



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

MARCH 13, 2023  
2:00 PM

TAM CONFERENCE ROOM  
900 FIFTH AVENUE, SUITE 100  
SAN RAFAEL, CALIFORNIA

**MEETING MINUTES**

Members Present: 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: Alice Fredericks, Tiburon Town 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 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 & Commissioner Comments (Discussion)**

None.

**2. Executive Director's Report (Discussion)**

Executive Director (ED) Anne Richman reported that TAM's Sea Level Rise (SLR) Adaptation Planning Request for Proposal (RFP) closed on March 7th. Panelists are currently reviewing the proposals and staff expects to bring the selection of the consultant to the Board in the near future.

ED Richman also reported that on March 9th, TAM submitted a request to the California Department of Transportation's (Caltrans') Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Call for Projects, for a "Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Reduction and Mobility Enhancement Toolkit". TAM received letters of support from the local jurisdictions and will aim to create an easy-to-use toolkit for mitigating VMT throughout the county.

ED Richman further reported that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) has launched a Richmond-San Rafael Bridge E-Bike Commute Program, providing eligible commuters a voucher to save 80% or up to \$1,000 on a new e-bike. Participants can earn additional rewards for riding their e-bike across the bridge with the TAM Marin Commutes Program. Anyone who is 18 years or older, lives and works or goes to school on opposite sides of the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge and has a qualifying income at or below 400% of the Federal poverty level, is eligible to apply for the voucher.

Lastly, ED Richman reported that Andrew Fremier was named the new Executive Director for MTC; and that Toks Omishakin, Secretary of the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA), has launched a new blog: Toks Talks Transportation.

### **3. 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.

### **4. Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 13, 2023 (Action)**

Commissioner Sackett moved to approve the February 13, 2023 meeting minutes, which was seconded by Commissioner Carmel. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

### **5. Adopt Positions on 2023 State Legislative Bills (Action)**

ED Richman introduced Gus Khouri of Khouri Consulting to present this item, which recommends that the FP&L Executive Committee reviews positions on 23 State Legislative bills and refers them to the TAM Board for adoption.

Of the 23 bills, staff recommends a Watch position on 13 bills, and a Support, Support if Amended, or Oppose position on 10 bills, as follows – Support: Assembly Bill (AB) 69, AB 557, AB 761, Senate Bill (SB) 617; Support if Amended: AB 610; and Oppose: AB 53, ABx1-2, SB 32, SB 670, SBx1-1.

In response to Commissioner Carmel, Mr. Khouri explained that the Vehicle Registration and Vehicle License Fees can offset some of the losses of the gas tax due to increased electric vehicle (EV) usage. ED Richman explained that both State and Federal agencies are working to address the funding shortfalls anticipated for the gas tax as a result of increased EV usage.

Commissioner Rice commented that using VMT as the basis to assess the fee, and the gas tax are both inherently inequitable.

In response to Commissioner Carmel, Mr. Khouri explained that once the TAM Board takes positions on bills, he will advocate for those positions at the State Legislature.

In response to Commissioner Sackett, Mr. Khouri explained that the State is conducting a second pilot program to attach a funding mechanism to miles traveled or “road usage.”

In response to Commissioner Rice, ED Richman explained that traffic modeling uses anonymized cell phone data.

In response to Commissioner Sackett, Mr. Khouri explained that AB 610 would provide supplemental funding to transit agencies; and ED Richman explained that AB 610 would not take effect until January 2024, so therefore, would not affect Marin Transit’s (MT’s) Summer 2023 youth fare program.

In response to Commissioner Rice, ED Richman explained that the Support if Amended position of AB 610 is intended to ensure that existing free and/or discounted fare programs are also eligible for funding.

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

Marin County Bicycle Coalition (MCBC) Policy and Planning Director Warren Wells indicated that MCBC was tracking and in support of additional bills: AB 73, AB 825, AB 413, AB 1464, AB 645, AB 819, AB 251, and SB 712; and expressed support for mileage-based user fees.

In response to Commissioner Rice, Mr. Wells explained that SB 381 requires a study of electric bikes (e-bikes) to inform efforts to improve rider and pedestrian safety.

Chair Colbert commented that all local jurisdictions are working toward improved safety for pedestrians and e-bike users and expressed support for staff monitoring bills involving e-bike safety that may be presented to the FP&L Executive Committee for further consideration.

Commissioner Rice moved to Support AB 69, AB 557, AB 761, SB 617; Support if Amended AB 610; Watch AB 6, AB 7, AB 9, AB 99, AB 295, AB 744, AB 817, AB 1348, AB 1385, AB 1464, SB 411, SB 537, SB 614; and Oppose AB 53, ABx1-2, SB 32, SB 670, and SBx1-1, and refer the bill positions to the TAM Board for adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner Sackett. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

*The meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m.*

Approved April 13, 2023