



SAN FRANCISCO PENINSULA RAIL PROGRAM EXECUTIVE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Friday, February 17, 2023

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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EXECUTIVE STEERING COMMITTEE

Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board/Caltrain, Michelle Bouchard (Chair)
San Francisco County Transportation Authority, Tilly Chang (Vice Chair)
California High Speed Rail Authority, Boris Lipkin
City and County of San Francisco, Alex Sweet
Metropolitan Transportation Commission, Andrew Fremier
Transbay Joint Powers Authority, Adam Van de Water

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Providing Public Comment

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2. Callers will hear silence when waiting for their turn to speak.
3. When prompted, callers will have two minutes to provide comment.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

Chair Bouchard called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. and announced that this meeting would be the final remote meeting. The next ESC meeting will be in-person at the Transbay Joint Powers Authority’s (TJPA) office.

2. Roll Call

Secretary Bonner announced that Lisa Klein would be sitting in as Member Fremier’s alternate.

Members Present: Lisa Klein, Boris Lipkin, Alex Sweet, Adam Van de Water, Tilly Chang, Michelle Bouchard

Members Absent: Andrew Fremier

3. Communications

Secretary Bonner provided instructions on the Public Call-in/Comment process and reiterated that the next ESC meeting will be in person at the TJPA’s office.

- Chair’s Report

Public Comment:

Roland Lebrun questioned whether members of the public will be able to participate in upcoming in-person meetings virtually.

Nila Gonzales, TJPA Chief of Staff, stated the TJPA is following the San Francisco Board of Supervisors (SF BOS) process as it relates to continuing remote public comment and an update will be provided once a determination is made by the SF BOS.

Secretary Bonner noted that the March ESC meeting will be at the TJPA Office and will begin at 9:30 a.m.

4. Action Item:
Approval of Special Meeting Minutes: January 20, 2023

There was no member of the public wishing to comment. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Member Lipkin and seconded by Member Van de Water. A unanimous voice vote approved the motion.

5. Informational Item:
Presentation of the Pre-Engineering Phase of the Capital Investment Grants New Starts Program Workplan Schedule

Alfonso Rodriguez, TJPA Project Director, and Andrea Miller, TJPA Chief Financial Officer, presented the item.

Chair Bouchard thanked Mr. Rodriguez and Ms. Miller for the presentation. Member Van de Water noted that the governance plan will be presented to the TJPA Board in May. He stated that conversations with partnering agency representatives are ongoing to address both short- and long-term phases.

Chair Bouchard emphasized her earlier comments on the amount of work that has been completed and the importance of understanding the magnitude of additional work that will be required over the course of the next six months.

Member Klein inquired whether the procurement timeline slide shows only the periods when procurement documents are issued and awarded and not the time for procurement development, which precedes these activities. Mr. Rodriguez confirmed that Member Klein's understanding was correct. Member Klein inquired whether, at future meetings, staff could present a graphic that overlays the timelines of the governance and right-of-way activities. Mr. Rodriguez confirmed that staff can provide this graphic.

Member Van de Water stated that the existing San Francisco Peninsula Rail Memorandum of Understanding expires on June 5, 2023 and that additional policy work will be required prior to the August milestone. He further emphasized the value of collaboration and stated that he looks forward to working on a governance structure that will allow for stakeholder input and timely decision-making during the forthcoming procurement and construction phases. Regarding right-of-way, he noted that notifications to affected property owners had begun.

Vice Chair Chang agreed with Member Klein's suggestion for graphics as well as flowcharts and look-ahead schedules. She inquired whether development of interagency agreements, particularly the one with the City, is nearing completion or happening in parallel with other workstreams, stating that she would not want there to be any barrier to City personnel reviewing these work products. She emphasized that staff should advise if extra sessions with the ESC or Integrated Program Management Team are needed to complete the work over the next five months.

Public Comment:

Roland Lebrun noted there could be potential challenges with progressing design of the core systems and trackwork to 60 percent as work cannot proceed until the progressive design-build tunnel contract has been awarded. He also referenced the Crossrail Bond Street Station

and BART Silicon Valley Phase II Extension, that encountered similar challenges. Lastly, Mr. Lebrun inquired whether award of the progressive design-build contract could be accelerated to just after the Federal Transit Administration's approval of the DTX entry into the Engineering phase.

6. Public Comment

Members of the public may provide comments on matters within the ESC's purview that are not on the agenda.

Roland LeBrun stated based on his review of the 30 percent design, the 800-foot Salesforce Transit Center station platform does not conform to the California High-Speed Rail Authority's design standards or the 2008 ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) funding agreement, which mandated a minimum of 1300-foot platforms. He further stated his proposed Seventh Street alignment would resolve this, as it would eliminate the need for tapered platforms. Additionally, he noted that the Seventh Street alignment would eliminate the conflicts between the Central Subway and the Fourth Street sewer. He also noted that the Pennsylvania Avenue Extension (PAX) would eliminate the DTX's 3 percent downward grade after crossing over the sewer.

7. Discussion Item

ESC Agenda items for upcoming meetings

Chair Bouchard suggested that risk topics should be included on future agendas as appropriate.

8. Adjourn

Chair Bouchard adjourned the meeting at 11:32 a.m.