



MEETING OF THE
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY OF MARIN
FUNDING, PROGRAMS & LEGISLATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

November 14, 2022
2:00 PM

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
Susan Cleveland-Knowles, Sausalito City Council
Katie Rice, County of Marin Board of Supervisors

Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Anne Richman, Executive Director
Bill Whitney, Principal Project Delivery Manager
Dan Cherrier, Director of Project Delivery
David Chan, Director of Programming and Legislation
Derek McGill, Director of Planning
Grace Zhuang, Accounting and Payroll Specialist
Jennifer Doucette, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board
Li Zhang, Deputy Executive Director/Chief Financial Officer
Molly Graham, Public Outreach Coordinator
Scott McDonald, Principal 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 Funding, Programming and Legislation (FP&L) Executive Committee was confirmed and detailed information about how the public may participate was provided.

1. Chair's Report (Discussion)

None.

2. Commissioner Comments (Discussion)

Chair Colbert recognized and thanked Commissioner Cleveland-Knowles, who will be leaving the Sausalito City Council at the end of the year, for her service on the FP&L Executive Committee.

3. Executive Director's Report (Discussion)

Executive Director (ED) Anne Richman reported that on November 7, TAM presented to the San Rafael City Council the findings from a Proof-of-Concept study of a proposed interchange on I-580 and an update of the 101-580 Multi-Modal and Local Access Improvement Project (formerly known as the US 101-580 Direct Connector Project). Key input included the importance of close coordination between the City of San Rafael and TAM; coordinated community engagement; and an eagerness to begin environmental studies to understand benefits and impacts.

ED Richman also reported that the Marin IJ covered the recent bicycle helmet give-away in Novato coordinated by the Safe Routes to Schools team and Novato Unified School District. Helmets were provided at-cost from Mike's Bikes, and donated to students from Lu Sutton, Lynwood and Loma Verde elementary schools.

ED Richman further reported that TAM and Marin Transit submitted a \$1.1M grant request for project development for the US 101 Part-Time Transit Lanes Project. The grant request was submitted to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), through its Transit Performance Initiative Program, which seeks to fund lower cost improvements to transit speed and reliability. Award announcements are expected in January 2023.

ED Richman also reported that on October 27, the Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District (GGBHTD) released the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the San Rafael Transit Center Relocation Project. Following the 30-day Public Comment period, public meetings will be held on December 15 at the GGBHTD Transportation Committee Meeting, and on December 16 at the GGBHTD Board of Directors Meeting.

Lastly, ED Richman reported that statewide transportation sales tax measures received mixed results in the most recent election. San Francisco County approved a renewal of the existing measure; however, sales tax measures in the counties of Madera, Fresno and Sacramento failed.

In response to Chair Colbert, ED Richman noted that voters may be reluctant to approve new taxes in the current economic climate; and that the two-thirds majority vote required to pass such measures could be difficult to obtain in the presence of organized opposition.

In response to Commissioner Arnold, ED Richman explained that the Draft EIR for the State Route (SR) 37 Interim Project – Segment B was released in Winter 2021/Spring 2022 and is expected to be finalized in early 2023; and that the technical work for the Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study has been completed and the final report is anticipated to be complete by Spring 2023.

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, closed this item.

5. Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 12, 2022 (Action)

Commissioner Arnold moved to approve the Minutes of the September 12, 2022 meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Rice. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Measure B Expenditure Plan Ten-Year Review and Recommended Amendments (Action)

ED Richman presented this item, which recommends that the FP&L Executive Committee reviews the proposed amendments of the Measure B Expenditure Plan and refers them to the TAM Board for review and release for a 45-day public comment period.

ED Richman provided background information for the Measure B Expenditure Plan; an overview of the current Expenditure Plan; summary of Measure B investments over the past 10 years; steps and processes in policy and program development; and outlined the review timeline and process.

ED Richman also provided an overview of the Citizens' Oversight Committee's (COC's) role in the Measure B Expenditure Plan review, including feedback from the COC, current funding recipients and other stakeholders.

ED Richman further provided an outline of the recommended changes for Element 1.1 and Element 1.2, and the proposal of maintaining current funding share and eligibilities for Element 2 and Element 3.

In response to Commissioner Cleveland-Knowles, ED Richman explained that the recommendation is that projects in Element 1.1 should be focused on bicycle and pedestrian improvements; and that the 5-year approach could be considered a "pilot" with the jurisdictions.

In response to Commissioner Rice about funding under Element 1.2, ED Richman explained that because the funds are distributed annually by formula, local jurisdictions are not competing against one another for funding. ED Richman also explained that the carryover funds are often a result of a jurisdiction not using their allotted amount each year; and that carryover funds could be used for small projects or equipment that benefit multiple jurisdictions.

ED Richman provided an overview of the recommendation to add language into the Measure B Expenditure Plan to allow the Board the authority to review the current COC membership structure with the potential to add one or more new seats to address the needs and voices of Equity Priority Communities (EPCs). Membership review would be part of TAM's Equity Statement and Action Plan review and development process.

ED Richman also provided an overview of the recommendation to address metrics and performance reporting during the Strategic Plan process, which will be developed once the Amended Expenditure Plan is finalized.

Lastly, ED Richman reported that both the Marin Public Works Association (MPWA) and the COC unanimously supported the staff proposal.

Commissioner Rice commented on the decreased number of registered vehicles as a potential positive outcome of mode shift; and inquired about electric vehicle (EV) funding through Element 3. In response to Commissioner Rice, ED Richman explained that the Expenditure Plan would allow for local match funding for projects that meet existing program parameters.

Commissioner Cleveland-Knowles encouraged the use of "active" language in the recommendation to address equity within the COC membership.

ED Richman explained that if this item moves forward, a red-lined version of the Expenditure Plan will be provided to the TAM Board in advance of the December 15 Board meeting.

Commissioner Kuhl expressed support of providing a more specific and detailed recommendation for the COC membership structure.

In response to Commissioner Colbert, ED Richman confirmed that the development of the Draft Equity Statement is occurring concurrently. Commissioner Colbert also commented that perhaps a review of the current COC membership should occur before adding additional seats to address equity concerns.

Commissioner Cleveland-Knowles suggested that future presentations regarding COC membership include a list of the current committee membership.

Chair Colbert asked if any members of the public wished to speak or had submitted a comment by e-mail, and hearing none asked if there were any additional comments from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Rice expressed support for the recommendations and the process, including the communication and positive relationship TAM has developed with MPWA.

Commissioner Cleveland-Knowles expressed support for the review process, including the evolution of Element 1.1 and the resulting support of both the COC and MPWA.

Chair Colbert expressed support for the review process and the effort by TAM staff to work with the COC and MPWA to develop the changes to Element 1.1.

Commissioner Cleveland-Knowles moved to refer the proposed amendments of the Measure B Expenditure Plan to the TAM Board for review and release for a 45-day public comment period, which was seconded by Commissioner Rice. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

ED Richman thanked the COC, MPWA and the city/town managers for their time, engagement and support during the review process.

Chair Colbert recognized Commissioner Arnold, who will step down as the County Supervisor at the end of the year, for her service on the FP&L Executive Committee and expressed his privilege and honor to serve by her side.

Commissioner Arnold commented that the Marin County Board of Supervisors and the Novato City Council have sent letters of concern to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and MTC regarding possible changes to SR 37.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Approved January 9, 2023