, reduce tailpipe emissions and traffic, and offer an avenue for economic improvement to families who have faced hardships during the pandemic.

Commissioner Connolly further reported that MTC approved principles for the upcoming round of SB 1 competitive programs, which will include an application for the SR 37 Segment B (Sears Point to Mare Island) project; and that there is a means-based pilot program on the I-880 Express Lanes, whereby drivers from low-income households may receive up to 50% off tolls by showing proof of household income at or below 200% of the federal poverty level.

Lastly, Commissioner Connolly reported that at the April 8 Planning Committee, MTC staff outlined upcoming grants and priorities for funding, including a Priority Sites Pilot Program that would provide pre-development funding to accelerate mall redevelopment or land development, and that MTC and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) will be in a position to support this effort with funding and technical assistance. Locally, the Northgate Mall redevelopment is in the pre-development phase, ahead of the regional discussion. MTC could consider using the pilot funds to support projects already underway, either through circulation planning or through additional policy and planning work to support these locations as catalyst sites. For example, active transportation improvements to Merrydale Road to connect to Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART), and/or enhancing local bus connections to the mall. TAM staff will be following up with staff from MTC and the City of San Rafael.

Chair Moulton-Peters commented that the Marin City Gateway Shopping Center may be another candidate for MTC's Priority Sites Pilot Program.

Commissioner Hillmer commented that a plan development area focusing on the shoreline between San Quentin State Prison and the border of Corte Madera and Tiburon should include housing development opportunity sites, such as the Larkspur Landing and Cost Plus shopping centers, and underused industrial and commercial sites along the Bayshore.

b. Marin Transit Report – Commissioner Colbert

Commissioner Colbert reported that Marin Transit (MT) will be offering free countywide bus service on Saturday, April 23 in observation of Earth Day. This promotion is one of several free and reduced fare promotions MT is implementing to encourage the use of public transit and to thank its loyal riders.

Commissioner Colbert also reported that MT recently approved the allocation formula and eligibility requirements for the next three-year funding cycle for yellow school bus programs in the County. For the next 3 fiscal years, MT will allocate approximately \$750,000 in Measure AA funds to five eligible yellow bus programs. In the past cycle, yellow bus services to Reed Union, Ross Valley, San Rafael, and Miller Creek School Districts were funded with the Measure AA program. For the upcoming cycle, the Sausalito-Marín City School District is anticipated to join the program. MT's Board of Directors will consider approval of the funding amounts at the June 6 board meeting.

Lastly, Commissioner Colbert reported that MT will host a ribbon cutting ceremony for its new paratransit operations facility at 3000 Kerner in San Rafael, on Wednesday, May 4, and will feature speakers and tours of the facility. The building houses four maintenance bays, the call center, dispatch, Travel Navigator, customer service and administrative offices for all Marin Access programs. These programs focus on the mobility needs of older adults and people with disabilities. Ownership of the facility helps control costs and ensures a stable operation well into the future. The purchase and improvements to the building were funded in part by Measure AA.

c. SMART Report – Commissioner Arnold on behalf of Commissioner Lucan

Commissioner Arnold reported that the SMART held four strategic planning sessions through Marin and Sonoma counties – topics included ridership, pathways, extensions, and freight. As a result of public feedback, various weekend service changes have been implemented.

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

ED Richman introduced TAM's new Senior Accountant, Emily Tong, and in recognition of Administrative Professionals Day, recognized Grace Zhuang, Jennifer Doucette, and Joanne O'Hehir for their contributions to the agency.

ED Richman reported on Commute 37, a pilot carpooling program on SR 37; the Marin City and Manzanita Park & Ride flood briefing and tour with California State Senator McGuire; the San Rafael Community Based Transportation Plan (CBTP) event; the partial opening of the North-South Greenway over the Corte Madera Creek; and various environmental events, fairs, and festivals.

ED Richman also reported that more than 50 concepts were submitted for electrical vehicle (EV) charging and EV fleet conversions by local school districts, police and fire departments, and sanitary and water districts. TAM is convening a Steering Committee with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD), Marin Clean Energy (MCE), and MTC staff to help guide the evaluation, and move concepts from ideas into the next generation of EV projects in the county. Submittals will create a pipeline of projects for existing and upcoming funding programs.

ED Richman further reported on National Bike to School Day and Bike to Work Day, both occurring in May 2022; Marin County's Office of Equity newsletter; SMART's public outreach listening sessions in April; SR 37 Capital Preventative Maintenance Pavement Project; the Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 6 call for projects; and FY2022-23 requests for Congressional Directed Spending.

Lastly, ED Richman called attention to recent and upcoming TAM public outreach meetings; this month's Caltrans report; and the award of the contract to Ghilotti Construction, Inc. for the construction of the final segment of the Marin-Sonoma Narrows Project.

**6. 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.

Marin County Bicycle Coalition (MCBC) Policy and Planning Director Warren Wells provided information on the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program, a competitive grant program aimed at mitigating the adverse effects of freeway access points through pedestrian overcrossings and other improvements, and further commented that this funding could be used to benefit the Marin City and Canal neighborhoods. Mr. Wells also expressed his support for the partial opening of the North-South Greenway over the Corte Madera Creek.

**7. CONSENT CALENDAR (Action)**

- a. Approve TAM Board Meeting Minutes March 24, 2022
- b. Appointments to the Citizens' Oversight Committee
- c. Acceptance of the FY2021-22 Third Quarter Financial Report
- d. Approval of Proposed Changes to Crossing Guard Location Scoring Factors

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

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

ED Richman introduced Gus Khouri of Khouri Consulting to present this item, which asks the Board to adopt the recommended new positions on Assembly Bill (AB) 2237 and AB 2438. Staff recommends changing the adopted position from Watch to Oppose on AB 2237; and changing the adopted position from Watch to Oppose Unless Amended on AB 2438. These recommendations were reviewed at the Funding, Programs & Legislation (FP&L) Executive Committee on April 11 and referred to the TAM Board for adoption.

Mr. Khouri provided an update on the State Budget process, including a report on the budget surplus for the current fiscal year. Governor Newsom is proposing to apply approximately \$2 billion in surplus funding to provide three months of free transit services, and \$400 credits for registered vehicle owners (up to two per household).

Commissioner Hillmer commented that more effort in self-help should be focused on land use and transportation improvements along the Bayshore between San Quentin State Prison and the Corte Madera/Tiburon border. ED Richman replied that TAM staff would follow up with Commissioner Hillmer.

In response to Commissioner Cutrano, Mr. Khouri explained that the safety and maintenance language in AB 2438 is unspecified.

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

Member of the public Jean Severinghaus provided information on the Strategic Growth Council and encouraged the Board to explore its findings.

In response to Commissioner Rice, Mr. Khouri explained that AB 2120 changes the percentages between state and local fund allocation. ED Richman explained that TAM staff will research the specific language with respect to the design standards.

In response to Chair Moulton-Peters, Mr. Khouri explained that bills are actively monitored and that he anticipates reporting back to the Board at the May 26 meeting after the revised State Budget is published.

Commissioner Rice made a motion to change the adopted positions from Watch to Oppose on AB 2237, and Watch to Oppose Unless Amended on AB 2438, which was seconded by Commissioner Campbell. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

**9. Initiate Opting Out of the Congestion Management Program and Direction for Upcoming Planning Activities (Action)**

ED Richman introduced Director of Planning Derek McGill to present this item, which recommends that the Board accepts the Administration, Projects and Planning (AP&P) Executive Committee's recommendation and authorizes staff to: a) initiate the Opt-Out Process of the Congestion Management Program (CMP) and work with jurisdictions to develop local resolutions to opt out as required by California Government Code Section 65088.3; b) direct staff to begin updates to the traffic monitoring program and development of a countywide transportation plan for future Board consideration; and c) continue to maintain and develop TAM's Travel Demand Model (TDM) for use by TAM and public agencies.

Mr. McGill provided background and an overview of the CMP, including CMP review and feedback; the opt-out process; recommendations; potential updates to traffic monitoring programs; and the creation of a countywide transportation plan.

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 commented on the importance of understanding how sea level rise will affect transportation and made a motion to initiate the Opt-Out Process of the CMP and work with jurisdictions to develop local resolutions to opt out as required by California Government Code Section 65088.3; direct staff to begin updating the traffic monitoring program and developing a countywide transportation plan for future Board consideration; and continue to maintain and develop TAM's TDM for use by TAM and public agencies, which was seconded by Commissioner Arnold. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

*The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.*

Approved May 26, 2022