

San Mateo County Express Lanes Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Meeting No. 41
October 14, 2022

In compliance with Governor’s Executive Order N-29-20, and pursuant to the Shelter-in-Place Order issued by the San Mateo County Health Officer, this meeting was conducted via remote conferencing.

Board of Directors: Rico E. Medina (Chair), Alicia Aguirre (Vice Chair), Diane Papan, Don Horsley, Emily Beach and Maryann Moise Derwin

1.0 CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL

Chair Rico E. Medina called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call was taken.

Members Present:

C/CAG Members: Maryann Moise Derwin, Diane Papan, Alicia Aguirre

SMCTA Members: Don Horsley, Emily Beach, Rico E. Medina

Members Absent:

None.

Staff Present:

Sean Charpentier – Executive Council

Mima Crume – Clerk

Tim Fox – Legal Counsel

Van Ocampo, Kaki Cheung – C/CAG staff supporting SMCEL-JPA

April Chan, Connie Mobley-Ritter, Grace Martinez – SMCTA staff supporting SMCEL-JPA

Matt Click, Lacy Vong, Christa Cassidy, Monique Fugrman – HNTB

Other members of staff and the public were in attendance.

2.0 BRIEF OVERVIEW OF TELECONFERENCE MEETING PROCEDURES

Clerk Crume provided an overview of the teleconference meeting procedures.

3.0 PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Note: Public comment is limited to two minutes per speaker.

4.0 APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

This item is to set the final consent and regular agenda, and to approve the items listed on the consent agenda. All items on the consent agenda are approved by one action. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless members of the Board, staff or public request specific items to be removed for separate action.

- 4.1 Approval of the minutes of Board of Directors regular business meeting No. 40 dated September 16, 2022. APPROVED
- 4.2 Review and approval of Resolution SCMEL 22-25 finding that, as a result of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency declared by Governor Newsom, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees. APPROVED
- 4.3 Accept the Sources and Uses of Funds for the FY22 Period Ending June 30, 2022. APPROVED
- 4.4 Accept the Sources and Uses of Funds for the FY23 Period Ending August 31, 2022. APPROVED

Director Beach MOVED to approve items 4.1 through 4.4 of the consent agenda. Director Aguirre SECONDED. Roll call was taken. **MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0**

5.0 REGULAR AGENDA

- 5.1 Receive update on the US 101 Express Lanes operations. INFORMATION

The Board received an update presentation on the US 101 Express Lanes operations. The express lanes continue to operate at a very good level of service, as do the general-purpose lanes. The express lanes are still in a ramp-up phase and performing well.

Board of Director Papan had a follow-up question on equity and asked if we have been able to expand our equity program registration to the south.

Mr. Click said there has been more signups in the south. It has started to move south a little more but still see a very heavy bias towards the north county. They are still working on communications and a marketing plan to specifically focus on the south county.

Public Member Drew commented on a follow up from last month. Was there any further breakdown on image-based transactions as far as those who have FasTrak accounts versus no FasTrak accounts that would be violations. And is there a max cost in driving in the express lanes. He was traveling southbound in the evening and noticed the sign said \$7 and wanted to know if it was a glitch in the system.

Mr. Click responded that what he saw was the toll system doing what it's supposed to do, and it's to increase and decrease, there's an increment and a

decrement in the toll rate in the algorithm that's designed to get ahead to maintain a 45 mile an hour traffic speed in the express lanes. That's why we report up the average toll because that's really what the vast majority of people will experience and what the vast majority of the toll rate will be. He did not have a breakdown of violations versus image-based tag transponders data yet. Will work with our peer agency and get back to him next month.

6.0 REPORTS

a) Chairperson Report.

Chair Medina has saved his report towards the executive council report.

b) Member Communication.

None.

c) Executive Council Report - Executive Council Verbal Report.

Sean Charpentier gave the Board an update on the construction schedule. Currently the most recent schedule shows that by the middle of November, we will be able to open both the northbound and southbound lanes to HOV three usage. The signs are fabricated, and they will start being installed on the overhead signs next week, there will be construction activity in the lane. Once the signs are installed, crews will go back in and remove the temporary barriers. We are looking at the southbound lane being completed first. And then we'll move on to the northbound lane with a targeted completion date for both the lanes for full HOV three usages by the middle of November. The testing of the toll equipment is continuing. Our current estimate for commencement of polling is next year. All schedule estimates are weather dependent, and we will start having a regular agenda item given the proximity to commencement of tolling at the next JPA board meeting to keep the board and the public informed on a monthly basis. There has been a lot of interest in opening the lane early. And in response to that, the FAQ's have been updated with updated schedule information. These are available at smcexpresslanes.org. A brief update on legislation the governor signed AB 2994 from Phil Ting, which is a new law requiring toll bridges and express lanes in the state of California to have a payment plan related to equity. The deadline for toll bridges is July 1, 2023. The deadline for Express Lanes is July 1, 2024. We are in conversation with both BATA the toll bridges and the other express lane operators to try to work in a uniform fashion and have consistent implementation of this legislation. Right now, we are targeting that change for the earlier deadline to be consistent with the bridges. We're looking at July 1, 2023. We'll be talking to the board over the next couple months about this change in compliance with this legislation.

Chair Medina added that any emails that have been received are being replied to. There was one he personally replied to at about 10:20 p.m. to the person with the concerns. We are available, we are answering, and we are updating. He wanted to assure that the Board and the Community of that. In addition, the Chair congratulated April Chan, who has been announced on the appointment as the

General Manager/CEO of the San Mateo County Transit District. April will begin her new role in capacity and start her new chapter on November 1st.

April Chan thanked Chair Medina and the Board of Directors. She would like the Board to know that they are going to be working on a ribbon cutting event as we open up the entire corridor but will be able to finalize more of the details and the date as we approach the completion and have a better idea when the full corridor will be open in early 2023. More details to come as we continue to report back to the board on the progress.

d) Policy/Program Manager Report.

None.

7.0 WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None.

8.0 NEXT REGULAR MEETING

November 18, 2022

9.0 ADJOURNMENT – 9:20 a.m.