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## STATE ROUTE 37 POLICY COMMITTEE - Amended

9:30 a.m., Thursday, March 2nd, 2023

### PLEASE NOTE:

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

Members of the public who wish to attend in person may do so at:

**Sonoma – Marin Area Tail Transit District Office**

Board Room – First Floor

5401 Old Redwood Highway

Petaluma, CA 94954

Or virtually through the following platform:

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://sonomamarintrain-org.zoom.us/j/84981511490?pwd=UGlkZzhhd3labVRqVZlSERhTHUzZz09>

Meeting ID: 849 8151 1490

Passcode: 510822

Call in: (669) 900-9128

Amendment: Supervisor Susan Gorin will be participating via teleconference at:

Sonoma County Board of Supervisors

575 Administration Drive, Room 100A

Santa Rosa, CA 95404

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Public comment on specific agenda items will be allowed during the meeting via Zoom by using the raise hand function, as well as in person. Verbal comments from call-in participants not using the Zoom Video platform may do so by pressing \*9 (star 9).

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

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## MEETING AGENDA

### ITEM

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair David Rabbitt

#### 2. OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment may be submitted in electronic written format. Please submit public comment by email before 5:00PM on 03/01/2023. Include "Public Comment" and the meeting name in the subject line of your email and limit written comments to three hundred (300) words. Send comments to [Drew.Nichols@scta.ca.gov](mailto:Drew.Nichols@scta.ca.gov) and they will be shared with all Board members and identified by the Clerk verbally at the meeting. Public comment will be allowed during the meeting via Zoom Meeting by using the raise hand function or for phone-in participants by pressing\*9.

#### 3. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 3.1. Minutes of the December 1st, 2022 SR 37 Policy Committee Meeting\*

Drew Nichols, SCTA

**Recommendation:**

Approve December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 SR 37 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

- 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

Chris Caputo, CT  
Suzanne Smith, SCTA  
Dina El-Tawansy, CT  
Andrew Fremier, MTC

#### 4. Policy Committee Chair/Vice-Chair Elections

#### 5. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

- 5.1. Operations & Maintenance Update  
5.2. Sears Point to Mare Island Improvement Project\*  
5.3. Flood Reduction Project  
5.4. Fairgrounds Drive Project  
5.5. Equity

Bart Ney, CT  
Kevin Chen, MTC  
Ricky Gao, CT  
Daryl Halls, STA  
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#### 6. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS / STAFF UPDATES

All

#### 7. FUTURE TOPIC

- 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

#### 8. ADJOURNMENT

\* Materials included

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## Future Meeting Schedule (9:30-11am)

June 1, 2023

October 5, 2023

### 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

Belia Ramos, Napa County  
Board of Supervisors

Leon Garcia, Mayor City of  
American Canyon

#### **TAM**

Eric Lucan, Marin County  
Board of Supervisors

Stephanie Moulton-Peters,  
Marin County Board of  
Supervisors

TBD

#### **STA**

Erin Hannigan, Solano County  
Board of Supervisors

Robert McConnell, Mayor City  
of Vallejo

TBD

#### **MTC**

Andrew Fremier,  
Executive Director

#### **Caltrans**

Dina El-Tawansy,  
District 4 Director – Bay Area

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**PLEASE NOTE:** In accordance with Assembly Bill 361, Governor Newsom's March 4, 2020 State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Sonoma County Public Health Officer's Recommendation for Teleconferenced Meetings, and Sonoma County Transportation Authority/Regional Climate Protection Authority's Concurrent Resolution 2022-001, this meeting was conducted by teleconference.

## State Route (SR) 37 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes 9:30 a.m., Thursday, December 2, 2022

[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 9:33 a.m.

#### Policy Committee Members Present:

David Rabbitt, Chair	Supervisor, County of Sonoma
Judy Arnold	Supervisor, County of Marin
Damon Connolly	MTC Commissioner, Supervisor, County of Marin
Victoria Fleming	MTC Commissioner, Councilmember, City of Santa Rosa
Leon Garcia	Mayor, City of American Canyon
Susan Gorin	Supervisor, County of Sonoma
Eric Lucan	Councilmember, City of Novato
Robert McConnell	Mayor, City of Vallejo
Alfredo Pedroza	MTC Commissioner, Supervisor, County of Napa
Belia Ramos	Supervisor, County of Napa
Jim Spering	MTC Commissioner, Supervisor, County of Solano

#### Policy Committee Members Absent:

Erin Hannigan, Vice Chair	Supervisor, County of Solano
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#### Executive Directors Present:

Daryl Halls, Solano Transportation Authority  
Anne Richman, Transportation Authority of Marin  
Suzanne Smith, Sonoma County Transportation Authority

#### Executive Directors Absent:

Kate Miller, Napa Valley Transportation Authority

## 2. Opportunities for Public Comment

This item begins at [4:40](#) on the video recording.

The committee received public comment from Steve Birdleough speaking on a recent editorial in the Marin Independent Journal commenting on the addition of another traffic lane and how to pay for the SR37 project.

Ed Schulze provided a pre-written public comment and can be read by [clicking this link](#).

## 3. Consent Calendar

### 3.1. Minutes of the March 3, 2022 and June 2, 2022 State Route 37 Policy Committee Meeting

This item begins at [7:38](#) on the video recording.

Supervisor Spering moved for approval of the September 1, 2022 meetings minutes; Mayor Garcia seconded.

The motion was approved through the following vote:

Aye: Connolly; Gorin; Garcia; Lucan; Pedroza; Ramos; Spering; Rabbitt.

Abstain: McConnell.

Absent: Arnold; Fleming; Hannigan.

## 4. Discussion/Information Items

### 4.1. Planning & Environmental Linkage Study

This item begins at [8:55](#) on the video recording.

Tammy Massengale presented to the committee the Planning and Environmental Linkages Study.

Staff received questions and comments from Supervisor Spering, Mayor McConnell, Mayor Lucan, Supervisor Gorin, and Supervisor Arnold on topics related to a tolling mechanism and funding, sea level rise and development on Mare Island, prioritization of projects along the corridor, the relationship between the interim versus the ultimate projects, and on funding opportunities for the project.

Public Comment was received by Steve Birdleough, Joe Green-Heffern, and Gita Dev,

each speaking on transit using the shoulders, non-structural options separating truck/vehicle traffic, and on concern for the wetland areas with a hope the committee will consider the ecological habitat/restoration of the San Pablo Bay.

### 4.2. Flood Reduction Project

This item begins at [1:27:46](#) on the video recording.

Ahmed Rahid presented to the committee an update on the Flood Reduction Project. The presentation can be viewed by [clicking this link](#).

Staff received questions and comments from Mayor Lucan regarding the Novato Creek Bridge replacement and the SMART railway alignment.

The committee received public comment from Kate Powers and Ed Schulze, speaking on whether funding for the Novato Creek Bridge has been set aside and the bridge's compatibility with the ultimate project.

### 4.3. SMART Integration

This item begins at [1:27:46](#) on the video recording.

James Cameron, Daryl Halls, and Eddy Cumins presented to the committee on the SMART integration in the State Route 37 partnership.

Mayor Garcia commented on the long term thinking of rail transportation from Sacramento to Novato.

There was no public comment on this item.

### 4.4. Resource Agency Partnering

This item begins at [1:27:46](#) on the video recording.

Dina El-Tawansy and Andy Fremier presented to the committee on the coordination with resource agencies to bridge the gap between vision/design for the interim and ultimate projects.

There were no questions or comments from the committee, nor was there any public comment made on this item.

#### 4.5. Sears Point to Mare Island Improvement Project

This item begins at [1:27:46](#) on the video recording.

Kevin Chen presented to the committee an update on the Sears Point to Mare Island Improvement project.

The updates include the environmental document, the CTC Tolling application, an upcoming public meeting sought for February 2023, and on SB funding for this project.

Staff received questions from Mayor Lucan and Supervisor Spering, asking about correspondence received and on disadvantaged communities.

The Committee received public comment from Steve Birdlebough, Ed Schulze, and Kate Powers, speaking on tolling only on Segment B, the absence of the Lakeville Road intersection in the presentation, and on information sharing with permitting agencies for the mitigation projects.

#### 4.6. Transit Plan Update

This item begins at [1:27:46](#) on the video recording.

Brandon Thompson and Daryl Halls presented to the committee on SR37 Transit and Rideshare Implementation Plan. The presentation can be viewed by [clicking this link](#).

Supervisor Spering expressed his appreciation and thanked staff for their work.

Public Comment was received by Steve Birdlebough, speaking on shifting drivers to public transportation and on pricing for parking.

#### 5. Committee Member Comments/Staff Updates

Supervisor Ramos requested at a future meeting to have an agenda item that reviews the Chair and Vice Chair appointments for this committee.

#### 6. Future Topics

- Passenger Rail Planning
- Status of Tolling Authority
- North Bay RCIS Draft Document
- Ecological Restoration and Integration

Included for the committee's interest.

#### 7. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 11:17 a.m.



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## Sears Point to Mare Island Improvement Project



**SR 37 Policy Committee**  
**March 2, 2023**



# Project Updates

- Completion of Final Environmental Document and Project Report
  - Final EIR Approved: 2/8/2023
  - Notice of Determination Posted: 2/13/2023
- Next Step
  - Final Design/PS&E Integrated Team: Caltrans & MTC
    - Funding Agreement: MTC/SCTA
  - Advance Studies and Preliminary Engineering on Tolay Creek Bridge Lengthening and Strip Marsh East
    - Collaborate with Resource Agencies



# Project Funding Plan

Funding Source	Amount (in \$M) *	Status
Bay Area Toll Authority	\$8	Committed Local Funds
California Senate Bill 170 (SB 170)	\$4	Committed State Funds. Budget Act of 2021 allocates \$3M for design of the Project, and \$1M for environmental mitigation
California State Funds	\$17	Committed State Funds
State Route 37 Toll Revenues	\$100	Uncommitted. Toll authorization will be secured through the CTC's Toll Facilities Program
Senate Bill 1 - Solutions for Congested Corridor Program (SCCP)	\$70	Uncommitted. Grant application submitted
Senate Bill 1 - Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP)	\$80	Uncommitted. Grant application submitted
State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP)	\$67.7	Existing SHOPP fund from two on-going overlapping SHOPP projects near SR 121, pending on an overall committed funding plan and future SHOPP funds
One Bay Area Grant 3 (OBAG 3)	\$10	Committed Regional Funds
Other State and Federal Grants	\$73.3	Uncommitted. Future cycle of USDOT MPDG Rural Surface Transportation Grant, state and federal climate adaptation grants (including the federal PROTECT Program, and the Local Transportation Infrastructure Climate Adaptation Program), Regional Measure 3
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$430</b>	

\* Total project cost is currently estimated at \$430 million. The project cost and funding plan are subject to change.

# Project Timeline

