



Town of Atherton
ATHERTON RAIL COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
Tuesday, December 3, 2013 @ 6:00 p.m.
JENNINGS PAVILION
150 Watkins Avenue
Atherton, California

1. **ROLL CALL** Paul Jones (Chair), Greg Conlon, Jim Janz, Scott Lane, Phil Lively, Rosemary Maulbetsch, Jack Ringham, Cary Wiest (Council Liaison)
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
None
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
Approved
4. **COMMITTEE AND STAFF MEMBERS' COMMENTS**
Rosemary Maulbetsch requested greater detail in minutes and earlier distribution of draft minutes. The committee also requested that responses to concerns that are sent to staff be shared with the Rail Committee. There was no staff report.

REGULAR AGENDA

5. **SELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR**
Jim Janz was nominated for and elected to the position.
6. **HSR UPDATE**
Mike Brady reported on August 16 and November 25 Court rulings that the Authority violated its requirements and that it needs to identify funding to complete the system prior to being authorized to use Proposition A funding. Mr. Brady believes that the Authority will have difficulty to cure all violations to enable its use of Prop. A funds. A trial date in Spring 2014 has been set to hear the issue of taxpayer standing. Mr. Brady thanked Stu Fleishman for his expertise. Prop. A was reported to have a safe harbor spending provision of \$625M. Mr. Brady estimated that spending so far is about \$600M. Mr. Gridley distributed a copy of his Overview to Briefing Paper for DOT/FRA and recounted a chilly reception in Washington, prior to the cited court rulings. He suggested that the Town Arborist send Town requirements on the Tree Protection Zone to Caltrain and coordinate his oversight during Fiber-optic construction.
7. **OTHER HSR SYSTEM REVIEW**
Mr. Ringham presented a Power Point presentation which offered comparisons of numerous international systems.

8. HOLD OUT RULE STATUS

Marian Lee reported that the budget of \$230,000 was approved and that the current design will be analyzed over the next several months, leading to revised cost estimates by July, 2014.

9. ELECTRIFICATION EIR STATUS

Marian reported that the EIR is due out in February, 2014

10. CBOSS UPDATE

Rosemary Maulbetch requested detailed information on impact to trees due to fiber optic cable installation, and that Caltrain provide information to the Town Arborist so that he is available to resolve problems. Caltrain staff said that the project was delayed in Mountain View due to permitting. They also said that there would be 2 to 3 weeks notice given to Atherton before they started work.

11. HSR- POTENTIAL TRACK TRENCHING STUDY WITH PALO ALTO AND MENLO PARK

Greg Conlon reported that Palo Alto had studied this issue, and estimated a shallow covered trench would cost \$125M per mile, as of 2011. He recommended that Atherton join in a study to get current costs for trenching through Town.

12. CIVIC CENTER MASTER PLAN

City Engineer Gordon Siebert presented the draft site plan and status of the Civic Center Master Plan. Chair Jones asked that a Rail Committee member be invited to the meeting with Caltrain. The Committee also asked to be kept informed as the Master Plan progressed.

13. FUTURE AGENDA

14. ADJOURN at 8:00 PM - next meeting February 4, 2014