



MEETING OF THE
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY OF MARIN
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Funding, Programs & Legislation
January 13, 2020
2:00 p.m.

TAM CONFERENCE ROOM
900 FIFTH AVENUE
SAN RAFAEL, CALIFORNIA

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Judy Arnold, County of Marin Board of Supervisors, Committee Chair
P. Beach Kuhl, Ross Town Council
Katie Rice, County of Marin Board of Supervisors
Stephanie Moulton-Peters, Mill Valley City Council

Members Absent: Eric Lucan, Novato City Council

Commissioners Present: Alice Fredericks, Tiburon Town Council
David Kunhardt, Corte Madera Town Council
Pat Eklund, Novato City Council

Staff Members Present: Anne Richman, Executive Director
Bill Whitney, Principal Project Delivery Manager
Dan Cherrier, Principal Project Delivery Manager
David Chan, Manager of Programming & Legislation
Derek McGill, Planning Manager
Grace Zhuang, Accounting and Administration Specialist
Helga Cotter, Senior Accountant
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 Arnold called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

1. Chair's Report (Discussion)

None.

2. Commissioner Comments (Discussion)

None.

3. Executive Director's Report (Discussion)

Executive Director (ED) Richman provided information on staff's coordination with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) at a recent Marin Public Works Association (MPWA) meeting regarding funding opportunities and upcoming grants. She also provided an update on Phase 1 of the Ramp Metering project, TAM's participation in the FASTER (Freedom, Affordability, Speed, Transparency, Equity, Reliability) Technical Advisory Group, her attendance at the annual Focus on the Future Conference, the ribbon-cutting ceremony for a portion of the Marin Sonoma Narrows project that was held on December 11, 2019, numerous outreach opportunities in which TAM participated, and the annual fundraising effort for 10000 Degrees during TAM's 2019 holiday party.

4. Open Time for Public Expression

None.

5. Approval of Minutes from October 14, 2019 (Action)

Commissioner Kuhl moved to approve the Minutes of the October 14, 2019 meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Moulton-Peters. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. Adopt the 2020 Legislative Platform (Action)

David Chan, TAM's Programming and Legislation Manager, and Gus Khouri, TAM's Legislation Consultant, presented this item which recommended that the Committee review the Draft 2020 Legislative Platform as shown in the staff report and refer it to the TAM Board for adoption.

Mr. Chan provided an overview of the proposed platform which Mr. Khouri elaborated on as well as the recent release of the budget by the Governor.

Referring to the platform document, Chair Arnold asked why the recommendation was a "monitor" rather than an "opposed" position for the implementation of the federal government's Safer Affordable Fuel Efficient (SAFE) vehicles Rule in Environment section. Mr. Khouri replied that it is listed this way because, due to current litigation, no action has been taken regarding that legislation.

ED Richman stated that there was a federal regulation proposed and the state-initiated litigation immediately thereafter. She suggested that this is a policy decision that the Board could react to should it desire to do so.

Commissioner Rice asked if this is different than monitoring whether a switch from vehicle miles traveled to another metric should be employed which ED Richman confirmed.

Commissioner Kunhardt was supportive of an "oppose" instead of a "monitor" position on the item being discussed.

Commissioner Rice was hopeful that the TAM Board would be supportive of and in alignment with the State's position of opposing the federal SAFE Rule which was echoed by Chair Arnold and Commissioner Fredericks.

Mr. Khouri suggested change TAM's stance to one of "oppose" and add language to read, "Support efforts to maintain California's current standards of greenhouse gas emissions reduction."

Commissioner Rice asked when TAM would consider aligning its purchasing in accordance with its position as discussed. ED Richman said that the Board would need to consider a separate action, possibly in February, since staff was planning an Alternative Fuels Program update at that time.

Commissioner Rice made a motion to refer the Draft 2020 Legislative Platform to the TAM Board for adoption, with the inclusion, in Item C3, of strong language which not only stresses TAM's support of maintaining California's current standards but maintaining California's continued proactive drive towards adopting fuel efficiency standards. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moulton-Peters and was approved unanimously.

7. Allocate Transportation Sales Tax (Measure AA) Funds to Mill Valley for the East Blithedale Avenue Rehabilitation Project (Action)

Mr. Chan presented this item which asked the Committee to review the request to allocate \$1,000,000 in Transportation Sales Tax (Measure AA) funds to Mill Valley to commence the design phase for the East Blithedale Avenue Rehabilitation Project and refer it to the TAM Board for approval.

Mr. Chan introduced Ahmed Aly, the project manager from the City of Mill Valley, who reviewed the details of the project and the request for funding.

Chair Arnold asked, and Mr. Aly confirmed, that completion of the first phase of the project, from Camino Alto to the freeway, will help reduce congestion for those accessing the freeway.

Commissioner Moulton-Peters moved to recommend that the Committee refers the allocation of \$1,000,000 in Measure AA funds to Mill Valley to commence the design phase for the East Blithedale Avenue Rehabilitation Project to the TAM Board for approval which was seconded by Commissioner Rice. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Letters of No Prejudice (LONP) for Regional Measure (RM) 3 Projects (Action)

Mr. Chan presented this item which asked the Committee to review the request to apply for Letters of No Prejudice (LONP) for Regional Measure (RM) 3 projects and recommend that the TAM Board authorizes the Executive Director to request LONPs from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), when appropriate, for TAM projects that meet the requirements for RM 3 LONPs.

Mr. Chan presented this item and reviewed the reason for staff's request for application of LONP for the RM3 projects.

Chair Arnold asked if this request includes the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge Access Improvement project, specifically the Bellam Blvd. Off-ramp Improvements.

ED Richman said that it could include Bellam, in terms of the project's scope, however, staff is requesting LONPs only for those projects for which there is sufficient local funding sources to support the request. She noted that, currently, the Bellam project has a significant funding shortfall for construction, so she would not support a LONP for it.

Commissioner Rice asked for more information on the funding shortfall for near-term improvements to Bellam and ED Richman said it was approximately \$3 million.

Chair Arnold opened the item to public comment and seeing none, closed the item.

Commissioner Kuhl moved to recommend to the full TAM Board to review the request to apply for LONP for RM 3 projects that meet the requirements and authorize the ED to request LONPs from MTC when appropriate. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moulton-Peters and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Approved February 10, 2020