



MEETING OF THE
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY OF MARIN
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Funding, Programs & Legislation
January 10, 2022
2:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Beach Kuhl, Ross Town Council
Eric Lucan, Novato City Council, Committee Chair
Judy Arnold, County of Marin Board of Supervisors
Katie Rice, County of Marin Board of Supervisors
Susan Cleveland-Knowles, Sausalito City Council

Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Anne Richman, Executive Director
Bill Whitney, Principal Project Delivery Manager
Dan Cherrier, Principal Project Delivery Manager
David Chan, Director of Programming and Legislation
Derek McGill, Director of Planning
Grace Zhuang, Accounting and Administration Specialist
Helga Cotter, Senior Accountant/HR Specialist
Jennifer Doucette, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board
Li Zhang, Deputy Executive Director/Chief Financial Officer
Molly Graham, Public Outreach Coordinator
Nick Nguyen, Principal Project Delivery Manager
Scott McDonald, Senior Transportation Planner

Chair Lucan called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

Chair Lucan 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 Board was confirmed and detailed information about how the public may participate was provided.

1. Chair's Report (Discussion)

Chair Lucan reported that this will be his last meeting as Chair of the Funding, Programs & Legislation (FP&L) Executive Committee as a new TAM Board Chair and Vice-Chair will be selected at the end of the month.

2. Commissioner Comments (Discussion)

None.

3. Executive Director's Report (Discussion)

Executive Director (ED) Anne Richman reported on the final remaining Marin-Sonoma Narrows (MSN) segment; the State Route (SR) 37 Policy Committee Meeting; the upcoming SR 37 Planning and Environmental Linkages Public Meeting; the Novato Blvd. Improvements Project Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR); and Marin Municipal Water District's (MMWD's) announcement to conduct a full environmental review for the water pipeline project.

ED Richman also reported on the resignations of David Kim, Secretary of California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA), and TAM's Senior Accountant/HR Specialist Helga Cotter. On behalf of TAM, ED Richman thanked Ms. Cotter for her dedication to her job and the agency and wished her well in her new career as the next Administrative Services Director of the City of Belvedere.

4. Open Time for Public Expression

Chair Lucan asked if any other members of the public wished to speak or had submitted a comment by e-mail, and hearing none, he closed this item.

5. Approval of Meeting Minutes from October 11, 2021 (Action)

Commissioner Arnold moved to approve the Minutes of the October 11, 2021 meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Cleveland-Knowles. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion was unanimously approved.

6. Adopt the 2022 Legislative Platform (Action)

ED Richman introduced Director of Programming and Legislation David Chan, and Gus Khouri of Khouri Consulting to present the proposed 2022 State Legislative Platform and Governor Newsom's budget proposal for FY2022-23.

Mr. Khouri reported on budget impacts to transportation including high-speed rail; statewide transit and rail projects; port infrastructure and goods movement; zero-emissions vehicles, equipment and infrastructure; active transportation and projects to connect communities; high priority grade separation projects; and climate adaptation projects.

In response to Commissioner Rice, Mr. Khouri explained that the 10% maximum limit for the state budget reserves was established through a constitutional amendment that requires excess funds to be spent on infrastructure.

Mr. Khouri further reported on TAM's proposed 2022 Legislative Platform, highlighting additions and changes from the 2021 State Legislative Platform, including streamlining application processes for state funding; monitoring funding opportunities for land-use and transportation planning integration for transit-oriented development; increased funding for zero-emission vehicle infrastructure; leveraging regional partnerships; enhancing mobility options; and pursuing federal funding opportunities.

In response to Commissioner Cleveland-Knowles, Mr. Khouri noted that for the Board meeting, staff can provide a redlined copy of the legislative platform.

In response to Commissioner Lucan, ED Richman explained that Senator Dodd's office plans to reintroduce Senate Bill (SB) 1408 this year regarding tolling on State Route 37. TAM has been working with the four North Bay counties and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) to update the legislative language, including identifying eligible uses for toll revenue.

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

Commissioner Kuhl moved to adopt the 2022 Legislative Platform, which was seconded by Commissioner Arnold. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion was unanimously approved.

7. Review the Priority Development Area Investment and Growth Strategy (Action)

ED Richman introduced Director of Planning Derek McGill who presented this item, which recommends the FP&L Executive Committee reviews and recommends the TAM Board accept the required Priority Development Area (PDA) Investment and Growth Strategy (IGS) for submittal to MTC.

Mr. McGill provided an overview of the Marin PDA-IGS, including program background; development, affordable housing, and transportation projects in the PDAs; PDA planning needs; and next steps.

In response to Commissioner Cleveland-Knowles, ED Richman explained that Caltrans District 4 has identified funding to begin a Project Initiation Document (PID) to study flooding in Marin City and parts of Sausalito and identify improvements and protections for flood-prone areas.

In response to Commissioner Rice, ED Richman explained that the PDA-IGS is a specific report requested by MTC. TAM will continue to identify opportunities to seek funding from state and federal resources.

Commissioner Rice commented that long-term, advanced planning should account for sea-level rise.

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

Commissioner Cleveland-Knowles moved to recommend the TAM Board accept the required PDA-IGS for submittal to MTC, which was seconded by Commissioner Rice. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

Approved February 14, 2022