



MEETING OF THE
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY OF MARIN

MAY 26, 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
Daniel Hillmer, Larkspur City Council
Eric Lucan, Novato City Council
James Campbell, Belvedere City Council
Judy Arnold, Marin County Board of Supervisors
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: Damon Connolly, Marin County Board of Supervisors
Dennis Rodoni, Marin County Board of Supervisors
Kate Colin, San Rafael 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 6:04 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)

Chair Moulton-Peters asked for a moment of silence in the wake of the mass shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas that occurred on May 24, 2022.

a. Crossing Guard of the Year

Chair Moulton-Peters announced that Carmel Morini was the recipient of the 2021-2022 Crossing Guard of the Year Award and welcomed her to the meeting.

Commissioner Arnold introduced Carmel Morini who has served as a Crossing Guard since 1978. On behalf of the TAM Board, the local community, teachers, staff and school children, Commissioner Arnold expressed her deepest appreciation for Ms. Morini's dedication to keeping students safe. On May 23, 2022, Commissioner Arnold, Commissioner Lucan, and Executive Director (ED) Richman presented Ms. Morini with the plaque for the TAM Crossing Guard of the Year, and a Certificate of Recognition from the County of Marin.

Ms. Morini thanked Commissioner Arnold for her kind words and expressed her gratitude for the Crossing Guard position and her interactions with the students. Ms. Morini also thanked the Board of Commissioners and TAM for the recognition.

Commissioner Lucan thanked Ms. Morini for her 44 years of service.

Chair Moulton-Peters thanked Ms. Morini for her service, congratulated her on the award, and expressed her support for the Crossing Guard program as an invaluable component of the community.

2. Commissioner Matters Not on the Agenda (Discussion)

None.

3. Commissioner Reports (Discussion)

a. MTC Report – Executive Director Anne Richman on behalf of Commissioner Connolly

ED Richman reported that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) took an “oppose unless amended” position on Assembly Bill (AB) 2237, which TAM also opposed; and took a “support” position on Assembly Constitutional Amendment (ACA) 14 (Wicks), the Housing Opportunities for Everyone Act.

ED Richman also reported that MTC conducted a 2-day workshop to explore the current major project landscape in the Bay Area, focusing on successes and challenges of recent major project delivery in the region.

b. Marin Transit Report – Commissioner Colbert

Commissioner Colbert reported that on May 4, Marin Transit (MT) hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony for its new paratransit operations facility at 3000 Kerner in San Rafael. For more than 50 years, MT has provided transit service to older adults and people with disabilities in Marin County, and until this year, the agency had never owned a facility to maintain its fleet of paratransit vehicles. Commissioner Colbert also reported that County residents have voted to dedicate Measure AA sales tax funds and Measure B vehicle registration fees to transit services for older adults and people with disabilities. This year, more than \$5 million will be allocated from these sources to the services operated from this new facility.

Lastly, Commissioner Colbert reported that on June 12, MT will make several changes to its bus schedules and routes. These changes are in response to local roadway construction impacts, such as the closure of East Blithedale Avenue in Mill Valley; changes in pandemic conditions, such as easing of distancing requirements, allowing for greater capacities on buses; and Golden Gate Transit (GGT) bus service reductions on the Highway 101 corridor. One of the key changes is relocating the Muir Woods Shuttle park and ride lot from Pohono to the Larkspur Ferry parking lot. This change addresses operational challenges at the Shoreline Office Park at Pohono, including flooding, shared use parking, and lack of transit facilities/amenities. The move to Larkspur offers passengers additional transit connections, including Golden Gate Ferry and SMART services. The use of the Larkspur lot for Muir Woods Shuttle service is a pilot project that MT will evaluate at the end of this season. Details on these service changes are posted on the MT website and are communicated to riders and stakeholders through various media.

c. SMART Report – Commissioner Lucan

Commissioner Lucan reported that ridership continues to increase; and that higher than projected sales tax revenue forecasted for the 2022-2023 budget will allow SMART to continue reduced fare programs for the remainder of the budget year.

Commissioner Lucan also reported that Sunday service resumed on May 1; and that on June 13, ten trips will be added to the weekday schedule.

4. Executive Director's Report (Discussion)

ED Richman reported on the Crossing Guard of the Year Award and thanked all of the crossing guards for their service. ED Richman also reported on the near-completion of the North-South Greenway; Bike to Work Day; electric vehicle (EV) updates; Measure B Expenditure Plan Review process; and the final Marin-Sonoma Narrows (MSN) construction contract award.

ED Richman further reported on the Caltrans' US 101 North Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan (CMCP); and the federal Safe Streets for All (SS4A) grant program. Lastly, ED Richman called attention to recent and upcoming TAM public outreach meetings; and this month's Caltrans report.

In response to Commissioner Carmel, ED Richman explained that the CMCP survey seeks feedback from the public regarding challenges and potential improvements for the corridor, including but not limited to bus and/or multi-modal projects. ED Richman also explained that historically, TAM has provided funding for EV infrastructure to public agencies, and that the recent Letter of Interest was to broaden the reach to various entities such as school and fire districts.

Commissioner Rice expressed her support of funding for EV infrastructure that is readily available to the public.

Commissioner Hillmer commented that SMART should be included as a resource in Caltrans' CMCP survey graphic.

In response to Vice-Chair Colbert, ED Richman explained that TAM works closely with Marin Clean Energy (MCE) in the EV program and that MCE is also a resource as an expert in electrical utility infrastructure.

Commissioner Rice commented that the future review of the Measure AA expenditure plan should incorporate a fortification of local public transportation services.

Chair Moulton-Peters expressed her support of the Caltrans CMCP survey and commented that TAM could play a role in the solicitation and coordination of feedback for the survey.

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.

Founder and ED of Cool the Earth and Ride & Drive Clean, Carleen Cullen reported that \$7.5 billion has been allocated for charging infrastructure for passenger vehicles along highway corridors through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). Ms. Cullen also expressed her gratitude to TAM for the funding provided for EV outreach and consumer education; and reported that the Ride and Drive Clean website has a new landing page with statistics and links to each jurisdiction in the County, including information about virtual and in-person EV events.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR (Action)

- a. Approve TAM Board Meeting Minutes April 28, 2022
- b. Adopt TAM Resolution No. 2022-05 in Compliance with AB 361
- c. Award of Program/Project Management and Oversight Services Contract
- d. Review the Draft TAM FY2022-23 Annual Budget and Release it for Public Comment
- e. Appointment to the Citizens' Oversight Committee
- f. Authorize Contract Extension with Uber Technologies Inc for Connect2Transit Program
- g. Approval of TAM Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Bylaws Amendments and Membership Update

Commissioner Lucan made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar, which was seconded by Commissioner Rice. 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 Position on 2022 State Legislative Bills and Hear Overview on the FY2022-23 State Budget (Action)

ED Richman introduced Gus Khouri of Khouri Consulting to present this item, which asks the Board to adopt a Support position on Senate Bill (SB) 1482, which requires newly constructed multifamily residences in California to provide EV Ready ("plug-and-play") charging access for every unit that has access to a parking space.

Mr. Khouri provided an update on the State Budget process, including Governor Newsom's May Revision to the proposed FY 2022-23 State Budget, which includes a \$300.7 billion funding package, and a \$97.5 billion surplus. For transportation, Governor Newsom reiterated his \$11.5 billion package intended to provide relief for rising gas prices. The Governor's proposal calls for \$9 billion in refunds to Californians in the form of a \$400 direct payment to each vehicle owner per vehicle (exclusion for electric vehicles is not specified meaning they are eligible), capped at two vehicles per individual. Eligibility will be based on vehicle registration, not income or tax records, to include seniors that receive Social Security Disability income and low-income non-tax filers.

Mr. Khouri reported that some of the differences between the Governor Newsom's January Budget Proposal and the May Revision include \$2 billion into public transportation programs, including transit and rail; an additional \$500 million to supplement Active Transportation Program (ATP) funding; and over \$10 billion over the next six years on Zero Emissions Vehicle (ZEV) infrastructure and rebates. Mr. Khouri also reported on several competitive grant programs that may be appropriate for future improvements on State Route (SR) 37.

In response to Chair Moulton-Peters, ED Richman explained that funding for federal transportation programs is distributed through various processes at the state, regional and locals levels.

In response to Commissioner Cutrano, Mr. Khouri explained that Governor Newsom's Budget proposal includes three months of free transit and up to two \$400 rebates per vehicle for a household.

In response to Commissioner Carmel, ED Richman explained that due to various processes for distribution, it is difficult to predict exact funding from federal competitive programs; and that some new federal programs have not yet published guidelines.

Commissioner Cutrano expressed his support for SB 1482.

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 Arnold made a motion to adopt a Support position on SB 1482, which was seconded by Commissioner Hillmer. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

8. Adopt One Bay Area Grant Program Cycle 3 (OBAG 3) Local Criteria (Action)

ED Richman introduced Director of Programming and Legislation David Chan to present this item, which recommends the TAM Board adopt the OBAG 3 Local Criteria. This recommendation was reviewed at the Funding, Programs & Legislation (FP&L) Executive Committee on May 9 and referred to the TAM Board for adoption.

Mr. Chan explained that OBAG 3 requires that the TAM Board adopt any local criteria for OBAG prior to TAM issuing a call for projects. Mr. Chan also provided information on the program background; available funds; nomination process and target adjustment; and call for projects schedule.

Mr. Chan provided details about MTC's evaluation and prioritization criteria; the proposed Local Criteria; the review committee; eligible sponsors; initial screening criteria; Priority Development Area (PDA) minimum investments; criteria comparisons across OBAG cycles; regional programs; and next steps.

In response to Commissioner Cutrano, Mr. Chan explained that projects that meet more criteria will be given higher priority.

ED Richman explained that the OBAG program is federally funded through the Surface Transportation Program (STP) and the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program and that Marin County's share will be approximately \$9 million over 4 years. ED Richman also explained that the OBAG program was created in 2012 as a companion grant program to Plan Bay Area Regional Transportation Plan, which was the first plan to combine transportation and land use. The OBAG program was envisioned as a way to reflect and implement the priorities in the Regional Transportation Plans; and that there are significant changes to the One Bay Area Grant Program Cycle 3 (OBAG 3) since OBAG 1 and OBAG 2, as a result of changing priorities and perspectives from the state and region.

In response to Chair Moulton-Peters, Mr. Chan explained that every county will be using a universal application that allows each applicant to provide greater detail with respect to the criteria; and ED Richman explained that TAM staff has been in communication with local public works directors and city managers throughout the year to provide information about OBAG 3, including the criteria and schedule; and will be a resource for technical inquiries.

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

WTB-TAM representative Matthew Hartzell expressed his support of OBAG 3 and inquired if the funds set aside for planning activities include engineering and design services.

Mr. Chan explained that the \$3.45 million for CTA planning does not include funds for the engineering and design phases of projects, however the \$9.5 million in OBAG 3 funds are eligible for engineering and design services.

Commissioner Cutrano made a motion to adopt the OBAG 3 Local Criteria, which was seconded by Commissioner Fredericks. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

9. Update on the Marin Safe Routes to Schools Program (Discussion)

ED Richman introduced Principal Project Delivery Manager Dan Cherrier and David Parisi of Parisi Transportation Consulting (PTC) to present this item for discussion.

Mr. Parisi provided an overview of the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program, including Covid-19 challenges and 2020-2021 school year adaptations.

PTC Deputy Project Manager Jennifer Shriber provided details on the newly updated SRTS website; the status of the SRTS task forces and outreach efforts; school district travel plans; dot maps and revised route maps; and walk audits and concept plans.

SRTS Program Director Gwen Froh provided an update on the virtual and in-person education provided to students and the addition of a parent education class; Walk & Roll Wednesdays and Bike to School Day; school participation statistics; efforts to focus on equity; and ongoing parent and student surveys.

Ms. Shriber provided an overview on the Street Smarts Marin campaign, including collaboration with representatives from cities, law enforcement, and schools; engagement with the Marin County Bicycle Coalition (MCBC); and draft banner signage and social media designs.

Lastly, Mr. Parisi reported that the consultant team will be back in the Fall of 2022 to report on the findings of the program evaluation scheduled for Summer 2022.

Vice-Chair Colbert expressed his support of the program and the attention to data. Vice-Chair Colbert also commented that SRTS has been instrumental in educating kids in multi-modality, including the use of e-bikes, which will require more charging stations.

Commissioner Cutrano expressed his support of the program and commended the team on their successful outreach and education.

Commissioner Rice expressed her support of the program and commended the team on the adaptations of the program in response to the pandemic; and the support provided to the SRTS Task Forces.

In response to Commissioner Carmel, Mr. Parisi explained that user data is not yet available as the current survey is still open. Ms. Froh shared that anecdotally, long distances between home and school, and the efficiency of dropping students off at school on the way to work may contribute to a decrease in active travel. Ms. Froh also explained that the dot maps will be useful for future program design. Program Coordinator Wendi Kallins shared that feedback from Task Forces pointed to factors such as lack of continuous sidewalks, driver behavior, and other safety concerns as deterrents to walking or biking to school.

Commissioner Lee commented that there are various policy tools that schools may implement to encourage mode shift, however such policies must take equity into account. Ms. Froh explained that the SRTS Park and Walk program was borne out of the policies enacted at Neil Cummins Elementary School in Corte Madera.

Commissioner Hillmer expressed his support of SRTS and commended the team on the ease-of-use and accessibility of the program.

Commissioner Lucan expressed his support of the program and the tracking of data through the dot maps to address issues of equity.

Commissioner Cleveland-Knowles expressed her support of the program and the partnership with Age Friendly Sausalito. Commissioner Cleveland-Knowles also expressed concern about the need for improved safety features on the routes travelled by students in and around Sausalito and Marin City.

Commissioner Fredericks expressed her support for SRTS and inquired about supervision for students' active travel to school if both parents work outside the home.

Commissioner Lee commented that the dot maps would be helpful to identify routes and locations for walking, biking or driving carpools; and also expressed his support of the draft banner signage for the Street Smarts Marin campaign. Lastly, Commissioner Lee commented that there is often a social component to the adoption of multi-modal behavior.

Commissioner Campbell expressed his support of the program and commented that steep topographical elevations can be a deterrent to active travel.

Chair Moulton-Peters expressed her support of SRTS and commended the team for their innovation in program design in response to the pandemic; and commented that volunteer participation has increased with the advent of virtual meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.