



SAN FRANCISCO PENINSULA RAIL PROGRAM EXECUTIVE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Friday, December 16, 2022

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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3. When prompted, callers will have two minutes to provide comment.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

Chair Bouchard called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Members Present: Andrew Fremier, Alex Sweet, Adam Van de Water, Simon Whitehorn, Tilly Chang, Michelle Bouchard

Members Absent: Boris Lipkin

3. Communications

Secretary Bonner provided instructions on the Public Call-in/Comment process.

- Chair’s Report

Chair Bouchard presented the Chair’s report.

Public Comment:

Roland Lebrun noted a request for transcript of the Chair’s report and acknowledged this will be his last request. Mr. Lebrun further noted he will continue to refer to the project as the “DTX” instead of its new name, “The Portal,” until directed otherwise.

4. Action Item:

Approval of Meeting Minutes: November 18, 2022

There was no member of the public wishing to comment.

The motion to approve the minutes was made by Vice Chair Chang and seconded by Member Sweet. A unanimous voice vote approved the motion.

5. Action Item:

Motion to Approve the Continued Use of Teleconferencing Technologies for Meetings of the ESC pursuant to Assembly Bill 361

There was no member of the public wishing to comment.

The motion to approve continued use of teleconferencing for ESC meetings was made by Vice Chair Chang and seconded by Member Van de Water. A unanimous voice vote approved the motion.

6. Action Item:

Consider Recommending the Addendum to the Transbay Program 2018 Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) and Revised Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Modifications to the Downtown Rail Extension Project Analyzed Therein

Alfonso Rodriguez, DTX Project Director, and Rod Jeung, AECOM Environmental Planning Director, jointly presented the item.

Chair Bouchard thanked both Mr. Rodriguez and Mr. Jeung for their presentation and asked ESC members if they had questions. There were no comments or questions from members.

Public Comment:

Roland Lebrun highlighted the new tunnel design, noting that the central firewall and the walkways eliminate the requirement for multiple vent shafts. He suggested inviting the Kiewit Joint Venture team for the BART project in San Jose to present to the ESC for further understanding. Regarding CEQA, Mr. Lebrun asked ESC members to reconsider the location of the Fourth and Townsend Street Station in light of changing circumstances related to the following projects: Central Subway, 4th and King Railyards, Chase Arena, Showplace Square, and Pennsylvania Avenue Extension.

A motion to recommend to the TJPA Board of Directors (a) adoption of the Addendum to the 2018 SEIR, (b) adoption of the revised MMRP, and (c) approval of the revised DTX project was made by Chair Bouchard and seconded by Vice Chair Chang. A unanimous voice vote approved the motion.

7. 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 that it would be helpful if presentations could be posted separately from the rest of the packet for an agenda item. He thanked the team for providing the public

with the opportunity to comment on the CEQA Addendum and noted his appreciation for the four-week comment period. Lastly, he wished “Happy Holidays” to all.

8. Discussion Item:

ESC Agenda items for upcoming meetings

Member Van de Water noted that the January ESC agenda will contain a number of substantive items in preparation for the February Board meeting and the Board’s consideration of the TJPA’s request to enter the Engineering Phase of the Federal Transit Administration’s New Starts program. He alerted members that staff may request a special ESC meeting in January to allow opportunity for discussion of the 20-Year Financial Plan, which is on the January agenda.

Vice Chair Chang asked Member Van de Water to clarify whether he would be requesting a meeting on a date other than the regularly scheduled ESC January meeting date. Member Van de Water responded that staff is working with ESC members to find available times and suggested that extending the scheduled meeting is an option.

9. Adjourn

Chair Bouchard adjourned the meeting at 11:34 a.m.

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