



SamTrans Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)  
1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, CA 94070, Bacciocco Auditorium, 2nd Floor

## AGENDA

**January 2, 2008 - Wednesday**

**6:30 PM**

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Call to Order/Roll Call
3. Public Comments
4. Approval of Meeting Minutes for December 5, 2007
5. Presentation: New Fareboxes – Chuck Harvey
6. Report of the Chair
  - a. Discussion on Subcommittee Assignments
7. SamTrans Staff Update
8. New Business
9. CAC Member Comments/Requests
10. Liaison Reports
  - a. SamTrans Board – Molly Kennedy
  - b. ADA Technical Advisory Committee – Molly Kennedy
  - c. Caltrain Accessibility Advisory Committee – Molly Kennedy
  - d. Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board – Andy Chow
  - e. Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board Citizens Advisory Committee – Andy Chow
  - f. Senior Mobility Action Plan – Ken Feldstein
11. Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 6, 2008 at 6:30 p.m., 1250 San Carlos Avenue, Bacciocco Auditorium, 2nd floor, San Carlos, CA
12. Adjournment

*All items on this agenda are subject to action*

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

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San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans) Committees and Board: Second Wednesday of the month, 2 PM. SamTrans Citizens Advisory Committee: First Wednesday of the month, 6:30 PM. Date, time and location of meetings may be changed as needed.

### *Location of Meeting*

The SamTrans Administrative Building is located at 1250 San Carlos Ave., San Carlos, which is one block west of the San Carlos Caltrain Station on El Camino Real, accessible by SamTrans bus Routes: 260, 295, 390, 391, KX.

### *Public Comment*

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

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING – DECEMBER 5, 2007**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Tom Ames, John Baker, Andy Chow, Kristina Chu, Tom Collette, Ken Feldstein, Maureen Hall, Pam Hitchcock, Molly Kennedy, Wayne Kingsford-Smith, David Milton, Kim Nobles, Peter Ratto

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**SAMTRANS STAFF PRESENT:** Pat Boland, April Chan, Chuck Harvey, Mary Knuckles, Marian Lee-Skowronek, Nancy McKenna, Chester Patton, Trish Reavey

Chair Molly Kennedy called the meeting to order at 6:43 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jeff Carter, Burlingame, spoke about the Route 292 connection and staff's decision to not make any route changes between Millbrae and SFO. Mr. Carter said there should be some type of shuttle bus as this is a disadvantage to the citizens of San Mateo County who need to get from Millbrae to SFO. Mr. Carter read in the paper recently that \$15 million is going to South San Francisco and Redwood City for the proposed ferry service, yet SamTrans and Caltrain are strapped for money. This money should be used to run SamTrans and Caltrain and not run an inefficient ferry service.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

The Committee (Baker/Kingsford-Smith) approved the minutes of November 7, 2007.

**PRESENTATION – SAMTRANS SHORT RANGE TRANSIT PLAN**

Marian Lee-Skowronek, Director Planning and Development, made a presentation on the SamTrans Short Range Transit Plan (SRTP). Ms. Lee-Skowronek made the following key points:

- The same presentation will be given at the SamTrans Board meeting on December 12.
- The SRTP is an annual planning document required by the MTC. A mini plan is required every three years and the full plan is required every four years. We are required to make the full plan this year.
- SamTrans has provided 30 years of service and served half-a-billion customers.
- The key issues and challenges the District is facing are financial stability due to rising costs, constrained revenue sources, increased ridership and land use and transportation.
- To address these challenges SamTrans has a major initiative for 2008. Staff will be developing the SamTrans Strategic Plan and following the guiding principles that have already been adopted by the Board.

- The forecasting operating budget shows a deficit in 2014 and this will be addressed in the plan.
- The top three capital improvement projects are vehicle replacement and rehabilitation, vehicle expansion and Translink/fare collection equipment.
- Final draft of the SRTP will be available after the December 12 Board meeting. The Board will take action at the January 9, 2008 meeting.

Committee comments:

Ken Feldstein said it was mentioned that SamTrans will provide basic transit services. Can staff better define basic? Ms. Lee-Skowronek said that in the SRTP staff recommends vehicle expansion for 12 Redi-Wheels vans and staff hopes to leverage external funding sources.

David Milton asked if in the vision of the plan does it include green vehicles. Chuck Harvey, Chief Operating Officer said yes it does, but this is a very complicated issue. There is a significant cost involved in zero emission buses. Staff is looking very carefully at hybrids. The issue is that when vehicles work they work fine, but reliability is not what staff would expect.

John Baker asked with regards to the vehicle replacement rehabilitation, does part of the budget include research into any alternative fuels. Mr. Harvey said that in the next purchase of buses staff will be bidding the project both in ultra clean diesel and potentially hybrid. Mr. Harvey said that the problem is that the California Air Resources Board has not currently certified a diesel hybrid bus for sale so even if we wanted to we can't buy them.

Andy Chow said that San Francisco Muni already has the diesel hybrid buses and they perform well. Mr. Harvey said that Muni was allowed a rare exemption because of the electric trolley buses.

Mr. Feldstein asked if we should hedge and can we hedge legally. Mr. Harvey said there is nothing in the law preventing us from hedging, but staff doesn't hedge because we are not marketers. We would almost have to development a Wall Street division within SamTrans to deal with hedging otherwise we would have to pay a firm to hedge and pay a fee.

Tom Ames asked about supportive of land use. Ms. Lee-Skowronek said it is concentrating at major transit areas along the Caltrain corridor and develop dense developments to support ridership.

Chair Kennedy thanked Ms. Lee-Skowronek.

### **REPORT OF THE CHAIR – MOLLY KENNEDY**

Chair Kennedy thanked Directors Harris, Lloyd and Matsumoto for attending this evening. She also thanked everyone for allowing her to be the Chair for the last two years, being in the newspaper and the queen of the buses.

## **SAMTRANS STAFF UPDATE**

Pat Boland, Marketing Manager reported the following:

- R-Pass for the Villa Montgomery complex in Redwood City has 56 people signed up for the program. Staff has received inquiries from San Carlos and San Mateo about doing a similar program. At the end of the one-year period, staff will evaluate the pilot program.
- The bus shelter prototype will be delivered in the next month. Mr. Boland hopes to have it available for the committee to see and comment at the January meeting.
- Caltrain is up and running on the Google Transit Web. It is working very well for properties like BART and Caltrain and staff hopes to expand to SamTrans, but it is more complicated. VTA has it on their homepage.
- The new runbook goes into affect December 23 with minor changes.
- Holiday Train is this weekend. The train lighting will be Friday at 5 p.m. in San Francisco. On Saturday and Sunday the train will travel from San Francisco to San Jose stopping at a number of Caltrain stations.

Chester Patton, Director Bus Transportation distributed the 2008 CAC meeting calendar.

## **MEMBERS COMMENTS**

Mr. Feldstein thanked Chair Kennedy for a great job she has done as the Chair.

Kim Nobles congratulated Chair Kennedy on her leadership over the past two years.

## **LIASON REPORTS**

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

Mr. Kingsford-Smith reported that at the November SamTrans Board meeting there was a Redi-Wheels presentation; the Board received a report on SamTrans ridership for September; the Board awarded a contract for legislative advocacy and passed a resolution honoring Chair Mark Hershman

### **b. ADA Technical Advisory Committee – Molly Kennedy - Nothing**

### **c. Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board – Andy Chow - Nothing**

### **d. Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board Citizens Advisory Committee – Andy Chow - Nothing**

### **e. Senior Mobility Action Plan – Ken Feldstein**

Mr. Feldstein reported that some non profit money has become available and the group will be meeting this Friday to discuss how to proceed.

Mr. Patton and Mr. Boland thanked Chair Kennedy for her leadership, her enthusiasm and the way she approached Chairing the committee. Mr. Boland added how much he appreciates Chair Kennedy's enthusiasm for the meetings and life.

## **REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE:**

Mr. Feldstein said that he and John Baker met and discussed the nominations for the 2008 year. The committee has nominated David Milton for Vice-Chair and Wayne Kingsford-Smith as Chair. Mr. Baker said that Mr. Kingsford-Smith has some big shoes to fill as the new Chair. Mr. Feldstein said the committee came up with a detailed list, but people didn't want to accept.

Chair Kennedy received a second from Peter Ratto for the nomination of David Milton for Vice-Chair. Mr. Milton was voted Vice-Chair unanimously by roll call.

Chair Kennedy received a second from Mr. Baker for the nomination of Mr. Kingsford-Smith for Chair. Mr. Kingsford-Smith was voted Chair unanimously by roll call.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting will be held January 2, 2008, at 6:30 p.m., 1250 San Carlos Avenue, Bacciocco Auditorium, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, San Carlos, California 94070.

**ADJOURNED:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.