MARIN COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS AND COUNCILMEMBERS AGENDA

Wednesday, April 26, 2017
Hosted by the City of Novato
Trek Winery – Barrel Room : 1026 Machin Avenue, Novato

6:00 PM Social Hour (No-Host Bar)

6:50 PM Welcome and Introductions

- 1. Call to Order: President Sloan Bailey
- 2. Public Comment (Limit 3 minutes per person)
- 3. Welcome and Introduction of Guests: Mayor Denise Athas
- 7:00 PM Dinner Service
- 7:15 PM 4. Presentation: None

5. Committee Reports (3 minutes per person)

- 5.a. <u>Metropolitan Transportation Commission</u> Verbal report from Supervisor Damon Connolly
- 5.b. <u>Association of Bay Area Governments</u> Written and verbal report from Pat Eklund, Novato. (*Report will be sent separately and packet will be updated when it is available*).
- 5.c. <u>Marin County Disaster Council Citizen Corps (DC3)</u> Written and verbal report from Catherine Way, Larkspur. (Report will be sent separately and packet will be updated when it is available)..
- 5.d. <u>Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District</u> Verbal report from Alice Fredericks, Tiburon
- 5.e. MCCMC Legislative Committee Verbal report from Alice Fredericks, Tiburon
- 5.f. <u>Transportation Authority of Marin</u> Verbal report from Alice Fredericks, Tiburon

7:45 PM 6. Program / Guest Speaker

Challenges and Opportunities: Managing Floods in Marin (Presentation by Liz Lewis, Planning Manager, Marin County Department of Public Works)

8:15 PM 7. Business Meeting

- 7.a. Report on Meeting of Mayors Select Committee and Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Amendment or Modification of MCCMC Bylaws, Rules, Polices, Committees if Recommended by Mayors Select Committee
- 7.b. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Expenditure of Unallocated Funds in the Community Homeless Fund to Support Countywide Deployment of Mobile Showers

(Presentation by Eric Lucan, Novato, Co-Chair of Homeless Committee. Mr. Lucan will present a report from the Homeless Committee and the membership will discuss and vote on the proposed expenditure.)

- 7.c. Review of Draft of May 24, 2017 MCCMC Meeting Hosted by the Town of Ross
- 7.d. Approval of Minutes of March 22, 2017 MCCMC Meeting hosted by the City of Mill Valley

8:30 PM ADJOURN: to the May 24, 2017 meeting hosted by the Town of Ross
Deadline for Agenda Items – May 17, 2017 (Please send to Rebecca Vaughn:

MCCMCSecretary@gmail.com

Report on ABAG to MCCMC

April 26, 2017

Our ABAG General Assembly is scheduled for <u>June 5, 2017 from 10:00 to 3:00 pm</u> at 375 Beale Street, SF. The conference "Evolution of ABAG – Planning Our Shared Future" includes the business meeting where the General Assembly will be asked to vote on ABAG's 2017-2018 workplan and budget as required by ABAG's Bylaws. This vote is critical since it establishes our priorities and funding for years to come.

<u>PLAN BAY AREA 2040</u>: On March 31, 2017, ABAG and MTC released the "Draft Plan" for Plan Bay Area 2040; and, on April 17, 2017 released the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) which evaluates the proposed Plan and four alternatives, including a No Project alternative. It is anticipated that both the Draft Transportation-Air Quality Conformity Analysis for Draft Plan Bay Area 2040 and Amended 2017 Transportation Improvement Program will be released on May 1, 2017. Comments on all of these documents are due to ABAG and MTC by June 1, 2017.

On Saturday, May 20, 2017 from 8:30 to 1:00 pm at the Mill Valley Community Center, the Marin ABAG delegates/alternates and the Transportation Authority of Marin will be conducting a joint public workshop and open house from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm. I have been working with ABAG and MTC on the draft agenda which is going to include a presentation and discussion on 'The Plan' along with the alternatives being studied in the DEIR). We will be developing a poster/flyer along with a newspaper articles to promote good attendance, like last year.

On <u>Thursday, April 27, 2017 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm</u>, there will be a presentation on the 'Draft Plan' for Marin elected officials. It will be held at the Board of Supervisors Chambers, Room 330, Marin Civic Center.

The Draft Plan can be accessed at: http://2040.planbayarea.org. The Draft Plan incorporates the 'Final Preferred Scenario which included a growth pattern for housing, population and jobs as well as a list of transportation investments through 2040. The Draft Plan also includes an **Action Plan** to 'identify concrete near- and medium-term action items for MTC, ABAG and other stakeholders to make meaningful progress on the Plan's performance target and provides strategic direction on three issue areas: housing, economic development and resilience.

To download the Draft Plan, Draft EIR and/or supporting documents below to go: http://2040.planbayarea.org/reports

<u>Land Use documents</u>: Land Use Modeling Report; Regional Forecast of Jobs, Population and Housing; Scenario Planning Report; Statutorily-Required Plan Maps.

<u>Performance & Public Participation:</u> Glossary; Native American Tribal Outreach Report; Performance Assessment Report; Public Engagement Program Report.

<u>Transportation:</u> Financial Assumptions Report; Freight Emissions Reduction Action Plan; Investment Strategy Report; Project List; Local Streets and Roads, Bridges and State Highway Needs Assessment; Transit Operating and Capital Needs and Revenue Assessment; Travel Modeling Report.

<u>Equity & Environment:</u> Air Quality Conformity Report (available early May); Environmental Impact Report; Environmental Impact Report – Appendices; Equity Analysis Report.

<u>Performance & Public Participation:</u> Glossary; Native American Tribal Outreach Report; Performance Assessment Report; Public Engagement Program Report.

The public is invited to three public hearings on the Draft EIR. The full list of public hearings is as follows:

- Friday, May 12, 9:40 a.m.: Public Hearing at Joint MTC Planning and ABAG Administrative Committees, Bay Area Metro Center, Board Room, 375 Beale Street, San Francisco
- Tuesday, May 16, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.: Public Hearing in San Jose, Martin Luther King Library, Room 225, 150 E. San Fernando Street, San Jose
- Thursday, May 18, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.: Public Hearing in Vallejo, Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, 734 Marin Street, Vallejo

Lastly, the California Air Resources Board (ARB) is scheduled to adopt updated SB 375 GHG targets for the third cycle of the Sustainable Communities Strategies/Regional Transportation Plans which is 2021. The ARB is recommending a new GHG reduction target for the Bay Area, conditional on certain state policy actions that would assist the region in meeting the target. For Plan Bay Area 2013, the San Francisco Bay 9-County Region target was 7% per capita reduction from 2005 levels by 2020, and for Plan Bay Area 2017, the regional target is 15% per capita reduction from 2005 by 2035. These targets were exceeded in the 2013 Plan Bay Area achieving a 10% reduction; and, the 2017 Plan Bay Area is projecting a 16% reduction by 2035. MTC is recommending an 18% per capita GHG emission reduction target from 2005 levels for 2035 for the 2021 Plan Bay Area. ABAG will be taking this issue up in May 2017.

CONTRACT FOR SERVICES AND MOU BETWEEN ABAG AND MTC: On April 20, 2017, a majority of the ABAG Executive Board adopted the Draft Contract for Services and MOU to support the merger of the ABAG staff into MTC. I voted no on the Contract for Services and the MOU for a variety of reasons. The agreed upon changes made to the Contract for Services include:

- 1) a contingency that MTC would voluntarily agree that SEIU Local 1021 would represent the ABAG employees who transition to MTC. This would allow immediate negotiations between SEIU Local 2021 and MTC management. See the attached SEIU letter to the Board of Directors which articulates the issues staff has confronted.
- 2) Replacing Section 6.7 (page 10) with a re-write from the MTC Executive Committee. There is one provision that could put ABAG retirees in harm's way.
- 3) Modifying Section 4.1 (page 7) to 'allow' the consolidated staff to create a successor ABAG-affiliated conduit financing authority by October 31, 2017 which would allow ABAG to create a new ABAG Financing Authority.

The agreed upon changes made to the MOU include:

- 1) Adding the following sentence in Section 4 which states: 'Both parties retain the sole individual discretion to decide whether or not to merge the two governing boards.'
- 2) A Plan A and B for the ABAG Executive Board and the MTC to decide who would participate in interviewing candidates to replace the MTC Executive Director (in the event he retires prior to the agreed upon schedule to discuss the governing options). Plan A is: Each Board identifies an ad hoc committee of equal number; and, Plan B is the MTC form an ad hoc committee of MTC Commissioners that sit on ABAG and MTC.

<u>DRAFT ABAG FY 2017-2018 BUDGET AND WORKPLAN</u>: On April 20, 2017, a majority of the ABAG Executive Board members agreed to forward the Draft ABAG 2017-2018 Budget and Workplan to the membership for a vote at the General Assembly scheduled for June 5, 2017. I am proposing minor changes to the document which will be incorporated prior to distribution. Meanwhile, there are substantive issues that I believe need to be discussed. The ABAG Executive Board agreed to continue our discussion on May 18, 2017 and consider bringing those changes before the General Assembly. I will be convening the delegates to review our suggested changes. The reason this Budget and Workplan is critical, is that it establishing the foundation going forward on what ABAG is responsible for as the merger continues forward.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- April 26, 2017 MTC Commission meeting 9:30 am
- April 27, 2017 ABAG/MTC briefing of Marin elected officials on Plan Bay Area; Board of Supervisors Chambers
 May 3, 2017 ABAG Regional Planning Committee meeting 12:00 to 3:00 pm
- May 12, 2017 ABAG Administrative/MTC Planning meeting 9:30 to 11:30 am Public Hearing on the Draft EIR and Plan Bay Area 2040
- May 18, 2017 ABAG Executive Board meeting 7:00 pm
- May 20, 2017 Public Workshop/Open House on Plan Bay Area 8:30 to 1:00 pm; Mill Valley Community Center.
- May 24, 2017 MTC Commission meeting 9:30 am
- June 5, 2017 ABAG General Assembly 10:00 to 3:00 pm

Please direct questions to Pat Eklund, Council Member, City of Novato (phone: 415-883-9116; email: peklund@novato.org or peklund@novato.org or peklund@comcast.net)

To: ABAG Executive Board Members From: ABAG SEIU 1021 Members

Requested Conditions of Approval for Contract for Services and Budget

At the March Executive Board meeting, we brought to your attention a number of unresolved issues related to our transition to MTC. Despite repeated attempts at good faith negotiation, we have not received favorable responses to what we believe are basic, reasonable requests consistent with the Worker Protection Principles adopted by the Executive Board as part of its approval of Merger Option 7 in June 2016. Given the urgency of the current situation, we request that the Executive Board take action to include the following conditions in its approval of Contract for Services and Budget:

1. To achieve parity, fairness, and equity:

- a. Require that MTC offer ABAG employees positions at MTC that are equivalent classifications and step/grades and acknowledges each employee's years of service and performance at ABAG. Based upon meetings with MTC/ABAG management, our understanding is that, with few exceptions, ABAG staff will receive job offers that are: a) either in an equivalent classification at MTC, but at the lowest grade/step within that classification regardless of grade/step at ABAG; or b) in a lower classification. Contrary to statements by other parties, ABAG promotions to higher classifications and to higher grades/steps within classifications are based upon merit and often not granted on an annual basis. MTC/ABAG management have presented to staff a "crosswalk" between ABAG and MTC classifications that can be used to create a simple, equitable solution for transitioning ABAG employees to MTC, however placement within this crosswalk in terms of classification and grades/steps must also consider and acknowledge an employee's years of service and performance at ABAG.
- b. Require that all current ABAG Seniors (P4) be "grandfathered" as MTC Principals (IX) so that this criterion is equitably applied. There are MTC employees currently classified as Seniors (IX) who do not manage any employees but are being "grandfathered" into the new MTC Classification as a Principal class (IX). There are several ABAG Senior class (P4) employees that are not being "grandfathered" in at the new MTC Principal class (IX) similar to the current MTC seniors in the same exact situation.
- C. Require that the current ABAG Associate class (P3) be evaluated using the new MTC classification system for reclassification in the new MTC Senior class (VIIIb) by July 1, 2017, along with the current MTC Associates under the proposed Organizational Study. As part of the MTC Organizational Study, the MTC Commission authorized evaluation of the current MTC Associate class (VIII) employees (73 employees total) for consideration into the newly created MTC Senior class (VIIIb), and to make any reclassifications as a result of the evaluation effective by July 1, 2017. Although CSR contends that ABAG Associate class (P3) members have already been evaluated through the Koff Report. It has been established, that the Koff Report used criteria that was biased against ABAG SEIU 1021 Represented staff. Additionally, the new classification (VIIIb) did not exist when Koff and Associates completed their work.

- 2. To protect retirees: Require that ABAG or MTC honor ABAG's agreement with SEIU 1021 to provide lifetime medical coverage guarantee for retirees and legacy employees. ABAG legacy employees are currently guaranteed 100% Kaiser Rate medical coverage when they retire. MTC's retiree medical benefit does not provide this same guarantee. We consider this a significant loss of benefit for our legacy members. This issue can be resolved if MTC honors the guaranteed lifetime retiree medical coverage for legacy employees or adds this guarantee for all MTC employees.
- 3. To ensure fair representation: Require that MTC voluntarily recognizes SEIU 1021 as the labor representative for ABAG employees moving into MTC. The MTC Committee for Staff Representation (CSR) has argued against our requests for fair and equitable treatment, reinforcing the unwillingness of MTC/ABAG management to address the unresolved issues outlined in this memo. As a result, we do not have faith that we will be adequately represented by CSR and want to remain unionized with SEIU 1021.
- **4. To protect employees and retirees:** Provide that staff integration will not occur until all staff integration issues related to CalPERS are resolved. Per the March 28, 2017, letter from CalPERS included in the agenda packet for staff integration, there are significant unanswered questions and unaddressed issues that relate to CalPERS. The repercussions of CalPERS's decision on staff integration could have dire and severe financial and life impacts on ABAG employees.
- 5. To ensure implementation of the above conditions: Require that a report of compliance with these conditions be presented to the ABAG Executive Board at its May 18, 2017 meeting for approval by the Board.

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6:00 PM	Social Hour	(No-Host Bar)
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6:50 PM Welcome and Introductions

- 1. Call to Order: President Sloan Bailey
- 2. **Public Comment** (Limit 3 minutes per person)
- 3. Welcome and Introduction of Guests: Mayor Kathleen Hoertkorn

7:00 PM Dinner Service

7:15 PM 4. Presentation (*Tentative*):

Assembly Bill 52, Tribal Consultation Requirements and Best Practices (Presentation by Cassidy DeBaker, Garcia and Associates)

5. Tentative Committee Reports (3 minutes per person)

(Please inform Secretary Rebecca Vaughn if you will be submitting or delivering a report, and this this will be updated for the final agenda)

- 5.a. Metropolitan Transportation Commission Supervisor Connolly
- 5.b. Association of Bay Area Governments
- 5.c. Marin Major Crimes Task Force Oversight Committee
- 5.d. Marin County School Board Association
- 5.e. Homeless Committee
- 5.f. Marin County Disaster Council Citizen Corps
- 5.g. Marin Transit
- 5.h. Sonoma/Marin Area Rail Transit Commission
- 5.i. Golden Gate Bridge & Highway Transportation District
- 5.j. Transportation Authority of Marin
- 5.k. MCCMC Legislative Committee
- 5.I. Local Agency Formation Commission

7:45 PM 6. Program / Guest Speaker

8:15 PM 7. Business Meeting

7.a. Nominations for Executive Committee – President and Vice President for 2017-2018 Term

Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the May meeting, and letters of interest solicited. A vote by the membership will be held at the June meeting.

- 7.b. Review of Draft of June 28, 2017 MCCMC Meeting Hosted by the Town of San Anselmo
- 7.c. Approval of Minutes of April 26, 2017 MCCMC Meeting hosted by the City of Novato

8:30 PM ADJOURN: to the June 28, 2017 meeting hosted by the Town of San Anselmo Deadline for Agenda Items – June 21, 2017 (Please send to Rebecca Vaughn: MCCMCSecretary@gmail.com

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Wednesday, March 22, 2017 Hosted by the City of Mill Valley Mill Valley Community Center 180 Camino Alto, Mill Valley, CA

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Members Present

12 Belvedere: Campbell, Kemnitzer, McAuliffe, McCaskill

13 Corte Madera: Furst, Condon, Bailey, Ravasio

14 Fairfax: Coler, Goddard, Reed, Weinsoff, Lacques

15 Larkspur: Haroff, Hillmer, Morrison, Chu, Way

16 Mill Valley: Sloan, Moulton-Peters, McEntee, Wickham

17 Novato: Drew, Eklund, Lucan, Fryday

18 Ross: Kuhl, Brekhus

19 San Anselmo: Wright, Brown, Coleman, McInerney, Greene

20 San Rafael: Phillips, Bushey, Colin, McCullough

Sausalito: Withy, Cox, Hoffman, Burns

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Ex Officio: Belvedere Interim Town Manager Beth Pollard, Corte Madera Town Manager Todd Cusimano, Fairfax Town Manager Garrett Toy, Larkspur City Manager Dan Schwarz, Mill Valley City Manager Jim McCann, San Rafael City Manager Jim Schutz, San Anselmo Town Manager David Donery, Sausalito City Manager Adam Politzer, MCCMC Secretary Rebecca Vaughn

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Guests were: Supervisor Damon Connolly, Supervisor Kate Sears, Leslie Alden, Aide to Supervisor Sears, County DPW Watershed Planner Chris Choo, League of California Cities North Bay Representative Nancy Hall Bennett, Loni Hancock, Tom Bates

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Call to Order

President Bailey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers for March 22, 2017.

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Public Comment

- 1. Kate Colin, San Rafael: Announced that there is a flyer on the table with information about two important upcoming events:
 - Town hall March 23rd with Senator Mike McGuire at the City of San Rafael Council Chambers. The meeting will cover Federal, State and regional projects in San Rafael, and will provide more information on the No Place Like Home initiative.
 - Housing First all-day seminar in April will address how homelessness can be addressed in Marin County

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Welcome and Introduction of Guests

President Bailey introduced Mill Valley Mayor Jessica Sloan. Mayor Sloan welcomed everyone to the City of Mill Valley. Mayor Sloan introduced the following City Councilmembers in attendance: Vice Mayor Stephanie Moulton Peters, and Council members John McCauley, Sashi McEntee and Jim Wickham. Staff in attendance were: City Manager Jim McCann, City Attorney, Greg Stepanicich, Director of Finance and Human Resources Eric Erickson, Director of Planning and Building Vin

Smith, City Librarian Anji Brenner, Fire Chief Tom Welch, Director of Public Works Andrew Poster,
Director of Recreation Jenny Rogers, Assistant to the City Manager Mary Lansing, Communications
Supervisor Sean Mooney, Deputy City Clerk Seth Allingham and City Clerk Kelsey Rogers. She
introduced the guest speaker, Hon. Loni Hancock, and her husband, former Berkeley Mayor Tom
Bates, who was in attendance. Members of the Marin County Board of Supervisors, Damon
Connolly and Kate Sears, and Leslie Alden, Aide to Kate Sears, League of California Cities North
Bay Representative Nancy Hall Bennett and Marin County DPW Watershed Planner Chris Choo.

The meeting resumed after dinner service.

Presentation: Marin County Sea Level Rise / Update on BayWAVE

Stephanie Moulton Peters introduced the presentation and gave a brief history on the formation of the Sea Level Rise Committee, which was initiated in 2014. Chris Choo, Principal Watershed Planner with County of Marin, will discuss the Vulnerability Assessment, what it covers and what will come next. She stated that the group does not have all the answers yet, but can begin to plan for the future and start looking at infrastructure improvements and planning across jurisdictions to look at flooding and sea level rise.

Ms. Choo stated that the Vulnerability Assessment will soon be released to the public. The Assessment catalogs all of the impacts from sea by asset and geography. Six scenarios were modeled: 10, 20 and 60 inch sea level rise, each with a 100-year storm, and used GIS modeling plus interviews with over 100 stakeholders.

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One of the key takeaways, going beyond specific flooding impacts, are the long term impacts on our collective infrastructure. By the end of the century, \$16 billion in assessed values could be lost to sea level rise.

In addition to the introduction of the Vulnerability Assessment at the April 11th Board of Supervisors meeting, there are several public meetings scheduled to present the Vulnerability Assessment and Ms. Choo asked for assistance in getting the word out to the public: April 19 in San Rafael, April 25 in Mill Valley, and April 29 in Novato.

A number of tools are available on http://www.Marinslr.org including, project talking points, presentation template, and an adaptation fact sheet.

Committee Reports:

5.a. Metropolitan Transportation Commission – Verbal report from Supervisor Damon Connolly

Supervisor Connolly stated that nearly half of the commission members are new. This is a great opportunity for new ideas and fresh perspectives. New President of MTC is Jake McKinsey, a Rohnert Park Councilmember. This presents a great opportunity for Marin's transportation issues to be heard. He requested several committee assignments and received them. In particular, the Planning, Legislation and Operations committees. Planning will be dealing with Plan Bay Area. The Legislation committee will be dealing with Regional Measure 3 (project recommendations for RM 3 are now being considered). Ultimately RM 3 will be approved by the legislature.

There is a very uncertain picture at the Federal level. There is talk of a \$1 trillion infrastructure package, but that will not likely be taken up until health care and tax reform.

On the State level, SB1 is currently being discussed. He is hearing that RM 3 will not be taken up until SB 1 is dealt with.

5.b. Marin Major Crimes Task Force Oversight Committee – Written and verbal report from Pat Eklund, Novato. Please see packet for written report.

Chief Angel Bernal joined Pat onstage. He is Police Chief in Mill Valley, and Chair of the Major Crimes Task Force and she also recognized Catherine Way, Larkspur, as Alternate on the Task Force.

She highlighted that there were 199 cases in Marin County that were picked up by the Task Force. San Rafael had the most cases, followed by Novato then Mill Valley. The Task Force has been getting a lot of drugs, including cocaine (16000 grams), marijuana and oxycontin.

There was a case that they got involved with that involved organized crime, the Task Force received \$13,000 to help with budget and this case is reaching the point of closure. There are 8 places of interest where they will be issuing warrants.

Chief Bernal discussed the case further: There are approximately 6 residences that will be issued search warrants. The case started in 2014, when Task Force tried to buy drugs off a known seller. In 2015, the Detectives on the Task Force were able to get some undercover buys into this person. In October of 2015, task force shared this with DEA and it became a multi-agency case. Currently, Task Force has tracking device on suspect's vehicle so that more can be learned and lead to the conclusion of this case.

The Major Crimes Task force is very involved locally and beyond, handling both drug cases and other major crimes. Todd Cusimano is co-chair of the Task Force.

5.c. Association of Bay Area Governments - Written and verbal report from Pat Eklund, Novato. Please see packet for written report.

Pat thanked all delegates and alternates for giving up their Saturday morning to go over the contract. The revised version did not incorporate any of the group's changes and has actually gone in the wrong direction.

At ABAG executive Board meeting, staff came to address the Board. They expressed concern about lack of parity going into merger with MTC. Disrespect of their entire ABAG career, lack of acknowledgement of inclusive and collaborative process that ABAG has developed is not in the contract for services. ABAG staff is being put in one step below MTC staff, retirees are concerned about security of their pension and benefits. There will be a joint meeting on Friday. These issues need to be dealt with, these are real people with real jobs.

5.d. Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) – Verbal report from Alice Fredericks, Tiburon

Gave special recognition to TAM for the innovation workshop. It gave an idea of what the future might hold. Within two decades, it is predicted that autonomous vehicles (AV) will be the predominant vehicle on the road. And on-demand AV's will mean less vehicle ownership. They discussed the possibility of automated trucks for the trucking industry. Contra Costa Transportation Authority runs a 2100 acre test site for AV's and the infrastructure needed to optimize their use.

 Projects which TAM will consider for inclusion in the Regional Measure 3 (RM3) expenditure plan: topics for the next meeting will include determining which projects to include and how to prioritize the projects.

5.e. MCCMC Legislative Committee – Verbal report from Alice Fredericks, Tiburon

The Committee has been dealing with bills that deal with crisis of available affordable housing in the state. Two of the bills deal with creating pools of money to replace revenue lost when Redevelopment Agencies went away. One involves a \$75 recordation fee on certain real estate transactions, the other proposes a state general obligation bond to create the fund. The Committee took the position of supporting the generation of the funding with the reservation that these pools of money might have the potential to usurp local land authority and public comment on projects.

For example, SB35 will require that cities that do not implement Regional Housing Needs Allocations (RHNA) by actually building housing will be required to consider and approve affordable housing projects at the staff level with no public hearing. The Committee opposed this bill.

The Committee supported SB 49, 50 and 51, which protect local communities from impact of anticipated federal action to nullify or diminish federal environmental protections.

The Committee expects to see more housing bills and utility company bills at next meeting.

5.f. Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District – Verbal report from Alice Fredericks, Tiburon

Annual fare increases are part of addressing a \$51 million deficit predicted over next 5 years resulting from loss of local bus contracts, increased payout of pensions due to retirees, and seismic retrofit project.

Please visit the Golden Gate Bridge District's finance committee report online.

Finally, the Golden Gate Bridge District will hear a presentation from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission regarding rolling the start of carpool lane hours back to 3:00pm. We will need to know what the impacts will be, particlarly through Southern Marin, so will be encouraging MTC to do traffic impact studies.

6. Program / Guest Speaker (Note Change in Speaker) Speaker: The Honorable Loni Hancock will speak about criminal justice in California, with an emphasis on juvenile justice reform.

Mayor Sloan introduced the guest speaker, the Honorable Loni Hancock. She served two Presidential administrations, served as a Council member in Berkeley, including two terms as Mayor, and balanced seven straight budgets. She continued on to serve in the State Assembly and State Senate. Her husband, a former member of the Assembly and Berkeley City Council, Tom Bates, is in attendance here this evening, as well.

Ms. Hancock stated she would speak about how she has spent the last six years of her life. She went to the legislature expecting to work on education, environment and economy and instead was assigned the criminal justice system in California. Since then, she has been working to reform the system. A number of important changes have been made, but there is a long way to go. She showed a chart from National Research Institute on rates of incarceration in developed world, which

starts at the bottom with Finland at 58 per 100,000 and goes all the way up to the USA with 707 per 100,000 of our population.

The chart shows this rate of incarceration is not normal for the developed world. How did we end up incarnating such a large percentage of our population, spending \$55,000 per year to incarcerate a person.

California is a high relief example of what is going on with the rest of the country. California had six state prisons at the end of the 1980's, and it now has 33, with most built toward end of 1990's in rural areas with few employment opportunities. This isolation means that people that need the most careful work done with them are being overseen by people with the least training and least ability to rehabilitate them.

In California, we ended up in mid-2000 with overcrowding so bad, that the US Supreme Court said that incarceration in California was cruel and unusual punishment. The Court told the State that they had to build more prisons or release prisoners. Governor Brown implemented 'realignment', which began around 2010. It took a number of nonviolent, less severe felonies and made them misdemeanors. Counties then had to keep those prisoners in county jails rather then send them to state prisons.

Some counties sent much higher populations to state prisons than others. Others tried to rehabilitate their prisoners. The idea behind the realignment is that counties should take responsibility for their failures. The hope was that counties would focus on prevention, cutting down on number of people needing to be incarcerated.

Since then, other things have happened to help meet the Supreme Court decree to reduce prison population to 137% of its built capacity. In addition to realignment, we also realized that according to prison system, 1/3 have mental illness, substance abuse issues and read at about a sixth grade level. Mental health treatment, substance abuse treatment and education needed to be improved, and that has been done, as much as possible given budget constraints. In addition, we allow our community colleges to go into prisons with degree programs and transferable credits.

There has also been a great deal of sentence reform, including juvenile sentence reform, which gives prisoners hope and makes prisons safer. Hope is a great motivator.

Most reform has come about through the initiative process. The state legislature is very cautious, and most legislators do not want to be seen as soft on crime. There have been three initiatives in recent years:

• 3rd strike must be a serious or violent felony

 Proposition 42 made some nonviolent felonies and made them misdemeanors
Governor's initiative that enables prisoners to be able to "earn your way out"

 All passed, which means people of California are behind reform and looking for new ways.

Ms. Hancock then discusses her framework for looking at criminal justice, which is primarily working toward safer communities:

- Prevent
- Dive

- Rehabilitate when people are incarcerated
- Help to reenter

We are doing better on diversion all the time, especially with all of the specialty courts. Rehabilitation can be improved. Substance abuse and mental health needs work. The culture of prison system needs to be changed, and prison guards need to be prepared and supported better.

Through prison guard union, they are saying they need mental health treatment benefits. They work with a lot of problems in our society, and are doing a very tough job with a training consisting of a 12-week curriculum mostly focused on containment and punishment.

We need to rehabilitate better. When someone is released from San Quentin with \$200 minus the cost of a bus ticket back to their county of origin, they are going to need some help and support. Right now, California has a little more than 60% recidivism rate. Norway has a 20% rate.

 Ms. Hancock reiterated that this has been compelling and exciting work for her. This is beginning to be, more and more, a bipartisan effort. There is an organization called "Right on Crime," many conservative members are on this board, and the group is pushing the closing of prisons as a way to save money.

Ms. Hancock asked the group to think about how we can help support her goals of prevention, diversion, rehabilitation and re-entry, particularly with respect to prevention. She stated that two things need to happen:

- 1) Early identification of young children with mental health and learning disabilities
- 2) Programs in high schools for restorative justice, instead of expulsion.
- 3) After school programs should be better funded. Kids get into the most trouble between 3pm and 6pm.

BUSINESS MEETING

President Bailey thanked Ms. Hancock and continued to the Business Meeting portion of the meeting.

7.a. Review of Draft Agenda of April 26, 2017 MCCMC Meeting Hosted by the City of Novato President Bailey spoke about need to call for a Mayors Select Committee, at the MCCMC rules require that an annual meeting of the Mayors Select Committee take place in April of each year. He requested to call the meeting to take place at 5:30p.m. before the start of the April meeting in Novato, the committee will convene to discuss county-wide issues.

7.b. Approval of Minutes of January 25, 2017 MCCMC Special Meeting of the Mayors Select Committee

(This set of minutes was inadvertently left off of the agenda for approval at the previous meeting)

There was a motion and a second (Eklund/Coleman) to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2017 Mayors Select Committee meeting. The motion was approved by acclamation.

7.c. Approval of Minutes of February 22, 2017 MCCMC Meeting hosted by the City of Larkspur

There was a motion and a second (McCauley/Coleman) to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2017 meeting. The motion was approved by acclamation.

Adjournment

President Bailey thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 8:35p.m. to the next regular meeting scheduled for April 26, 2017 hosted by the City of Novato.