

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

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING – APRIL 1, 2009**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** J. Baker (Vice-Chair), A. Chow, K. Chu, T. Collette, K. Feldstein, M. Hall, W. Kingsford-Smith (Chair), P. Loranger, D. Milton, K. Nobles, P. Ratto, D. Wilcox

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:** P. Hitchcock

**SAMTRANS STAFF PRESENT:** J. DeHart, M. Knuckles, N. McKenna, C. Patton, E. Proctor

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The Committee (Baker/Nobles) approved the minutes of March 4, 2009.

**PRESENTATION ON TEMPORARY TRANSBAY BUS TERMINAL**

Senior Planner Jim DeHart made the following key points on the Temporary Transbay Bus Terminal:

- The major players are AC Transit, Muni, Golden Gate Transit, SamTrans, WestCat, Regional Paratransit and Greyhound.
- The new facility will be in the vicinity of Main, Howard, Beale and Folsom streets.
- This is a three phase project. The first phase is to build the temporary terminal; the second phase is to build a bus storage facility and the final stage is the train portion of the downtown extension. The train portion is not part of the temporary terminal.
- SamTrans will have storage for five buses at the new facility.
- Implementation is scheduled for August 16, 2009, which coincides with the runbook change.
- There are two layover spots for SamTrans buses.
- Route 292 will share the stop with Golden Gate Transit.

David Milton asked if staff is okay with the buses being out on the street and not in the terminal. Mr. DeHart said, historically, SamTrans has been out on the street based on the amount of passengers carried into San Francisco. Greyhound and AC Transit carry a lot more passengers than SamTrans and they will be in the terminal.

Chair Kingsford-Smith asked how far the temporary terminal is from the permanent terminal. Mr. DeHart said two blocks.

Chair Kingsford-Smith thanked Mr. DeHart for a very informative presentation.

## **REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

No report.

## **SAMTRANS STAFF UPDATE**

Public Information Specialist Mary Knuckles reported the following:

- The Marketing Department partnered with Notre Dame de Namur University for the fifth year to encourage students to use public transit.

Director of Bus Transportation Chester Patton reported:

- Thanked Kristina Chu for her service on the CAC.
- Performance statistics were distributed. For the first time in a number of months there was a decline in ridership by a slight percentage and this could be attributed to the rain in February, the fare increase and gas prices starting to drop. On-time performance is the highest it has been in over a year at 92.3 percent.
- The Route MX survey was completed and it has been decided to return to the original routing around May 11.

## **CAC MEMBER COMMENTS/REQUESTS**

Kim Nobles said she saw a bus with a “bus full” header and it wasn’t full. Mr. Patton said the bus full header is for those circumstances where there is a standing load and what is being described sounds like the header was not used properly.

Ken Feldstein asked if the ranking on the average weekday ridership report can be added to a future agenda.

Ms. Nobles said she was on either a southbound Route 390 or 391 between 3:30-4:30 p.m. on bus #114. The bus was very packed with very vocal passengers. A passenger signaled to get off and the back door didn’t open so the passenger kicked the window out. Ms. Nobles called in the incident, but has not received a call back from Transit Police for her report on the incident. Mr. Patton said this is a common occurrence on transit and it is a criminal offense and he will let the Transit Police know Ms. Nobles is willing to talk to them.

Andy Chow said on Highway 101 by 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue the bus shelters have changed. He said the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is revising the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and it is now in the public comment phase. MTC is citing SamTrans, Caltrain and BART for duplicating service between San Mateo County and San Francisco. People need to let MTC know the SamTrans service is valuable and not a duplicate service. Mr. Chow said he read the schedule for Route KX is going to change in April and wondered why. A lot of printing costs have been incurred this year since this will be the third printing of the KX schedule.

Mr. Milton asked if there should be a resolution from the CAC regarding MTC’s RTP stating how valuable the SamTrans service is especially since Board Director Adrienne Tissier is Vice Chair at MTC.

Chair Kingsford-Smith said there could be no discussion on a resolution at this meeting since it was not on the agenda, but recommended it be on the May agenda.

## **LIAISON REPORTS**

**a. SamTrans Board – Wayne Kingsford-Smith**

Chair Kingsford-Smith reported on the March SamTrans Board meeting:

- A presentation was given on Caltrain service.

**b. SamTrans Accessibility Advisory Committee – Tom Collette** – meeting is on April 16.

**c. Caltrain Accessibility Advisory Committee – Peter Loranger** – no meeting.

**d. Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board – David Wilcox**

Mr. Wilcox reported on the March JPB Board meeting.

- California Avenue station reopened.
- Bike car reconfiguration should be completed by June.

**e. Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board Citizens Advisory Committee – Andy Chow**

- There was no quorum at the March meeting

**f. Senior Mobility Action Plan – Ken Feldstein** – no report.

## **NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting will be held May 6, 2009, at 6:30 p.m., 1250 San Carlos Avenue, Bacciocco Auditorium, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, San Carlos, California 94070.

**ADJOURNED:** 7:15 p.m.