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# CITY OF SAN MATEO

## Special Meeting Minutes

City Hall  
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### City Council

Monday, January 7, 2019  
City Hall Conference Room C 5:30 PM

### Special Meeting

#### Roll Call

Council Member Goethals arrived at 5:40 p.m.

**Present:** 5 - Council Member Bonilla, Council Member Papan, Council Member Freschet, Council Member Goethals, and Council Member Rodriguez

### STUDY SESSION

#### 1. [Assignment of City Council Liaisons to External Agencies and Organizations](#)

Council reviewed the 2019 appointments to external agencies and organizations. Council Member Bonilla suggested the South Bayside Waste Management Authority, Sustainability & Infrastructure Commission, Peninsula Clean Energy and the Consolidated Fire JPA be considered as continuity commissions. Council by consensus agreed.

#### 2. [Highway 101 Managed Lanes Project - Update](#)

Brad Underwood, Director of Public Works, introduced Consultant Leo S. Scott, P.E., President of Gray, Bowen, Scott to provide an update on the Highway 101 Managed Lanes project and receive feedback on sound wall design. Council asked questions of staff and the consultant with regard to cost of raising the height of the sound walls, landscaping, differences between cost projections for the east wall versus the west wall, impacts on the affected neighborhoods, timing of construction, and methodology of the sound study that was conducted by the consultants.

Public Comment - Laurie Watanuki, stated the issues with getting a meeting with Caltrans, that information was in conflict with information garnered from PG&E, and raised concerns with the receptor placement in the sound study and asked for maximum height. Vicky Gray, Sunnybrae neighborhood, stated the wall was originally proposed and was meant to be a taller wall, this is a very frustrating and very bureaucratic process and the onus is on the neighborhood to go through complicated reports, many questions remain on the table and the neighborhood meeting was not sufficient outreach. Drew asked a clarifying question regarding the dollar amount for the west wall for engineering. Linda Simonsen stated that federal requirements are 16' and federal requirements are for higher walls if 5 decibels or greater and questions remain about the noise study, and other environmental questions also remain. Jeff Golda, asked why the timing of the sound study was done in the quietest time of year and noted he has recorded higher decibel levels from his back yard.

Council asked additional questions of the consultant and had them respond to concerns raised by the public. The cost of adding a medallion to the wall aesthetics was discussed.

Questions on the table are:

1. Design on the wall, "Blurr" or "Sproing"?
2. Include a medallion or not?
3. Increase the wall height?

A decision is needed within the next two weeks.

Council asked funding questions of staff particularly with regard to government partners and provided commentary. Due to limited time, the item was continued for discussion at the next study session on January 22, 2019.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.

APPROVED BY:

SUBMITTED BY:

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Diane Papan, Mayor

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Patrice M. Olds, City Clerk