



## 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**

#### SR 37 Policy Committee Members:

##### Solano Elected Officials

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

##### Sonoma Elected Officials

Vice- Chair David Rabbitt, Sonoma County Board of Supervisors  
Supervisors Jake Mackenzie, MTC Commissioner  
Susan Gorin, Sonoma County Board of Supervisors

##### Marin Elected Officials

Steve Kinsey, MTC Commissioner  
Judy Arnold, Marin County Board of Supervisor  
Stephanie Moulton-Peters, Councilmember, City of Mill Valley

##### Napa Elected Officials

Mark Luce, MTC Commissioner  
Keith Caldwell, Napa County Board of Supervisor  
Leon Garcia, Mayor City of American Canyon



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 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.

<b>POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	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)
<b>EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS PRESENT:</b>	Daryl Halls Suzanne Smith Derek M <sup>c</sup> Gill for Dianne Steinhauer Kate Miller	STA SCTA TAM  NVTA
<b>OTHERS PRESENT (In Alphabetical Order by Last Name):</b>	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 SCTA 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

Maureen Middlebrook	Natural Heritage Institute
Peter Miljanich	Measure AA
Steve Pace	Solano County
Isaac Pearlman	Sonoma Raceway
Danielle Schmitz	BCDC
Jill Techel	NVTA
Phil Vermeulen	BCDC Commissioner, Mayor City of Napa
Brad Wagenknecht	United Bridge Partners
Eric Whan	BCDC Commissioner, Napa County Board of Supervisors City of Napa

Welcome by Dr. Marilyn Hopkins, Touro University

**2. Approval of the January 7, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

On a motion by Sonoma Supervisor David Rabbitt and a second by Solano Supervisor Jim Sperring, 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 Sperring 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 Spring asked why did they decide to do the June ballot. Committee Member Caldwell 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 Spring 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 Spring 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**