



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

FEBRUARY 13, 2023
2:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Alice Fredericks, Tiburon Town Council
Brian Colbert, San Anselmo Town Council, Committee Chair
Katie Rice, County of Marin Board of Supervisors
Mary Sackett, County of Marin Board of Supervisors
Urban Carmel, Mill Valley City Council

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
Mikaela Hiatt, Associate Transportation Planner
Molly Graham, Public Outreach Coordinator
Nick Nguyen, Principal Project Delivery Manager
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)

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 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 of 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 Commissioner Rice, ED Richman explained that origin-destination data for SR 37 is available through a study commissioned by NVTA, and that limited data may also be obtained through the Commute37 pilot program. Commissioner Rice commented on the importance of gathering carpool data to determine the viability of an incentive program.

In response to Commissioner Carmel, ED Richman confirmed that return to in-person public meetings will commence in March 2023.

Commissioner Sackett commented that the County is reassessing employee commute data through its Climate Action Plan effort and offered to include the new video for the Commute37 pilot program into the County's Ride Green update; and also inquired about the SR 37 vanpool program. ED Richman explained that there are currently no TAM-supported vanpools on SR 37, however the vanpool program is available to anyone who travels along SR 37.

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 January 9, 2023 (Action)

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

6. Programming Commitment for Cycle 5 Local Partnership Program Formula Funds (Action)

Director of Programming and Legislation David Chan presented this item, which recommends the FP&L Executive Committee reviews and recommends programming of estimated \$1.1 million in Cycle 5 Local Partnership Program (LPP) Formula funds to the Town of Corte Madera for the Tamalpais Drive Overcrossing Project.

Mr. Chan provided background information on the LPP and Senate Bill (SB) 1; and reported on prior LPP programming actions, details for the upcoming Cycle 5 LPP Formula funds, and the Cycle 5 programming proposal.

Mr. Chan also reported on the Tamalpais Drive Overcrossing Project, including elements of Design Option 4B, project status, project funding plan, proposed funding conditions, and next steps.

In response to Commissioner Carmel, R.J. Suokko, Director of Public Works for the Town of Corte Madera, explained that Caltrans anticipates advertising the project in July 2024 with construction beginning in 2025, with anticipated completion in 2027. Mr. Suokko also explained that the current scope of the project does not yet entail a continuous path connecting Casa Buena to the Redwood Highway Multi-use Path. ED Richman explained that the intention of programming the \$1.1 million in LPP formula funds is to help close the current funding shortfall.

In response to Commissioner Rice, Mr. Suokko provided more details and schematics for Design Option 4B, which includes a fifteen-foot-wide multi-use path and safety improvements to the traffic intersections. Mr. Suokko also explained that the \$3 million from the Town of Corte Madera is a combination of general funds and funds from local sales tax Measure F. Mr. Suokko further explained that traffic data was obtained through various sources including private development, the Town of Corte Madera housing element study, and traffic engineering throughout the course of the development of the Tamalpais Drive Overcrossing Project, including the collection of bicycle and pedestrian data. Lastly, Mr. Suokko explained that with regard to sea level rise, the east side of the project has a greater elevation compared to lower-lying areas such as Lucky Drive to the north.

Chair Colbert 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 expressed strong support for the programming of \$1.1 million in Cycle 5 LPP Formula funds to the Town of Corte Madera for the Tamalpais Drive Overcrossing Project and Design Option 4B.

Member of the public Clayton Smith commented on the importance of performance guarantees throughout construction to mitigate traffic congestion during the project; and suggested that an aerial view of the proposed project would be beneficial for the public.

Corte Madera City Council Member and TAM Commissioner Pat Ravasio provided background information on the pro bono work provided by engineering/architecture firm Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (SOM) on the preliminary design of the project and commented that perhaps partnerships could be forged between public and private entities with respect to the development of future projects.

Larkspur Town Council Member and TAM Commissioner Kevin Carroll expressed support for the project and inquired about the timing of the funding award.

Commissioner Carmel expressed strong support for the Tamalpais Drive Overcrossing Project and commented on the positive impacts it will have on the area, including safety improvements for bicyclists and pedestrians.

Chair Colbert expressed support for the Tamalpais Drive Overcrossing Project and commented that it serves as a good example of TAM's ability to leverage funds to move projects forward and enhance bicycle and pedestrian safety.

Commissioner Carmel moved to recommend programming of \$1.1 million in Cycle 5 LPP Formula funds to the Town of Corte Madera for the Tamalpais Overcrossing Project to the TAM Board for approval, which was seconded by Commissioner Rice. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

Approved March 13, 2023