



MEETING OF THE
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY OF MARIN
ADMINISTRATION, PROJECTS & PLANNING
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 13, 2023
3:30 PM

Virtual Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Chance Cutrano, Fairfax Town Council
Eric Lucan, Marin County Board of Supervisors, Committee Chair
Stephanie Moulton-Peters, Marin County Board of Supervisors

Members Absent: Beach Kuhl, Ross Town Council
Kate Colin, San Rafael City Council

Staff Members Present: Anne Richman, Executive Director
Bill Whitney, Principal Project Delivery Manager
Dan Cherrier, Director of Project Delivery
David Chan, Director of Programming & 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
Mikaela Hiatt, Associate Transportation Planner
Molly Graham, Public Outreach Coordinator
Nick Nguyen, Principal Project Delivery Manager
Scott McDonald, Principal Transportation Planner

Chair Lucan called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m.

Chair Lucan welcomed everyone to the meeting and provided information about how the public may participate.

1. Chair's Report (Discussion)

None.

2. Commissioners Comments (Discussion)

None.

3. Executive Director's Report (Discussion)

Executive Director (ED) Anne Richman reported that a State Route (SR) 37 partnership agreement was signed to establish a set of commitments that will guide development and implementation of both the near-term and long-term SR 37 resiliency projects. The partnership agreement was signed by the California State Transportation Agency, the California Natural Resources Agency, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission.

ED Richman also reported that TAM and its North Bay County Transportation Agency (CTA) partners are promoting a new video developed as part of the Commute37 Pilot Program. The video is posted on the TAM homepage and on social media. The Commute37 pilot program is a partnership of TAM, the Solano Transportation Authority (STA), Napa Valley Transportation Authority (NVTA), and the Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA), and is funded by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District.

ED Richman further reported that Marin Transit (MT) is proposing changes that will take effect in June to local bus routes and schedules to better align with ridership demands and improve service reliability. MT is asking for input from riders, which may be submitted on the MT website. The MT Board of Directors will also hold a public hearing on these changes at its Board meeting on March 6, 2023 at the Marin County Civic Center. The public may attend in person, via Zoom or via phone.

ED Richman also reported that the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (GGBHTD) has scheduled a series of virtual public meetings to receive comments on its proposed five-year fare programs for both the bus and ferry services. The proposed fare programs will help GGBHTD keep up with inflation and the rising costs of providing bus and ferry services. Bus and ferry ridership remains down by approximately 55% compared to pre-pandemic levels. The meetings are scheduled for February 16, 21 and 23. Details may be found on the GGBHTD website.

Lastly, ED Richman reported on the anticipated end of the COVID-19 State of Emergency, and the return to in-person meetings. On October 17, 2022, Governor Newsom announced that the COVID-19 State of Emergency will end on February 28, 2023, thereby nullifying the conditions of Assembly Bill (AB) 361, and allowing legislative bodies to conduct meetings in accordance with the rules of AB 2449. Therefore, effective March 1, 2023, TAM will conduct all public meetings subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act (Brown Act), in-person, under the rules AB 2449. Executive Committee meetings will return to the TAM Conference Room, located at 900 Fifth Avenue, Suite 100, San Rafael, and the Board of Commissioners meetings will return to the Board of Supervisors Chambers located in Room 330 at the Marin County Civic Center. All public meetings will be held in-person with an option for members of the public to participate in-person or remotely.

In response to Chair Lucan, ED Richman explained that the SR 37 Policy Committee appointments are made by the TAM Board Chair.

4. Open time for public expression

Chair Lucan asked if any members of the public wished to speak or had submitted a comment by e-mail.

Member of the public Clayton Smith commented that an aerial schematic would be useful to see the anticipated traffic circulation at the proposed new intersections of the Tamalpais Drive Overcrossing Project; and that performance guarantees and penalties should be implemented to mitigate traffic congestion during construction. Mr. Smith also inquired about the cost and scope of the project.

5. Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 9, 2023 (Action)

Chair Lucan asked Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board Jennifer Doucette to conduct a roll call to ensure a quorum of the Administration, Projects & Planning (AP&P) Executive Committee, which was confirmed.

Commissioner Cutrano moved to approve the Minutes of the January 9, 2023 meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Moulton-Peters. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Review of the Semi-Annual Project Status Report (Action)

Principal Project Delivery Manager Nick Nguyen presented this item, which recommends that the AP&P Executive Committee review the Semi-Annual Project Status Report and refer it to the TAM Board for approval.

Mr. Nguyen reported that the California Supreme Court's action to dismiss and remand the Regional Measure (RM) 3 legal challenge is anticipated to clear the way for Marin-related projects and programs receiving RM 3 funds.

Mr. Nguyen provided updates on the construction of segment B7 and the final design of segment B8 of the US 101 Marin-Sonoma Narrows (MSN) project; the planning and environmental clearance for the SR 37 corridor; and the North-South Greenway Gap Closure, including the design of the Old Redwood Highway Multi-use Path, which is the second and final phase of the Northern Segment.

Mr. Nguyen also provided updates on the Project Initiation Document (PID) phase of the Highway 101 Interchange Studies; the planning phase of the 101/580 Multimodal and Local Access Improvement Project; the design phase of the Bellam Boulevard Off-Ramp Improvements; and the planning phase of the US 101 and Marin City flood mitigation coordination.

Lastly, Mr. Nguyen reported on the US 101 Part-Time Transit Lane project, which is expected to receive approximately \$1.25 million from MTC for the PID and Project Approval & Environmental Document (PAED) phases of the project.

Chair Lucan thanked staff for the report and expressed support for the range and quantity of projects and programs occurring throughout the County.

Commissioner Moulton-Peters expressed support for the Semi-Annual Project Status Report and the division of projects/programs into planning and/or construction phases.

Chair Lucan asked if any members of the public wished to speak or had submitted a comment by e-mail.

WTB-TAM Director of Planning Matthew Hartzell commented on the importance of coordination among TAM and Caltrans when there is a potential nexus of projects such as the Caltrans project to repave and make improvements to Tiburon Blvd. and future improvements to the US 101 highway interchange at East Blithedale/Tiburon Blvd. Mr. Hartzell also commented that as Caltrans prepares its environmental study request, it should be made aware of the previous study conducted by Parisi & Associates regarding bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements to the East Blithedale/Tiburon Blvd. Interchange.

Mr. Smith commented on the importance of public outreach before plans are finalized for the improvements to the US 101 highway interchange at East Blithedale/Tiburon Blvd. Mr. Smith also expressed support for an elevated roadway from Sears Point to Vallejo that includes a bedrock pier system to mitigate erosion and tidal effects to the SR 37 corridor.

Commissioner Moulton-Peters thanked Mr. Hartzell for his comments and for highlighting the previous study by Parisi & Associates.

Commissioner Moulton-Peters moved to refer the Semi-Annual Project Status Report to the TAM Board for approval, which was seconded by Commissioner Cutrano. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:13 p.m.