



MEETING OF THE
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY OF MARIN

JUNE 23, 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
Judy Arnold, Marin County Board of Supervisors
Kate Colin, San Rafael City Council
Katie Rice, Marin County Board of Supervisors
Nancy Kemnitzer, Belvedere City Council
Pat Eklund, Novato City Council
Susan Cleveland-Knowles, Sausalito City Council
Urban Carmel, Mill Valley City Council

Members Absent: Stephanie Moulton-Peters, Marin County Board of Supervisors, TAM 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
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

Vice-Chair Colbert called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Vice-Chair Colbert welcomed everyone to the meeting and Executive Director (ED) Anne Richman issued an oath of office to Nancy Kemnitzer as the Alternate representing the City of Belvedere, and Pat Eklund as the Alternate representing the City of Novato. Vice-Chair Colbert 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 that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) voted to support Assembly Bill (AB) 2594 (Ting): Toll Penalties and Payment Options, which aims to reduce the financial burden on motorists who may inadvertently use toll facilities without FasTrak. The bill lowers the maximum toll penalties and increases customer support. The bill also sets minimum customer service for both in-person and telephone hours of operation; and mandates that within 15 miles of a toll facility, a person may purchase a transponder, pay cash for penalties, or add value to an account.

Commissioner Connolly also reported that MTC discussed considerations for potential November 2024 ballot measures, including AB 1487 (Chiu, 2019), which authorized the formation of the Bay Area Housing Finance Authority (BAHFA) to place a regional housing measure on the ballot across the nine counties, in collaboration with the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Executive Board. In the Fiscal Year 2021-22 (FY2021-22) State Budget, MTC received a \$20 million earmark on behalf of BAHFA to develop pilot projects to demonstrate the added value that a regional housing finance agency can have in the Bay Area across the 3Ps of protection, preservation, and production of housing. Earlier this year, BAHFA hired its first director, affordable housing finance expert Kate Hartley, and is actively hiring project managers. MTC voted to advance work on placing a potential regional affordable housing revenue measure on the November 2024 ballot, and to further research a future regional transportation measure. The ABAG Housing Committee will collaborate with the BAHFA Oversight Committee on this work.

MTC also discussed AB 2011 (Wicks): Affordable Housing and High Road Act, which includes requirements for streamlined approval of affordable housing developments that meet certain criteria, focusing mainly on developments in areas that are presently used as a commercial, retail, or parking area. It would make housing developments that meet specified affordability and location criteria, objective design standards and labor standards a “use by right” (i.e., no conditional use permit or re-zoning would be required) in a zone where office, retail, or parking are a principally permitted use and eligible for a streamlined, ministerial review (i.e., not subject to a discretionary approval process or the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)). The legislation includes labor requirements for construction contracts, higher thresholds for streamlining when done by a for-profit developer, and Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) credit in the current housing element cycle for planned residential development in commercial corridors. AB 2011 reimagines underutilized commercial and retail into affordable housing and could be applicable in locations such as the Northgate Mall and the Fireman’s Fund property in San Rafael. However, there is concern that the legislation is a top-down, one-size fits all approach dictating how this would work at a local level, including the amount of retail in mix-used projects. A better approach would focus on incentives and needed fiscal and technical assistance. Commissioner Connolly voted no on supporting this legislation. MTC voted to support this measure, if amended, by an 11-2 vote, with 2 abstentions; and will continue to monitor and work to improve this legislation.

Commissioner Rice commented on recent communication between Representative Huffman and MTC regarding improvements to State Route (SR) 37 and asked TAM staff to disseminate copies of the letters to the TAM Board.

Commissioner Eklund reported that the ABAG/MTC Joint Legislative Committee did not have enough votes to support AB 2011, and that it was taken off the ABAG meeting agenda. Commissioner Eklund also called attention to this month’s ABAG report and encouraged the Board to review the report.

b. Marin Transit Report – Commissioner Colbert

Commissioner Colbert deferred to the forthcoming Marin Transit (MT) Annual Presentation in agenda item 8a.

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

Commissioner Arnold reported that the Sonoma Marin Rail Area Transit (SMART) ridership continues to increase; and that ten trips were added to the weekday schedule on June 13th. Commissioner Arnold also reported that the Muir Woods shuttle moved to the Larkspur Landing Ferry Terminal parking lot on June 4th. and recent SMART service included trips to the Railroad Square Music Festival in Santa Rosa and the Novato Chamber of Commerce Art, Wine, and Music Festival.

4. Executive Director's Report (Discussion)

ED Richman recognized both Pride month and Juneteenth as important events that TAM is proud to confirm and support for the diversity of the community.

ED Richman reported on the ribbon cutting ceremony for the opening of the North-South Greenway, scheduled for July 14; and the groundbreaking ceremony for the final Marin-Sonoma Narrows (MSN) segment, scheduled for July 21.

ED Richman also reported on the Measure B Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) Expenditure Plan Review process; the safety improvements of 59 intersections in Marin; the rebound of transit service and ridership; the Canal Neighborhood Community Based Transportation Plan (CBTP); the groundbreaking for the Vivalon Healthy Aging Campus; the One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) program call for projects; and the Resilient Neighborhoods climate action workshops. ED Richman further reported on the appointment of Tony Tavares as the new Caltrans Director; the lane closure on Northbound US 101 in Sausalito; Caltrans' US 101 North Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan (CMCP); the Active Transportation Program (ATP) applications; and the federal Safe Streets for All (SS4A) grant program and Reconnecting Communities pilot program. Lastly, ED Richman called attention to recent and upcoming TAM public outreach meetings; and this month's Caltrans report.

Commissioner Hillmer thanked TAM staff and partners for completing the North-South Greenway over the Corte Madera Creek.

5. Open Time for Public Expression

Vice-Chair Colbert 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 thanked TAM and partners for the partial opening of the North-South Greenway ahead of the grand opening. Mr. Wells also expressed his support for the SS4A and Reconnecting Communities programs.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR (Action)

- a. Approve TAM Board Meeting Minutes May 26, 2022
- b. Adopt TAM Resolution No. 2022-06 in Compliance with AB 361
- c. Acceptance of the 2022 Measure A/AA Transportation Sales Tax Compliance Auditee Selection List
- d. Allocate Measure AA, Measure B, and Measure A Reserve Funds for Local Infrastructure Projects
- e. Appointment to the Citizens' Oversight Committee
- f. Authorize Contract Extension for the Highway 101 Interchange and Approaching Roads Studies
- g. Amendment to BKF Engineers Contract for Highway 101 Marin-Sonoma Narrows (MSN) B7 and B8 Contracts
- h. Renew Contract for Photographic Services
- i. Update Revenue and Expenditure Component for the Transportation Sales Tax Measures A/AA Strategic Plan

Commissioner Cutrano made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar, which was seconded by Commissioner Cleveland-Knowles. Vice-Chair Colbert opened the item to public comment and hearing none, a roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously, with Commissioners Eklund and Rodoni abstaining.

7. Adoption of the Proposed TAM FY2022-23 Annual Budget

7a. Public Hearing on the Proposed TAM FY2022-23 Annual Budget

Vice-Chair Colbert opened the Public Hearing on the Proposed TAM FY2022-23 Annual Budget. Hearing no public comments, Vice-Chair Colbert closed the Public Hearing.

7b. Adoption of the Proposed TAM FY2022-23 Annual Budget (Action)

ED Richman introduced Deputy Executive Director/Chief Financial Officer Li Zhang to co-present this item, which recommends that the TAM Board review and adopt the Proposed TAM FY2022-23 Annual Budget, including the proposed work plan for FY2022-23 and the salary schedule effective as of July 1, 2022, pending the completion of the 30-day budget comment period on June 25, 2022.

Ms. Zhang reviewed the budget development timeline and process; and provided an update on budget activities since the May Board review, components of the annual budget, and the proposed revenues and expenditures for FY2022-23.

ED Richman presented an overview of the work plans by the agency's functional areas and noted that the work plan identifies the agency's major planned work for the upcoming year.

Commissioner Cutrano thanked TAM staff and expressed his support of both the budget and workplan.

Vice-Chair Colbert 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 Hillmer moved to adopt the Proposed TAM FY2022-23 Annual Budget, including the proposed work plan for FY2022-23 and the salary schedule effective as of July 1, 2022, pending the completion of the 30-day budget comment period, which was seconded by Commissioner Fredericks. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion was approved unanimously.

8. FY22-23 Marin Transit Funding Allocation

8a. Marin Transit's Annual Presentation (Discussion)

ED Richman introduced MT General Manager Nancy Whelan to present the MT status report, which included FY2021-22 achievements; regional initiatives; ridership trends; operations revenue sources; FY2022-23 operations service plan for local bus service, rural transit, and services for seniors and riders with special needs; Measure B expenditures; and Measure AA-funded capital projects.

Ms. Whelan also reported on the opening of the paratransit maintenance facility in San Rafael; improvements to the 600 Rush Landing facility; and ongoing facility needs.

Commissioner Arnold thanked Ms. Whelan and the MT staff for a job well done; and expressed her support of the MT status update and highlighted the nimble response of MT to the needs of its core users.

In response to Commissioner Carmel, Ms. Whelan explained that MT's core riders include service workers and students who are dependent on MT's services versus other commuters whose occupations allow more flexibility to work remotely. Ms. Whelan also explained that this year's allocation request is slightly higher than last year's request due to increased costs and that some of the allocation will be covered by rollover funds from prior years.

Commissioner Rice thanked Ms. Whelan and MT staff for their continued efforts to deliver services to the community; and asked for clarification on the allocation formula. ED Richman explained that if MT does not use all of the allocation in one year, it rolls over to the following year.

Commissioner Cleveland-Knowles commented that while MT's rebound is positive, it is important to support all local and regional transit service operators in order to provide improved interconnectivity for all transit users; and that after-school transit services should be expanded. In response, Ms. Whelan explained that non-staggered dismissal times pose a challenge to after-school transit services; and that MT will be evaluating the expansion of transit services for its recreational users.

Vice-Chair Colbert praised Ms. Whelan and MT staff for a job well done and expressed his support for MT's allocation request.

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

8b. Allocate FY 22/23 Measure A/AA Transportation Sales Tax Funds to Marin Transit (Action)

Commissioner Rice moved to approve the recommended FY 2022-23 Measure A/AA Transportation Sales Tax Fund allocation to MT, which was seconded by Commissioner Cleveland-Knowles. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion was approved unanimously.

8c. Allocate FY 22/23 Measure B Vehicle Registration Fee Funds to Marin Transit (Action)

Commissioner Cutrano moved to approve the recommended FY 2022-23 Measure B Vehicle Registration Fee Fund allocation to MT, which was seconded by Commissioner Cleveland-Knowles. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Approved July 28, 2022