

Metro Citizens Advisory Council
October 24, 2018 General Assembly Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance, Welcome and Introductions

- Attendees: Darrell Clarke, Hank Fung, Tony Banash, Greg Anderson, Michael Conrad, Russ Davies, Daniella Alcedo, Penelope Meyer, Jazmin Ortega, Anne Reid, Wally Shidler, Bob Waggoner.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes July, August, & September 2018 (Action)

- Motion Shidler, seconded Davies, carried unanimously.

3. Metro Operations Overview- James Gallagher

- Mr. Gallagher presented an overview of Metro operations organization, goals, and values. Metro operations consists of 8,061 employees in over 100 job classifications, with \$1.78 billion in expenditures last fiscal year and serving about 1.2 million boarding passengers daily. Key initiatives include the NexGen Bus Network, using big data and customer comment to be more responsive and relevant to customer travel needs; bus electrification/zero emission buses by 2030 systemwide, starting with the Orange and Silver Lines; and state of good repair on the Green and Blue Line and the entire Metro system.
- Questions from members included sanitation, state of good repair construction, bus replacement, NexGen bus study, and microtransit integration with Metro operations.
- CAC members expressed interest on Mr. Gallagher attending regularly to share updates regarding Operations initiatives.
- Received and filed.

4. Link Union Station Project Overview and Alternatives Analysis

a. Above-Grade Concourse and Shared Track Model

- Staff presented on LinkUS project. The project consists of new rail communication, signals, and tracks; new run through tracks over US-101 and new loop track; expanded passenger concourse, platforms, escalators, and elevators, and will accommodate high speed rail. Build alternatives of shared track and dedicated track, and above grade and at grade concourse were discussed. Both options provide for an expanded passenger concourse. Videos and photos of renderings were shown. There are multiple phases for the construction of the viaduct and run-through tracks and rail yard/concourse area. Phase A of the run-through tracks is funded and includes \$423 million in high speed rail and \$398 million in state TIRCP funds. Phase A includes one platform and two tracks for HSR. However, the concourse is unfunded. The cost for an above grade concourse is estimated at \$1.15 billion and for at-grade is \$1.5 billion.
- The CEQA proposed project is a shared track, above grade concourse. It is less expensive, and likely requires less soil export and ground disturbance. Draft environmental document estimated for circulation in January 2019.
- CAC members commented on questions of what would happen on the west portal, constructability of the options, disruption of above grade concourse with passenger circulation, and historic resource impact.
- Public comment from Rochelle Goeman was on considerations for the blind.
- CAC would discuss sending a letter to express concerns of above grade concourse at the next executive committee meeting. Received and filed.

5. Parking Discussion

- Due to availability of presenters, parking discussion was scheduled for November 14.
- CAC members indicated that bicycle parking should be part of the conversation.

6. Open Discussion from CAC Members

- None due to time constraints.

7. Future topics to be considered by CAC

a. Metrolink CEO- anticipated for November Executive Committee Mtg.

- CAC chair is still attempting to get Art Leahy to speak at our meeting.

8. Standing Items

a. Metro Policy Advisory Committee Update

b. Metro NexGen Bus Update

c. Discussion/review of CAC Work Plan for FY 2019

d. Other Administrative Items

- On CAC work plan, a member asked for discussion on Metro sanitation to be included in the work plan for discussion in the future.
- A member also suggested discussing the transportation academy program and how students participate.
- Executive committee to look at all topics submitted and how they fit on the work plan.

9. Public Comment

- No general public comment.

10. Consider items not on the posted agenda, including items to be presented and referred to committee members and/or staff; items to be placed on agenda for action at a future CAC meeting; and items requiring immediate action due to an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the CAC subsequent to posting of the agenda.

- None.

11. Adjournment

- Motion Ortega, seconded Fung, adjourned.

Meeting Minutes prepared by CAC Secretary, Hank Fung