

CAPITOL CORRIDOR JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, November 16, 2016

10:00 AM

Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority, San Jose CA

- The meeting was called to order by Chair Gail Murray who provided her report to the Board. VTA General Manager Nuria Fernandez addressed the Board and welcomed everyone to the VTA facility for their meeting.
- Nominations were submitted for the election of the Chair and Vice-Chair for 2017-2018. Director Frerichs was nominated for Chair and Director Saltzman for Vice-Chair. Motion passed.
- The CCJPA Board approved the minutes of the September 21, 2016 meeting.
- The Consent Calendar was approved by the CCJPA Board.
- Managing Director Kutrosky presented information on the 2016 Capitol Corridor Annual Performance Report noting many positive results including ridership, on-time performance, and customer satisfaction. He also mentioned the CCPJA is entering its 25th year of operation. Director Saylor questioned about the mode split and rider profile in the report. Motion passed.
- Managing Director Kutrosky presented information on legislative matters including SBX1-1 and ABX1-26 at the state level that do not provide dedicated funding for the intercity passenger rail programs and the Continuing Resolution at the federal level to fund the federal government through December 9, 2016. It was recommended to submit letters of support or opposition as appropriate for actions related to legislative matters affecting the Capitol Corridor service. Director Saylor questioned who reviews or authorizes the letters to be sent out. Director Frerichs asked if the Board members should be reaching out to local assembly members. Public comment was provided about the failing transportation tax measures in Sacramento and Placer counties in contrast to the favorable results for similar tax measures in the Bay area. Motion passed.
- Managing Director Kutrosky introduced Jeff Bellisario from the Bay Area Council Economic Institute who gave a presentation on Connecting the Northern California Megaregion. Director Rohan asked about their website information. Director Saylor asked how the Board can support it. Director Miller commented about the CCJPA Vision Plan and how it ties in with the Megaregion plans.

- CCJPA staff Jim Allison presented information on the Vision Implementation Plan (VIP). Future alignment plans were discussed including the associated costs of building the proposed new alignments phased in over the next 35 years. Sources of funding options included public-private partnerships and state and federal sources of capital. He also discussed the associated Vision Communications Plan (VCP) with the recommendation to secure a Project Manager to help with the VCP. Chair Murray asked to introduce the consultants from HDR and Nelson Nygaard. Director Josephowitz commented that he liked the plan and vision, but wanted to discuss other alignment options for rail crossings in the Bay area. He requested an addendum to have these options studied. Director Saylor questioned the updating of the plan in the future. Director Miller questioned if the VIP included extending the Capitol Corridor through the second BART tube and Dumbarton. Chair Murray recommend adopting the current VIP and coming back at the next meeting in February 2017 with an update on the alignment question. Director Josephowitz concurred with the recommendation. Director Raburn liked the plan and endorsed the project prioritization. Director Miller recommended to add an acknowledgement page. Director Harris thanked Jim Allison for the information presented and said he found elements of the plan to be very exciting. Public comment by two separate individuals from the Monterrey-Salinas area supporting the VIP was provided. Other public comment was given about rail alignment options at Martinez and communication notification options contained in the VCP. Motions passed for the VIP and VCP. Director Rohan requested the record to show her support for the VIP and VCP due to her absence when the vote was taken.
- Managing Director Kutrosky presented information on a list of active capital projects. He stated the project schedule for the new Tier 4 locomotives being built had slipped as well as the completion date for the new bi-level cars to be built had also slipped with the projection that they would not be completed until after the third track project in Roseville was finished. He said they will need to evaluate the available options for rail cars to run in the interim until the new bi-level cars are completed.
- Director Frerichs appreciated his support from the Board Members as the next Chair of the Board and also thanked outgoing Chair Murray for her years of service on the CCJPA Board.