

**San Mateo County Transit District (District)  
1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, California**

**Minutes of Legislative Committee /  
Committee of the Whole**

**June 7, 2023**

Committee Members Present: R. Mueller (Chair), R. Medina

Committee Members Absent: None

Other Board Members Present Constituting Committee of the Whole: M. Chuang, M. Fraser, J. Powell, P. Ratto

Other Board Members Absent: D. Canepa, J. Gee

Staff Present: A. Chan, D. Olmeda, J. Cassman, S. van Hoften, J. Brook, D. Seamans

**8.d.1. Call to Order**

Committee Chair Ray Mueller called the meeting to order at 3:59 pm.

**8.d.2. Approval of Minutes of the Legislative Committee Meeting of May 3, 2023**

Motion/Second: Ratto/Powell

Ayes: Chuang, Fraser, Medina, Mueller, Powell, Ratto

Noes: None

Absent: Canepa, Gee

**8.d.3. State and Federal Legislative Update and Approval of Legislative Proposal: Support Assembly Bill (AB) 1377 (Friedman)**

Jessica Epstein, Manager, Government and Community Affairs, provided an update on recent federal and state legislation.

On the federal side, she said an agreement was reached to raise the debt ceiling until January 2025. She said there is a new mechanism to force Congress to come to an agreement about appropriations this year.

At the state level, she said the Governor released his May revise on May 12. She said the budget deficit had increased to \$31.5 billion from the \$22.5 billion that the Governor had cited in January. She said the Senate and Assembly have proposed to restore TIRCP (Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program) funding to levels consistent with the 2022 Budget Act.

Ms. Epstein noted that there is opposition on some of the Brown Act bills that the District is tracking. She said Assembly Bill (AB) 1377 would allow jurisdictions to address homeless challenges in their communities, including transit facilities.

Chair Josh Powell commented on the limits to accessibility for Board members who are required to attend meetings in person.

Motion/Second: Medina/Ratto

Ayes: Chuang, Fraser, Medina, Mueller, Powell, Ratto

Noes: None

Absent: Canepa, Gee

#### **8.d.4. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 4:08 pm.

An audio/video recording of this meeting is available online at <https://www.samtrans.com/about-samtrans/video-board-directors-cac-and-measure-w-coc>. Questions may be referred to the District Secretary's office by phone at 650-508-6242 or by email to [board@samtrans.com](mailto:board@samtrans.com).