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State Route (SR) 37 Policy Committee
Meeting Minutes
9:30 a.m., Thursday, November 6, 2025

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

1. Call to Order/Introductions

Chair Eric Lucan called to order the State Route 37 Policy Committee at 9:36 a.m.; announced that Commissioner Moulton-Peters was participating remotely pursuant to the "Just cause" clause of Assembly Bill (AB) 2449; and invited SMART General Manager Eddy Cumins to provide an agency update.

Policy Committee Members Present:

Eric Lucan, Chair	Supervisor, County of Marin
Pat Eklund	Councilmember, City of Novato
Rebecca Hermosillo, Vice-Chair	Supervisor, County of Sonoma
Mark Joseph	Councilmember, City of American Canyon
Mitch Mashburn	MTC Commissioner, Supervisor, County of Solano
Stephanie Moulton-Peters	MTC Commissioner, Supervisor, County of Marin
David Rabbitt	Supervisor, County of Sonoma
Andrea Sorce	Mayor, City of Vallejo
Pierre Washington	Mayor, City of American Canyon

Policy Committee Members Absent:

Amber Manfree	MTC Commissioner, Supervisor, County of Napa
Victoria Fleming	MTC Commissioner, Councilmember, City of Santa Rosa
John Vasquez	Supervisor, County of Solano

Executive Directors/Representatives Present:

Andy Fremier, Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Anne Richman, Transportation Authority of Marin
Grant Bailey, Napa Valley Transportation Authority
Daryl Halls, Solano Transportation Authority
Chris Caputo, Caltrans
Eddy Cumins, Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit
David Ripperda, Sonoma County Transportation and Climate Authorities

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2. Consent Calendar

2.1. Minutes of the September 4, 2025 State Route 37 Policy Committee Meeting

This item begins at 4:35 on the video recording.

The Committee approved the September 4, 2025 meeting minutes by an 8–0 vote, with one abstention (Supervisor Rabbitt).

There was no public comment on this item.

3. Discussion/Information Items

3.1. Communications

- Construction, Program Update

This item begins at 5:34 on the video recording.

Bart Ney, Caltrans, provided an update on the Fairgrounds Drive construction project in Vallejo, along with additional program updates, including the availability of a new QR code for the Resilient 37 Travel and Toll Survey.

In response to Councilmember Eklund, Caltrans staff noted that the federal government shutdown has not yet caused significant impacts to the SR 37 project but may result in future delays of federal reviews and approvals, which are being closely monitored.

Mayor Sorce thanked staff and partners for participating in a Vallejo town hall, emphasized the need for renewed community engagement on the project, and noted plans for additional outreach with Caltrans and MTC, including continued discussion of tolling concerns.

There was no public comment on this item.

3.2. Near-term: Sears Point to Mare Island Improvement

- Resilience, fill/fill removal, and retaining walls

This item begins at 12:48 on the video recording.

Kevin Chen, MTC, and Jeanette Weisman, MTC, presented this item for discussion.

In response to Mayor Washington, MTC staff explained that the Tolay Creek Bridge will be replaced generally along the existing alignment but at a higher elevation. Traffic is expected to be maintained during construction using a temporary structure, with potential limited nighttime closures, and that coordination with Caltrans and the contractor is ongoing to finalize phasing details.

In response to Councilmember Joseph's inquiry regarding excavation materials, MTC staff explained that soils will be tested to determine suitability for reuse; and where appropriate, materials may be reused on site or nearby for beneficial purposes such as habitat restoration and cost efficiency, in coordination with the Water Board and project partners.

In response to Supervisor Rabbitt's inquiry regarding the future elevation and grade change at the Lakeville Highway and SR 37 intersection, MTC and SCTCA staff explained that planning assumptions for the future SR 37 causeway range from approximately 25 to 35 feet higher, depending on updated guidance, and noted that alternative alignments for Lakeville Highway may be evaluated to take advantage of natural grade and reduce structural needs.

In response to Supervisor Moulton-Peters' inquiry regarding the use of sheet piles or retaining walls as a strategy to minimize additional fill and whether similar approaches have been used elsewhere in the Caltrans system, staff explained that comparable solutions have been implemented in flood-prone areas; noted that the approach helps address subsidence while reducing environmental impacts; and that final design decisions will be based on site-specific structural needs.

Councilmember Eklund requested a more detailed discussion on excavation/fill materials for the SR 37 project, including where materials will be sourced and how they can be reused within the project to minimize off-site disposal. Staff responded that as design advances and soil testing is completed, the project team will develop options and report back, noting that material handling and reuse also affects construction costs and overall cost efficiency.

Staff added that future concepts under consideration include green stormwater infrastructure and other on-site or near-site treatment opportunities that could provide habitat benefits, reduce energy use, lower project costs, and accelerate delivery; and indicated that additional details will be shared at a future

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meeting in 2026, following further soil sampling and screening to determine suitability.

In response to Chair Lucan's inquiry regarding additional details on SR 121 intersection improvements, MTC staff explained that the project is targeting spring readiness for advertisement and can provide design updates at that time, including graphics illustrating lane transitions and potential construction phasing.

Public Comment

Kate Powers expressed interest in updated cost information for the interim project, including the cost and transportation impacts of fill materials and opportunities for reuse from project excavations.

3.3. Long-term: Novato Creek Bridge Replacement

- Status

This item begins at 58:37 on the video recording.

Ricky Gao, Caltrans, presented this item for discussion.

Councilmember Eklund and Caltrans staff discussed planned public outreach and traffic management for the Novato Creek Bridge replacement, including future workshops, coordination with the Novato City Council, and strategies to maintain traffic during construction using staged construction and temporary traffic controls.

There was no public comment on this item.

4. Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda

There was no public comment on this item.

5. Future Meeting Schedule
5.1. February 5, 2026 – Napa County
5.2. Proposed 2026 Dates: May 7, Sep 3, Dec 10

6. Future Topics
6.1. SMART Update
6.2. Innovative Financing and Project Delivery
6.3. FHWA Toll Program

Included for the committee's interest.

7. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

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