



**State Route (SR) 37 Policy Committee  
9:30 a.m., Thursday, March 3, 2016  
Farragut Student Union Ballroom  
Touro University California  
1750 Club Drive, Mare Island  
Vallejo, CA 94592**

**MEETING AGENDA**

1. **Call to Order and Introductions** Chairperson, Mayor Osby Davis,  
City of Vallejo
  
2. **Approve January 1, 2016 Meeting Minutes** Robert Guerrero, STA
  
3. **Presentations:**
  - A. **SR 37 Sea Level Rise Study** Ina Gerhard, Caltrans District 4  
Fraser Schilling, UC Davis  
Presentation from Caltrans and UC Davis Road Ecology Center on SR 37 Sea Level Rise Study.
  
  - B. **SF Bay Conservation and Development Council (BCDC)** Zach Wasserman, BCDC Chair  
Larry Goldzband, BCDC Exec. Director  
Presentation from BCDC on current conservation activities on the SR 37 corridor and upcoming coordination opportunities.
  
4. **Discussion Items:**
  - A. **Bay Area Restoration Authority Parcel Tax** Suzanne Smith, SCTA
  
  - B. **SR 37 Corridor Financial Opportunities Status** Daryl Halls, STA
  
  - C. **Potential Corridor Tours** Daryl Halls, STA
  
5. **Committee Comments** Committee Members
  
6. **Future Topics**
  - A. Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA)  
(Guest Speaker: Andrew Fremier, MTC)
  - B. SR 37 Passenger Rail Option  
(Guest Speaker: David McCrossan, Menzies and McCrossan, LLC)
  
7. **Next Meeting - Wednesday, May 5, 2016, 9:30 a.m., Marin County – Site to be Determined**

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  
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



**DRAFT**  
**State Route (SR) 37 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**9:30 a.m., Thursday, January 7, 2016**  
**Schell-Vista Fire District Training Room**  
**22950 Broadway, Sonoma**

**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 Judy Arnold Keith Caldwell Leon Garcia Susan Gorin Erin Hannigan Steve Kinsey Mark Luce Jake Mackenzie Stephanie Moulton-Peters Jim Spering	Mayor, City of Vallejo Sonoma County Board of Supervisors Marin County Board of Supervisors Napa County Board of Supervisor Mayor, City of American Canyon Sonoma County Board of Supervisors 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 MTC Commissioner, Solano County Board of Supervisors
<b>EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS PRESENT:</b>	Daryl Halls Suzanne Smith Dianne Steinhauser Kate Miller	STA SCTA TAM NVRTA
<b>OTHERS PRESENT:</b>	Janet Adams Kome Ajise Adam Brand John Bly James Cameron Michael Cowen Bernadette Curry Mike Davis Ed Diffendal Ina Gerhard Gary Giacomini Robert Guerrero Dan Keen Susan Klassen	STA Caltrans Headquarters Sonoma County Counsel Engineering Contractors Association SCTA KPMG Solano County Counsel ICF International United Bridge Partners Caltrans District 4 Hansen Bridgett STA City of Vallejo Sonoma County DTPW

<b>OTHERS</b>	Julie Lucido	City of Napa
<b>PRESENT</b>	Jim Martling	Sperry Capitol
<b>(Continued):</b>	Dan McElhinney	Caltrans District 4
	Jerry Meral	Natural Heritage Foundation
	Nicholas Nguyen	TAM
	Logan Pitts	Assemblymember Dodd's Office
	Chris Rogers	Senator Mcguire's Office
	Bijan Sartipi	Caltrans District 4
	Danielle Schmitz	NVTA
	Nancy Whelan	Marin Transit
	Phil Vermeulen	United Bridge
	Eric Whan	City of Napa

**2. Approval of the Agenda:**

On a motion by Solano Supervisor Jim Spering and a second by Marin Supervisor Steve Kinsey, the SR 37 Policy Committee approved the January 7, 2016 meeting agenda.

**3. Opportunity for Public Comment:**

Jerry Meral encouraged the Policy Committee to consider privatization options previously proposed by American Bridge Partners. Mr. Meral noted that the Policy Committee was reviewing Public Private Partnerships options and that American Bridge proposal may not fit this model.

**4. Approval of the November 5, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

On a motion by Rohnert Park Council Member Jake MacKenzie and a second by Supervisor Keith Caldwell, the committee approved the November 5, 2015 meeting minutes with an abstention noted by Sonoma Supervisor Susan Gorin.

**5. Presentations**

**A. Caltrans Public Private Partnership Process**

Kome Ajise, Caltrans Headquarters, and Bijan Sartipi, Caltrans District 4, presented an overview on Caltrans role in developing public private partnerships throughout the State and the Bay Area. Mr. Ajise also clarified some misconceptions about P3 including risk sharing and long term benefits of P3 agreements. Marin Supervisor Steve Kinsey asked how the San Francisco Presidio project (Doyle Drive) would be different from a similar approach to SR 37 suggesting the use of State SHOPP funds to financially support that project. Mr. Ajise and Mr. Sartipi provided examples of how unique the Presidio project was and noted special circumstances by which the project was financed. Mr. Ajise continued to summarize Caltrans P3 process and explained the P3 is a financial tool that is only available after the environmental phase of the project is completed. He further explained the California Transportation Commission's role in the current P3 process. He also noted that P3 does not include relinquishing a facility to a private organization.

Solano Supervisor Erin Hannigan expressed her concern about tolling the corridor for users that may not be able to afford an additional cost for their commute. Mr. Ajise clarified that a new toll facility would not take place on the existing corridor facility. He explained the new toll lane could give users options in that it could be utilized for a fee or users could instead continue using the existing facility. Napa Supervisor Keith Caldwell asked about the potential for traffic to divert to parallel highways (i.e., 12/29) to avoid a proposed toll corridor. Mr. Ajise indicated that this would be addressed as part of the environmental document for the proposed project. Napa Supervisor Mark Luce asked who would be responsible for the corridor in the event of an emergency. Mr. Ajise responded that it would be a shared responsibility with other public agencies potentially being involved in the event of catastrophe.

SCTA Executive Director Susanne Smith explained funding is needed to initiate the project. TAM Executive Director Dianne Steinhauser suggested that the corridor facility improvements would also provide an environmental benefit. Ms. Steinhauser explained how Cap and Trade funds might be a good source for the state to consider as well as other funds to assist in getting the project planned, designed and constructed. STA Executive Director Daryl Halls thanks Caltrans for sponsoring the UC Davis Sea Level Rise Study and mentioned the submittal of the Caltrans Partnership Planning Grant for the proposed feasibility study for the 37 corridor. Mr. Ajise reconfirmed Caltrans continued interest in partnering to advance improvements to the 37 corridor.

**B. SR 37 Express Bus Service Options**

Nancy Whelan, Marin Transit Executive Director, provided an over view on Express Bus Service options for the SR 37 corridor. Ms. Whelan summarized and explained the challenges for providing transit bus service given the existing conditions of the corridor. She also explained some considerations to evaluate prior to initiating bus service and gave examples of potential interim capital improvements for allowing bus transit prioritization and efficiency. Committee Chair-Person, Mayor Osby Davis, suggested that Soltrans and Marin Transit should begin looking at potential solutions to providing a pilot Express Bus Service at both ends of the corridor. NVRTA Executive Director Kate Miller provided an example of coordination between counties and transit operators for the Dumbarton Bridge corridor.

**6. Action Items**

**A. MTC Planning Funds Request**

SCTA Executive Director Suzanne Smith noted that MTC/BATA might have some planning funds available for SR 37 based on a recent meeting with SCTA and STA. Ms. Smith explained that an SR 37 White Paper has been requested and is being prepared to explain the purpose and need for the funding request. Ms. Smith further explained that the SR 37 Executive Steering Committee was seeking the Policy Committee's approval to request planning funds from MTC/BATA at this time. On a motion by Solano Supervisor Erin Hannigan and a second by Sonoma Supervisor David Rabbitt, the SR 37 Policy Committee unanimously approved staff's recommendation.

**B. SR 37 Public Private Partnership (P3) Finance Analysis**

STA Executive Director Daryl Halls presented a draft scope of work for providing P3 Finance Analysis that was recommended by the Executive Steering Committee. 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. Solano Supervisor Jim Spering suggested including privatization of the corridor as a finance option in the scope of work. The committee discussed other financing models including the BATA model and traditional public finance. On a motion by Solano Supervisor Spering, and a second by Sonoma Supervisor David Rabbitt, the committee unanimously approved staff's recommendation with the addition to the scope of work to add looking at the privatization option.

**7. Committee Comments:**

STA Executive Director Daryl Halls commented that the Caltrans Planning Grant previously authorized by the SR 37 Policy Committee was submitted by the December 31<sup>st</sup> deadline. Solano Supervisor Jim Spering requested a presentation by privatization groups be considered at a future meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

**8. Next Meeting – Wednesday March 3, 2016, 9:30 a.m., Solano County – Site to be Determined**