STATE ROUTE (SR) 37 POLICY COMMITTEE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, May 5, 2016
Novato City Hall
901 Sherman Avenue
Novato

MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Introductions
   Chairperson, Mayor Osby Davis, City of Vallejo

2. Opportunity for Public Comment

3. Approve March 3, 2016 Meeting Minutes
   Janet Adams, STA

4. Presentations:
   A. SR 37 U.C Davis Sea Level Rise Study
      Presentation from Caltrans and UC Davis Road Ecology Center on SR 37 Sea Level Rise Study.
      Fraser Schilling, UC Davis
      Joy Villafranca, AECOM
   B. Perspectives on Financing Options
      I. Bay Area Toll Authority Financing and Toll Administration
      Andrew Fremier, MTC
      II. Full Privatization Financing Option
      Ed Diffendal, United Bridge Partners

5. Information Items:
   A. SR 37 Corridor Financial Analysis Status
      Janet Adams, STA
      James Cameron, SCTA
   B. SR 37 White Paper
      Daryl Halls, STA

6. Committee Comments
   Committee Members

7. Future Topics
   A. SR 37 Passenger Rail Option
      (Guest Speaker: David McCrossan, Menzies and McCrossan, LLC)
   B. SR Corridor Financial Opportunities Case Studies Presentation

8. Next Meeting - Thursday, July 7, 2016, 9:30 a.m., Solano County, Farragut Student Union Ballroom - Touro University California - 1750 Club Drive, Mare Island, Vallejo

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Chair Person Osby Davis, Mayor City of Vallejo
Jim Spering, MTC Commissioner
Erin Hannigan, Solano County Board of Supervisors

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Vice-Chair David Rabbit, Sonoma County Board of Supervisors
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Farragut Student Union Ballroom  
Touro University California  
1750 Club Drive, Mare Island  
Vallejo, CA  94592  

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Introductions:
   Committee Chairperson, Mayor Osby Davis, called the SR 37 Policy Committee Meeting to Order at approximately 9:35 a.m.

   **POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**  
   Osby Davis, Chairperson  
   David Rabbitt, Vice-Chair  
   Keith Caldwell  
   Leon Garcia  
   Erin Hannigan  
   Jim Spering  
   Steve Kinsey  
   Mark Luce  
   Jake Mackenzie  
   Stephanie Moulton-Peters  
   Elizabeth Patterson

   Mayor, City of Vallejo  
   Sonoma County Board of Supervisors  
   Napa County Board of Supervisor  
   Mayor, City of American Canyon  
   Solano County Board of Supervisors  
   MTC Commissioner, Solano County Board of Supervisors  
   MTC Commissioner, Marin County Board of Supervisors  
   MTC Commissioner, Napa County Board of Supervisors  
   MTC Commissioner, City Council, Rohnert Park  
   Councilmember, City of Mill Valley  
   Mayor, City of Benicia (Alternate Member)

   **EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS PRESENT:**  
   Daryl Halls  
   Suzanne Smith  
   Derek McGill for Dianne Steinhauser  
   Kate Miller

   STA  
   SCTA  
   TAM  
   NVTA

   **OTHERS PRESENT (In Alphabetical Order by Last Name):**  
   Mariam Aboudamous  
   Anthony Adams  
   Janet Adam  
   Tom Bartee  
   James Cameron  
   Bernadette Curry  
   Ed Diffendal  
   Linda Figg  
   Jean Finney  
   Ina Gerhard  
   Gary Giacomini  
   Larry Goldzband  
   Molly Graham  
   Marilyn Hopkins  
   Philip Kamhi  
   James Littlefair  
   Linda Meckel  
   Jerry Meral

   Napa/Solano Measure AA  
   STA  
   STA  
   Assemblymember Dodd’s Office  
   SSTA  
   Solano County Counsel  
   United Bridge Partners  
   Figg Bridge  
   Caltrans District 4  
   Caltrans  
   United Bridge Partners  
   Executive Director, BCDC  
   TAM  
   Touro University  
   STA  
   Project Finance Advisory Ltd  
   SMART
2. **Approval of the January 7, 2016 Meeting Minutes**
On a motion by Sonoma Supervisor David Rabbitt and a second by Solano Supervisor Jim Spering, the SR 37 Policy Committee approved the January 7, 2016 meeting.

**Opportunity for Public Comment:**
Jerry Meral encouraged the Policy Committee have the leadership to consider privatization proposals to help the commuters who are currently impacted by SR 37 and not just head down the traditional path of continue to study the corridor.

3. **Presentations:**
   A. **SR 37 Sea Level Rise Study**
      Dr. Fraser Shilling, UC Davis was unable to make the meeting. The item will be brought back at the next Policy Committee Meeting.

   B. **SF Bay Conservation and Development Council (BCDC)**
      Larry Goldzband, BCDC Executive Director provided an overview of the history of BCDC as a Planning and Regulatory Agency. BCDC jurisdiction in the Bay is to 100’ Mean High Tide, they are led by a 27 Members Commission with the objectives to minimize bay fill and maximize to the extent feasible, public access.

      BCDC has undertaken the Adapting to Rising Tides (ART) program to support and lead communities resiliency efforts around the Bay. ART emphasizes close collaboration among local, regional, state and federal stakeholders to develop a shared understanding of issues, build trust, and achieve buy-in for collaborative problem solving. ART planning process that has 5 stages; Scope and Organize, Access, Define, Plan, Implement and Monitor. Ended by asking the Committee to consider an ART project around the Hwy 37 collaboration.

      Committee Member Spering asked how best to engage BCDC as the Policy Committee considers private investment in SR 37 and tolling. BCDC responded, all you have to do is ask. Committee Member Davis thinks we need to consider having BCDC on as a participant of the SR 37 Committee.

      Committee Member Kinsey inquired about asking MTC to participate in an ART project for SR 37.
4. **Discussion Items:**

**A. Bay Area Restoration Parcel Tax**
Committee Member Caldwell, Bay Restoration Authority Board Member, a joint powers authority established in 2008 for the purpose of raising local resources for the restoration, enhancement and protection of the Bay. The authority is made up of local elected officials and chaired by the State Coastal Conservancy.

Maureen Middlebrook from Measure AA, provided an overview of Measure AA that is on the June 2016 ballot. Measure AA is a $12 parcel tax for the 9 bay area counties. The measure requires revenues (estimated to be $500 M over 20 years) to be spent in all nine counties over the life of the tax and includes a requirement that 50 percent of revenues be spent on a population-weighted basis in the four subregions of the Bay (North, South, East, and West). It requires a 2/3's vote to pass. The Measure will restore thousands of acres of tidal marsh make the Bay healthier for fish, birds, seals, and other threatened marine life; accelerate projects that protect shoreline communities and infrastructure; improve Bay water quality; and improve public access including trails and recreation.

Committee Member Spering asked why did they decide to do the June ballot. Committee Member Calwell responded that it was based on polling.

Committee Member Kensy asked if it needed to pass in all 9 counties to pass overall. Maureen responded no, it just needs to pass overall.

**B. SR 37 Corridor Financial Opportunities Status**
STA Executive Director Daryl Halls stated that the RFP will be going out this week. Mr. Halls explained that the purpose of this effort would be to provide the Committee a resource and background materials for future finance decisions for the SR 37 Corridor.

Committee Member Kensy stated that this project could be similar to Doyle Drive and that a public-private partnership might be a way to finance some of the project.

**C. Potential Corridor Tours**
STA Executive Director Daryl Halls discussed the option for the Committee to go visit the two relevant corridors in California that are similar to the SR 37 corridor. These are the SR 156 corridor in Monterey that Caltrans spoke to the Committee about in January 2016 and the SR 91 corridor in Riverside county that is currently under construction.

5. **Committee Comments:**
Committee Member Spering stated that he wants to see the discussion advance on finding solutions to SR 37 corridor. Based on discussions with Brian Kelly, and the option of tolling the facility to build the needed improvements, he wants to encourage the Committee to move ahead with consideration on financing.

Committee Member Mackenzie wanted to consider starting with the ART program first. Committee Member Spering stated he was not sure this was the next step. Committee Member Rabbitt agreed, he wanted to move ahead with consideration on financing. Committee Members Davis and Kensy agreed, they wanted to see what proposals are out there for the Committee to consider. Committee Member Luce supported moving forward to evaluate any current proposals.

Committee Member Kensy asked about having BATA present at the next meeting. STA Executive Director Halls responded that BATA will be asked to present in May to the Committee.
6. **Future Topics**
   The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

7. **Next Meeting – Wednesday May 5, 2016, 9:30 a.m., Marin County – Site to be Determined**