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STATE ROUTE 37 POLICY COMMITTEE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, June 1st, 2023

PLEASE NOTE:

State Route 37 Policy Committee will be a hybrid meeting, with Policy Committee members meeting in-person.

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John F Kennedy Library Vallejo Room
505 Santa Clara Street
Vallejo, CA 94590

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Public comment will be limited to three (3) minutes.

MEETING AGENDA

ITEM

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS **Chair Erin Hannigan**

2. OPPORTUNITES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment may be submitted in electronic written format. Please submit public comment by email before 5:00PM on 05/31/2023. Include “Public Comment” and the meeting name in the subject line of your email and limit written comments to three hundred (300) words.

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3. CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1. Minutes of the March 2, 2023 SR 37 Policy Committee Meeting* **Drew Nichols, SCTA**

Recommendation:

Approve March 2nd, 2023 SR 37 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

4. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1. Sears Point to Mare Island Improvement Project* **Kevin Chen, MTC**

4.2. Long-term Projects

4.2.1 Flood Reduction Project **Javier Mendivil, CT**

4.2.2 SMART Update **Bill Gamlen, SMART**

4.2.3 Project Prioritization* **Jeanette Weisman, MTC**

5. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS / STAFF UPDATES **All**

6. FUTURE TOPIC

6.1. Baylands Restoration Strategies

6.2. RM3

6.3. Mare Island Development

6.4. Passenger Rail Planning

6.5. Long-term Resiliency Project Prioritization

7. ADJOURNMENT

* Materials included

Future Meeting Schedule (9:30-11am)

October 5, 2023

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SR 37 Policy Committee Members:

SCTA

David Rabbitt
Sonoma County
Board of Supervisors

Susan Gorin
Sonoma County
Board of Supervisors

Victoria Fleming
MTC Commissioner

NVTA

Alfredo Pedroza,
MTC Commissioner

Ryan Gregory
Napa County
Board of Supervisors

Leon Garcia
Mayor
City of American Canyon

TAM

Eric Lucan, Vice Chair
Marin County
Board of Supervisors

Stephanie Moulton-Peters,
Marin County
Board of Supervisors

Brian Colbert
Councilmember
Town of San Anselmo

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Erin Hannigan, Chair
Solano County
Board of Supervisors

Robert McConnell
Mayor
City of Vallejo

Jim Spering
MTC Commissioner

MTC

Andrew Fremier,
Executive Director

Caltrans

Dina El-Tawansy,
District 4 Director – Bay Area

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State Route (SR) 37 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
9:30 a.m., Thursday, March 2, 2023

The Zoom video recording of this meeting can be viewed by clicking this link.

1. Call to Order/Introductions

Chair David Rabbitt called to order the State Route 37 Policy Committee at 9:35 a.m.

Policy Committee Members Present:

David Rabbitt, Chair	Supervisor, County of Sonoma
Erin Hannigan, Vice Chair	Supervisor, County of Solano
Victoria Fleming	MTC Commissioner, Councilmember, City of Santa Rosa
Leon Garcia	Mayor, City of American Canyon
Susan Gorin	Supervisor, County of Sonoma
Eric Lucan	Supervisor, County of Marin
Robert McConnell	Mayor, City of Vallejo
Stephanie Moulton-Peters	Supervisor, County of Marin
Belia Ramos	Supervisor, County of Napa

Policy Committee Members Absent:

Alfredo Pedroza	MTC Commissioner, Supervisor, County of Napa

Executive Directors Present:

Daryl Halls, Solano Transportation Authority
Kate Miller, Napa Valley Transportation Authority
Anne Richman, Transportation Authority of Marin
Suzanne Smith, Sonoma County Transportation Authority

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2. Opportunities for Public Comment

This item begins at 2:05 on the video recording.

Clayton Smith commented on the difficulty in finding replacements bus drivers and explained a study *Case Unknown: The Epidemic of Sudden Deaths in 2021 & 2022* by Edward Dowd

Paul Theiss commented on the inclusion of low-income toll discounts for this project and discussed the environmental justice element to ensure equitable worker access. Mr. Theiss noted the 20% discount is not enough and instead start with a 50% discount for low-income workers.

Vice Chair Hannigan requested a change in the agenda order to have the discussion items before the Consent Calendar and Chair and Vice Chair election.

The committee agreed to the change in the agenda order.

3. Consent Calendar

3.1. Minutes of the December 1, 2022 State Route 37 Policy Committee Meeting

3.2. Announcements

3.2.1. Planning & Environmental Linkages Study- Final Dec 2022

3.2.2. MOU Amendment-SMART Integration

3.2.3. SR 37 Partnership Agreement

3.2.4. Regional Infrastructure Accelerator Grant

This item begins at 59:04 on the video recording.

Vice Chair Hannigan moved for approval of the Consent Calendar; Supervisor Lucan seconded.

The motion was approved through the following vote:

Aye: Gorin; Garcia; Hannigan; Lucan; McConnell; Ramos; Rabbitt.

Abstain: Fleming; Moulton-Peters.

Absent: Pedroza.

4. Policy Committee Chair/Vice Chair Elections

This item begins at 59:52 on the video recording.

Chair Rabbitt opened for nominations for Chair and Vice Chair of State Route 37 Policy Committee.

Mayor McConnell nominated Vice Chair Hannigan to serve as Chair, Supervisor Lucan seconded.

Vice Chair Hannigan nominated Supervisor Lucan to serve as Vice Chair, Supervisor Moulton-Peters seconded.

The motions were approved unanimously as presented through the following vote:

Aye: Fleming; Gorin; Garcia; Hannigan; Lucan; McConnell; Moulton-Peters; Ramos; Rabbitt.

Abstain: n/a

Absent: Pedroza.

Supervisor Erin Hannigan will serve as Chair and Supervisor Eric Lucan will serve as Vice Chair for the State Route 37 Policy Committee.

5. Discussion/Information Items

5.1. Operations & Maintenance Update

This item begins at 9:36 on the video recording.

Bart Ney, Caltrans, provided an update to the committee on the winter flooding, closure and maintenance on SR 37.

5.2. Sears Point to Mare Island Improvement Project

This item begins at 13:43 on the video recording.

Kevin Chen, MTC, provided an update to the committee on the Sears Point to Mare Island Improvement project. The presentation can be viewed by clicking on this link.

Supervisor Lucan asked about the timeline for the Tolay Creek Bridge and whether the preliminary work will be done separately or included with the whole project.

Mr. Chen responded that this work would be done with the PS&E/permitting phase and the

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environmental work will need to be completed before design work is started.

The design of the bridge itself is still under consideration.

Supervisor Lucan further asked for a future agenda item or update to the committee on SR 121 intersection SHOPP project.

5.3. Flood Reduction Project

This item begins at 23:50 on the video recording.

Ricky Gao reported to the committee on recent work related to the flood reduction project.

There were no questions from the Policy Committee on this item.

5.4. Fairgrounds Drive Project

This item begins at 26:27 on the video recording.

Nick Burton, Solano Transportation Authority, presented to the Policy Committee on the Fairgrounds Drive interchange improvement project. The presentation can be viewed by clicking on this link.

Vice Chair Hannigan commented on the benefit that this project will relieve traffic on I-80 and I-780 as well.

Supervisor Moulton-Peters asked about the concept of a Diverging Diamond Interchange and why these are better.

Mr. Burton explained that by bringing the lane to the other side, the left-hand turn onto the freeway does not have to compete with oncoming traffic.

5.5. Equity

This item begins at 37:24 on the video recording.

Executive Director Daryl Halls, Solano Transportation Authority, reported to the Policy Committee on the equity strategies in relation to the SR-37 program. The presentation can be viewed by clicking this link.

Vice Chair Hannigan commented on the importance of equity and the challenges that the absence of affordable housing in Marin and Sonoma Counties to support the low-income residents pose for Solano residents who work in Marin/Solano.

Vice Chair Hannigan further commented on the loss of time due to commuting to work and if this congestion can be alleviated, most will be willing to pay for reduced congestion that will relieve traffic.

Supervisor Lucan commented on means-fares being in place for awhile and asked for examples of agencies implementing means-based tolling.

Executive Director Andrew Fremier, MTC, responded there are not a lot of means-based tolling across the country and is piloting a means-based tolling on the express lanes on I-880.

Part of the problem with the bridge tolls is the need to pay the debt to keep the bridges open; there is no flexibility without finding another funding source.

5.6. Announcement from SMART

This item begins at 47:17 on the video recording.

Bill Gamlen announced to the Policy Committee that SMART will be reconstructing the at-grade crossing on SR-37 near SR-121 intersection and will require a full weekend closure starting May 19.

*Mayor Garcia and Mayor McConnell arrived at 10:22am.

Public Comment on Items 5.1-.5:

Steve Birdlebough commented on the tolling, sea level rise uncertainty and focus on the ultimate project versus the interim, transit accessibility, and using the shoulder for carpooling/transit.

Thomas expressed appreciation for the information on SR121 intersection being integrated with Segment B/Tolay Creek Bridge lengthening.

Furthermore, the diverging diamond is efficient regarding on- and off-ramps versus the clover-leaf design and uses less right-of-way.

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Ed Schulze commented on the recent PEL study that omitted the Lakeville intersection on- and off-ramps on the elevates causeway.

Secondly, Mr. Schultze noted confusion on the interim and ultimate projects related to expanded fill.

Clayton Smith asked what the cost of the anticipated toll for SR 37 is, whether these fares will be one- or bi-directional and how will tolls be collected, and how will this impact traffic flow.

Mr. Smith further stated the means-based tolling adds to the divisiveness in our current society and asked about the impacts of the construction of the diverging diamond interchange.

Mayor Chance Cutrano, Town of Fairfax, commented on equity and the need to do more for workforce housing and reducing VMT on this corridor.

It would be helpful for the public and elected officials to understand the phasing of construction in terms of congestion management.

6. Committee Member Comments/Staff Updates

N/A

7. Future Topics

7.1. RM3

7.2. Mare Island Development

7.3. Passenger Rail Planning

7.4. Long-term Resiliency Project Prioritization

7.5. Ecological Restoration and Integration

Included for the committee's interest.

This item begins at 1:01:19 on the video recording.

Andrew Fremier commented briefly that RM3 funding is clear and ready.

Executive Director Suzanne Smith announced the State Route 37 MOU has been signed and executed.

8. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

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Sears Point to Mare Island Improvement Project

SR 37 Policy Committee

June 1, 2023

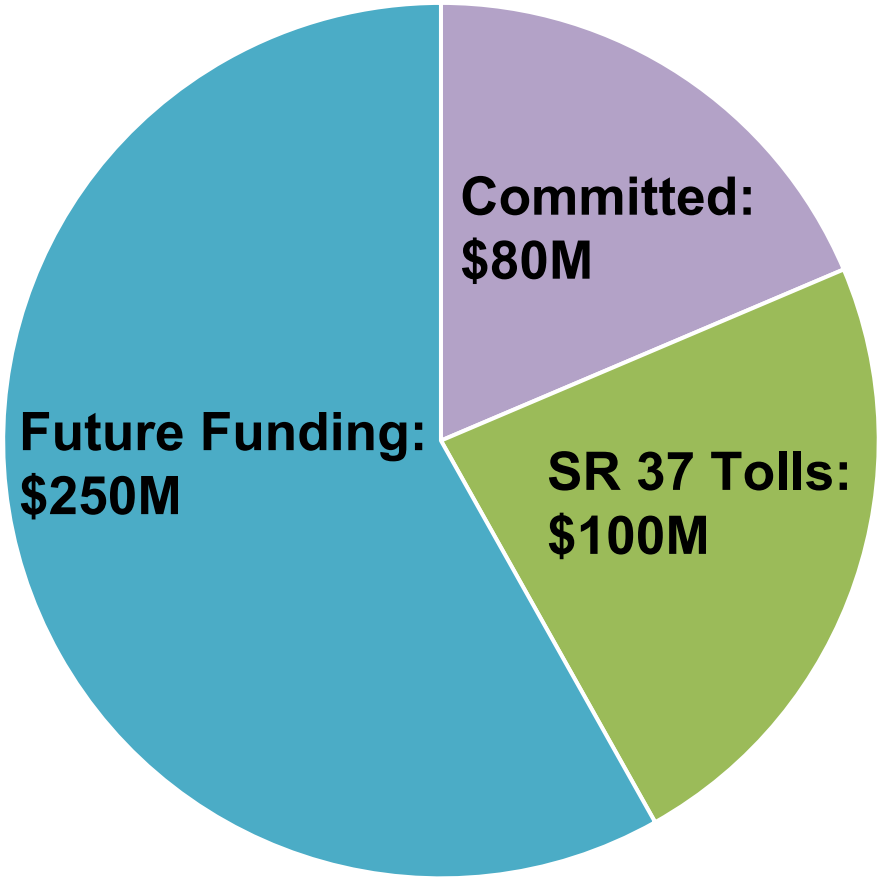
"ONE CORRIDOR, ONE TEAM, MANY SOLUTIONS."

Project Updates

- Toll Authority
  - California Transportation Commission (CTC) Approval on May 17, 2023
  - Bay Area Infrastructure Financing Authority (BAIFA) to serve as the Toll Authority
- Equity/Toll Discount Program
  - Regional Income Level Consideration
- Bus Transit Service
  - Coordination: fleet size/micro-transit, route and schedule planning
- Toll Gantry Location Consideration
  - West of SR 121

Project Funding Plan

Total Project Cost: $430M



What's Next:

- Senate Bill 1 (SB1) Programs, $150M
  - Award Announcement Anticipated in Late June
- Financing on Future Toll Revenue, $100M
- Upcoming Grants, $50M+
  - USDOT Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Opportunity (MPDG) - Rural Surface Transportation Grant
  - USDOT Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient and Cost-saving Transportation Program (PROTECT)
  - CTC Local Transportation Climate Adaptation Program (LTCAP)

The project cost and funding plan are subject to change.

Project Timeline

Public Scoping
- July to August 2020

Draft EIR/EA - Public Comment
- January 2022

Final EIR/EA, Project Approval
- February 2023

Final Design & Permitting
- 2023 to 2025

Contract Award
- 2025

Construction
- 2025 to 2027

Work starting in June 2023:

- MTC/Caltrans Integrated Design Team
- Environmental Phase for Tolay Creek Bridge Lengthening and Strip Marsh East

Thank you!

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Potential SR 37 Long-Term Project Limits (Not Yet Prioritized)

Section ID	County	Section Limits	Rationale	Estimate Cost (2022)
1	Marin	US-101/SR 37 Interchange	Interchange and Access Road Improvements	$150M
2	Marin	US-101 to Atherton Avenue (SR 37 Flood Reduction Project)	Long Stretch of Causeway	$789M to $1.4B
3	Marin	Atherton Avenue to Petaluma River Bridge	Embankment / At Grade, Access Issues	$87M to $157M
4	Marin/Sonoma	Petaluma River Bridge to East of San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge HDQT	Long Stretch of Causeway	$972M-$1.7B
5	Sonoma	San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge HDQT to SR 37/SR 121 Interchange	Long Stretch of Embankment /At Grade/	$75M-$134M
6	Sonoma	SR 37 /SR 121 Interchange	Interchange Improvements	$67M-$120M
7	Sonoma/Solano	SR 37/SR 121 Interchange to SR 37/Walnut Avenue Interchange at Mare Island	Long Stretch of Causeway	$2.9B-$5.2B
8	Solano	SR 37/Walnut Avenue Interchange at Mare Island to I-80	Causeway and Coordination of Multiple Interchanges	$1.4B-$2.5B

SR 37 Long-term Project Prioritization

Evaluate Priorities:

- Flooding vulnerability
- Transportation considerations
  - E.g. equity, time-sensitive improvements, design challenges, connectivity, phasing opportunities, construction, and funding
- Alignment with ecological restoration

Funding/Financing/Delivery:

- Develop a funding plan to inform and advance delivery

Collaborate:

- Resilient SR 37
- Stakeholder Engagement