



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

JUNE 12, 2023
2:00 PM

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

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
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
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, Programs 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 the North-South Greenway Project over the Corte Madera Creek won the Active Transportation Project of the Year Award from the California Transportation Foundation (CTF); and that TAM received a \$400,000 planning grant from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for Mobility Hubs.

ED Richman also reported that TAM issued a Call for Projects with Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) and Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 funding on May 30 with project applications due July 18, 2023; and that the Marin-Sonoma Narrows (MSN) project reached a major milestone when the southbound traffic shifted to its new alignment on June 10.

Lastly, ED Richman reported on the Highway 101 Interchange Studies public workshops announced for June and July.

In response to Commissioner Sackett, ED Richman explained that construction of the second and last phase of the Northern Segment of the North-South Greenway Project is expected to commence in Summer 2023 and be completed by the end of the calendar year.

Commissioner Rice commented that perhaps there are additional funding opportunities for local jurisdictions through the Bay Area Air Quality Management District's (BAAQMD's) regional share of the TFCA funding.

In response to Commissioner Carmel, ED Richman explained that TAM staff will provide an update on the Highway 101 Interchange Studies and project designs to the Administration, Projects & Planning (AP&P) Executive Committee in the Fall of 2023.

Chair Colbert 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 on the importance of public noticing for the upcoming Highway 101 Interchange Studies public workshops; and that more public engagement will contribute to project designs that better address traffic congestion and circulation.

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.

Mr. Smith commented that the Proposed TAM FY2023-24 Annual Budget should contain more detail regarding the allocation of employee salaries and benefits.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 8, 2023 (Action)

Chair Colbert asked if any members of the public wished to speak or had submitted a comment by e-mail, and hearing none, closed public comment and asked for a motion.

Commissioner Sackett moved to approve the May 8, 2023 meeting minutes, which was seconded by Commissioner Carmel. Commissioners Carmel, Colbert, Rice, and Sackett voted aye; and Commissioner Fredericks abstained. The motion passed with 4 ayes and 1 abstention.

5. Adopt Positions on New Bills Added to 2023 State Bill Matrix (Action)

ED Richman introduced Gus Khouri of Khouri Consulting to present this item, which recommends that the FP&L Executive Committee reviews positions on new bills added to the 2023 TAM State Bill Matrix and refers the updated matrix to the TAM Board for adoption.

Mr. Khouri provide an update on the State budget and outlined the staff recommendation to Support Assembly Bill (AB) 251 and Senate Bill (SB) 381; and Watch AB 1335, SB 538, SB 712.

In response to Commissioner Sackett, Mr. Khouri explained that although promotion of micromobility is a goal, SB 712 may be outside of the agency's purview.

In response to Commissioner Carmel, ED Richman explained that the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) currently has staff and functions that support bicycle infrastructure and safety, and that it is unclear how SB 538 would further that cause; and that it is unusual for TAM to take a position on the recommendation of another agency's organizational structure change. Mr. Khouri also explained that Caltrans is undergoing a reevaluation and possible consolidation of different departments so it may be premature to take a position.

Commissioner Sackett commented that based on modifications to AB 99, the County of Marin changed its position from a Watch to a Support and expressed support for amending TAM's position from a Watch to a Support.

Mr. Khouri explained that AB 99 adopts a statewide policy to discontinue roadside spraying of herbicides and synthetic pesticides in counties where the Boards of Supervisors have adopted resolutions opposing such spraying.

Commissioner Rice commented that AB 99 may be out of TAM's purview.

ED Richman explained that the original Watch position for AB 99 was predicated on the County's position; and that the bill does allow for some flexibility whereby pesticides may be used if there is no available alternative for vegetation control and fire prevention.

Based on the discussion, the Commissioners agreed to retain a Watch position on AB 99.

Commissioner Rice expressed support to propose a change from a Watch to a Support position on SB 712, which would prohibit landlords from banning tenants from storing e-bicycles and other personal micromobility device in their dwelling units unless the landlords provide secure, long-term storage for those devices.

Commissioner Fredericks commented that the agency should have more information on the use concerns before changing its position on SB 712.

Mr. Khouri clarified that there is no registered opposition for SB 712; the bill is supported by the California Bicycle Coalition and the Marin County Bicycle Coalition (MCBC), among other statewide organizations; and that the source of the bill was Streets for All.

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

Mr. Smith expressed concern about the possibility of negative cash flow to the state budget as a result of the Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit (SMART) extension to Windsor; and also expressed concern about regulating the rights of landlords.

Marin County Bicycle Coalition (MCBC) Policy and Planning Director Warren Wells expressed support for SB 712 and commented that some residential tenants pay for their own electricity and that most e-bicycle charging does not require a significant amount of electricity.

Commissioner Sackett moved to refer the updated matrix to the TAM Board for adoption, with the modification of a Watch to a Support position on SB 712, which was seconded by Commissioner Rice. Commissioners Carmel, Colbert, Rice, and Sackett voted aye; and Commissioner Fredericks voted nay. The motion passed with 4 ayes and 1 nay.

6. Review of Draft 2023 Measure B Strategic Plan (Action)

Director of Programming and Legislation David Chan presented this item, which recommends that the FP&L Executive Committee reviews the Draft 2023 Measure B Strategic Plan and recommends the Board to review and release the proposed Strategic Plan for a 30-day public comment period at the June 22 Board meeting.

Mr. Chan provided an overview and background of Measures A/AA and Measure B; outlined the purposes of the Strategic Plans and the update schedules; and provided an overview of the Measure A/AA funding strategies/categories.

Mr. Chan also outlined the primary and/or notable changes to the Strategic Plans from the prior update(s), including revenue forecasts; added flexibilities to allow the TAM Board to change the Citizens' Oversight Committee (COC) membership structure; and provided an overview of the Measure B funding elements.

Lastly, Mr. Chan outlined the next steps and recommended actions.

In response to Commissioner Rice, ED Richman explained that the Draft Measure A/AA and Draft Measure B Strategic Plans will be reviewed by the COC at its June 19 meeting; and that the TAM Board will vote to open the 30-day public comment period for both Strategic Plans at its June 22 Board meeting. ED Richman further explained that a public hearing would be conducted at the July 27 Board meeting before the Board voted to adopt the Strategic Plans; and that the proposed changes to the Measure B Strategic Plan reflect the amendments made to the Measure B Expenditure Plan in February 2023. ED Richman also explained that updated revenue projections and budget expenditures have been incorporated into the Draft Strategic Plans.

In response to Commissioner Carmel, ED Richman explained that significant changes from Measure A to Measure AA included capital projects, an increased funding share to Safe Routes, and additional programs, such as Sea Level Rise and Innovation.

Commissioner Carmel commented on the importance of timely reassessment of priorities and goals within a reasonable and realistic timeframe.

ED Richman explained that the 2017 TAM Vision Plan outlined priorities and identified projected costs to achieve those goals; and that the Countywide Transportation Plan (CTP) will be the next step in establishing the long-range vision, goals and strategies for the transportation network system in Marin County. ED Richman also explained that the 6-year review of the Measure AA Sales Tax projects and programs, which is required by the Measure AA Expenditure Plan and forthcoming in 2024, includes an extensive review process, and must be approved by a majority of the local jurisdictions, as well as the TAM Board.

Chair Colbert commented on how the forthcoming CTP might shape future budgets, and strategic and expenditure plans.

Commissioner Rice commented on the importance of creating subcommittees for the CTP and the Measure AA Expenditure Plan review.

Chair Colbert commented that infographics outlining the relationship between budgets, strategic and expenditure plans, and the CTP may be helpful for future presentations.

In response to Commissioner Carmel, ED Richman explained that some Measure AA funding, such as Local Streets & Roads are distributed by formula; and others such as Safe Pathways are allocated based on project evaluation but staff tries to maintain geographic equity throughout the County where possible.

Commissioner Carmel commented on the importance of transparency in public reporting to ensure that funding is distributed evenly.

Chair Colbert asked if any members of the public wished to speak or had submitted a comment by e-mail, and hearing none, asked for a motion.

Commissioner Rice made a motion to approve the recommendation that the TAM Board reviews the Draft 2023 Measure B Strategic Plan and releases it for a 30-day public comment period at the June 22 Board meeting. Commissioner Sackett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

7. Review of Draft 2023 Measures A/AA Sales Tax Strategic Plan (Action)

Mr. Chan presented this item, which recommends that the FP&L Executive Committee reviews the Draft 2023 Measure A/AA Strategic Plan and recommends the Board to review and release the proposed Strategic Plan for a 30-day public comment period at the June 22 Board meeting.

Commissioner Sackett made a motion to approve staff's recommendation and Commissioner Rice seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:28 p.m.

Approved September 11, 2023