

MEETING OF THE
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY OF MARIN
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Administration, Projects & Planning
June 13, 2022
3:30 PM

Virtual Meeting



Members Present: Alice Fredericks, Tiburon Town Council
Brian Colbert, San Anselmo Town Council
Damon Connolly, Marin County Board of Supervisors
Dan Hillmer, Larkspur City Council
Stephanie Moulton-Peters, Marin County Board of Supervisors, Committee 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 & Legislation
Derek McGill, Director of Planning
Emily Tong, Senior Accountant
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 Administration, Projects & Planning (AP&P) Executive Committee meeting to order at 3:32 p.m. She welcomed everyone to the Committee's virtual meeting and asked Jennifer Doucette, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board, to conduct a roll call and ensure a quorum. Ms. Doucette confirmed the quorum and described how the public could provide comment during the meeting.

1. Chair's Report (Discussion)

Chair Moulton-Peters congratulated Commissioner Lucan on his new assignment next year and Commissioner Connolly for his nomination in the June 7 Primary Election for the California State Assembly's 12th District, representing Marin and Sonoma counties.

2. Commissioners Comments (Discussion)

None.

3. Executive Director's Report (Discussion)

Executive Director (ED) Anne Richman provided the following update: the Marin Sonoma Narrows (MSN) Project B7 groundbreaking ceremony scheduled for July 21, 2022; postponement of the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the opening of the North-South Greenway multi-use path; the 10-year review process for Measure B Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF); Marin Transit's (MT's) free service on local fixed-route services for youths and students aged 18 years and under in Marin County between June 12 and August 14, 2022; free MT bus rides for all during the Marin County Fair, from June 30 to July 4, 2022; and Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit's (SMART's) 10 additional weekday trips.

4. Open time for public expression

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

5. Approval of the Minutes from May 9, 2022 Meeting (Action)

Commissioner Fredericks moved to approve the Minutes of the May 9, 2022 meeting, which Commissioner Lucan seconded. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

6. MTC's Proposed Transit-Oriented Communities Policy (Discussion)

ED Richman introduced the item and Kara Vuicich, Principal Planner/Analyst for the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), presented the report on MTC's Proposed Transit-Oriented Communities (TOC) Policy. Ms. Vuicich stated that the Policy is scheduled for adoption by the Joint MTC/Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Committee in July. She discussed the TOC Policy and the extensive outreach program, which included meetings with Bay Area Planning Directors and stakeholder groups, and a presentation of the Draft TOC policy to the Joint MTC Planning Committee with the ABAG Administrative Committee at the May 13 meeting.

Ms. Vuicich discussed the TOC policy, which focuses on increasing housing, job density, and affordable housing near transit, and supports transit use through parking management and implementation of complete streets and multi-model access improvements. Ms. Vuicich discussed two of the goals of Plan Bay Area 2050, which are to allow a greater mix of housing and commercial densities in growth areas, such as Planned Development Areas (PDAs), and to protect affordable housing. A third goal is to improve bus transit and shared mobility to bring people to transit stations, and the final goal of the Policy focuses on MTC's continued support and facilitation of implementation of the Plan Bay Area (PBA) 2050.

Ms. Vuicich discussed the requirements for residential and commercial density development in Marin near the Larkspur Ferry terminal (which would need to be designated as a PDA by the local jurisdiction), and areas near SMART stations; the requirements for parking management, policies for affordable housing and anti-displacement; and the requirements for jurisdictions to improve access to transit stations and encourage people to use transit. The final requirement would be to identify opportunities for mobility hub planning and implementation.

Ms. Vuicich discussed policy implementation, which is expected to take four to five years. MTC will provide funding to jurisdictions from One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) Cycle 3 but compliance with the TOC policy will be required if jurisdictions wish to take advantage of the funding opportunities offered by future OBAG cycles.

In response to Commissioner Lucan, Ms. Vuicich confirmed that preferential funding opportunities for TOC policy compliance would be based on an individual SMART station and not on all the stations in a county. Ms. Vuicich stated that bus routes are subject to change and compliance was based on ferry terminals and train stations that require more permanent investment. She stated that funding set aside for Marin could potentially be provided for PDAs that are serviced by bus transit if PDAs serviced by SMART stations and the Larkspur Ferry terminal were not able to comply with the TOC policy.

In response to Commissioner Hillmer, Ms. Vuicich confirmed that public presentations have been held and materials are available on the MTC/ABAG website. She also confirmed that presentations were made to other public agencies, including Contra Costa Transportation Authority's (CCTA's) Board of Commissioners. ED Richman confirmed that the presentation has been posted on TAM's website.

Chair Moulton-Peters noted that Marin is relatively small and that she would support the inclusion of other areas of Marin that are serviced by bus routes to the ferry terminal and SMART stations. Ms. Vuicich stated that the Policy could include funding for projects outside PDAs in the designated SMART station and ferry terminal areas. Chair Moulton-Peters and Ms. Vuicich discussed the land use requirements that PDAs should be designated within a half mile of a SMART station or the ferry terminal.

ED Richman and Ms. Vuicich discussed a survey of compliance by Bay Area jurisdictions and Ms. Vuicich confirmed that while survey data collection is ongoing, she estimates that most of the jurisdictions are not in compliance with the Policy. ED Richman confirmed that staff is requesting feedback on the elements of the policy that might be of more interest to the commissioners' jurisdictions and how they might envisage TAM's role in supporting and coordinating the Policy.

Commissioner Lucan discussed his concern that the Policy's parking requirements would be too restrictive by requiring transit riders to rely solely on the train for their transportation needs. Ms. Vuicich stated that an exception might be made to the parking requirements in the final draft if Transportation Demand Management (TDM) measures are implemented.

Commissioner Hillmer stated that the parking requirements for Tier 4 did not appear to be too onerous and Ms. Vuicich discussed the need to recognize that parking is necessary where public transit, such as SMART stations, is not well served by buses.

Commissioner Fredericks noted that Tiburon has limited parking resources, most of which are privately owned. She expressed her concern that a blanket policy would not be suitable for the parking, density and access needs of a small town.

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

Chair Moulton-Peters thanked Ms. Vuicich for her presentation and ED Richman stated that staff will let the commissioners know when the final policy document is available.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.