

**SAN MATEO COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT (DISTRICT)
1250 SAN CARLOS AVENUE, SAN CARLOS, CALIFORNIA**

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MARCH 6, 2019**

MEMBERS PRESENT: R. Collins, M. Fraser, R. Guilbault, K. Matsumoto (Vice Chair)
(arrived at 2:06 pm), D. Pine, J. Powell, P. Ratto, C. Stone, C.
Groom (Chair)

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: J. Hartnett, J. Cassman, S. van Hoffen, D. Olmeda, D. Hansel, A.
Chan, C. Fromson, J. Brook, D. Seamans

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Carole Groom called the meeting to order at 2:04 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

District Secretary Dora Seamans called the roll. A quorum was present.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- Approval of Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of February 6, 2019
- Acceptance of Statement of Revenues and Expenses for January 2019
- Acceptance of Capital Projects Quarterly Status Report 2nd Quarter FY 2019

Motion/Second: Stone/Fraser

Ayes: Collins, Fraser, Guilbault, Pine, Powell, Ratto, Stone, Groom

Absent: Matsumoto

Vice Chair Karyl Matsumoto arrived at 2:06 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Groom reported out on the two most recent Dumbarton Corridor Ad Hoc Committee community meetings in Redwood City and Menlo Park. She said the meetings were very well attended and a great success.

She presented a resolution of appreciation to outgoing chair, Director Charles Stone, on behalf of the Board.

Motion/Second: Pine/Powell

Ayes: Collins, Fraser, Guilbault, Matsumoto, Pine, Powell, Ratto, Stone, Groom

Absent: None

REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER/CEO

Jim Hartnett, General Manager/CEO presented the 2018 Employee of the Year awards bus operator Steven Chang and lead mechanic Rudy Chavez. He presented a 20-year Safe Operator award to Ronald Smith.

Mr. Hartnett noted that he had recently attended two Dumbarton Rail Corridor public meetings in the East Bay, each with standing-room-only attendance.

He announced the upcoming SamTrans Board Retreat scheduled for March 19 in Half Moon Bay. Vice Chair Matsumoto said she anticipated discussing bus service at the retreat.

Director Rose Guilbault asked about the concerns that were raised at the Dumbarton Rail meetings. Mr. Hartnett said that common themes were the proximity of rail lines to homes, concerns about the potential noise, and a concern about congestion from Peninsula residents. He said there was a general assumption that the project would represent the latest in rail technology.

Chair Groom said an issue she heard at the meetings was neighborhood preservation. She also said there was a desire for light rail, which is not the case for a Dumbarton rail line. Mr. Hartnett said that light rail seems to represent green, quiet, and frequency to the public. He said that the Board would be the ultimate decision-maker about the Corridor's future.

Director Ron Collins asked if the Dumbarton rail line would join with Caltrain. Mr. Hartnett said that in the first phase, the trains would use the Caltrain line to complete a trip but would not connect with Caltrain service directly.

Director Dave Pine asked about bus transit in the Corridor. Mr. Hartnett said that he could not yet provide an answer until MTC (Metropolitan Transportation Commission) completes its study on the car bridge.

Director Charles Stone suggested that the Dumbarton Ad Hoc Committee report out at each future Board meeting.

BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS/COMMENTS

Vice Chair Matsumoto invited the Board to a tour of the South San Francisco biotech corridor.

RECESS TO COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Board meeting recessed at 2:43 pm.

RECONVENE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Chair Groom reconvened the Board meeting at 3:36 pm.

MATTERS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE / COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE*

Director Guilbault reported on the following items:

SUBJECTS DISCUSSED:

- Accessibility Update
- Paratransit Coordinating Council Update
- Citizens Advisory Committee Update
- Multimodal Ridership Report – January 2019
- Quarterly Dashboard Report – October-December 2018

MATTERS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: FINANCE COMMITTEE / COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE*

Director Ratto led the Board in voting on the following items:

RESOLUTIONS:

- Authorize Application for and Receipt of Funding for the US 101 Express Bus Pilot Project – Approved by Resolution No. 2019-7
- Award of Contract for Landscape and Grounds Maintenance Services – Approved by Resolution No. 2019-8
- Award of Contract to Furnish Petroleum Products and Related Products – Approved by Resolution No. 2019-9

Motion/Second: Ratto/Stone

Ayes: Collins, Fraser, Guilbault, Matsumoto, Pine, Powell, Ratto, Stone, Groom

Absent: None

MATTERS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE / COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE*

Director Powell reported the following item:

SUBJECT DISCUSSED:

- State and Federal Legislative Update

GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT

The Board meeting recessed to closed session at 3:39 pm.

- **Closed Session: Conference with Real Property Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8**

Property: Private Roadway Area Near Airport Boulevard, Redwood City, CA, APN 095-222-340

Agency Negotiator: Joan Cassman, Brian Fitzpatrick, and Gary Cardona

Negotiating Parties: Keech Properties LLC

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

- **Closed Session: Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1): Serenity Woods, et al. v. San Mateo County Transit District, et al.; San Mateo County Superior Court Case No. CGC-18-564924**

The Board meeting reconvened to open session at 4:07 pm.

Joan Cassman, Legal Counsel, reported that the Board gave appropriate instruction to staff regarding the Pico Boulevard roadway adjacent to the SamTrans maintenance base. She said that the Board gave appropriate instruction to the District's defense counsel in the Serenity Woods case.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board communications were provided in the reading file.

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The time and location of the next meeting as Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 2:00 pm, San Mateo County Transit District, Bacciocco Auditorium, 2nd Floor, 1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, CA.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 4:09 pm.

An audio/video recording of this meeting is available online at www.samtrans.com. Questions may be referred to the District Secretary's office by phone at 650-508-6242 or by email to board@samtrans.com.