

San Mateo County Transit District
1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, California
Board of Directors
Minutes of June 4, 2025

Members Present: D. Canepa (arrived at 2:04 pm), B. Esser, M. Fraser, R. Medina (arrived at 2:20 pm), J. Powell, P. Ratto, J. Speier, M. Chuang (Acting Chair)

Members Absent: J. Gee (Chair)

Staff Present: B. Baney, T. Bartholomew, J. Cassman, A. Chan, K. Christopherson, T. Dubost, J. Epstein, L. Lumina-Hsu, L. Millard-Olmeda, J. Mello, D. Olmeda, D. Santoro, C. Schultz, M. Tolleson, M. Tseng

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Acting Chair Chuang called the meeting to order at 2:01 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

District Secretary Margaret Tseng called the roll and confirmed that a Board quorum was present.

3. Consideration of requests, if any, of Directors to participate remotely due to Emergency Circumstances – There were none.

4. Consideration of Any Requests to Change Order of Business

The Board will hear 9.d. Strategic Planning, Development, and Sustainability before 9.c. Legislative Committee.

Motion/Second: Esser/Ratto

Ayes: Esser, Fraser, Powell, Ratto, Speier, Chuang

Noes: None

Absent: Canepa, Medina, Gee

5. Consent Calendar

5.a. Approval of Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of May 7, 2025

5.b. Accept Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the Period Ending April 30, 2025

5.c. Accept Quarterly Fuel Hedge Update for Quarter 3 of Fiscal Year 2025

5.d. Authorizing Execution of Contracts and Amendments for Information Technology Hardware, Software, Licenses, Maintenance Services and Professional Services, and Technology-related Products and Services, Through Piggyback Contracts and Cooperative Purchasing Programs up to an Aggregate Not-to-Exceed Limit of \$8 Million for Fiscal Year 2026 – Approved by Resolution No. 2025-23

- 5.e. Supporting and Authorizing Submittal of Four Applications for the San Mateo County Transportation Authority's 2025 Cycle 1 Measure W Regional Transit Connections Program Call for Projects – *Approved by Resolution No. 2025-24***
- 5.f. Rejecting All Proposals Submitted in Response to the Request for Proposals for Contracted Shuttle Services, and Authorizing an Amendment to the Current Contracted Shuttle Services Agreement to Extend the Term for Two Years and Increase the Total Not-To-Exceed Amount by \$15,986,584 – *Approved by Resolution No. 2025-25***

Motion/Second: Powell/Esser

Ayes: Canepa, Esser, Fraser, Powell, Ratto, Speier, Chuang

Noes: None

Absent: Medina, Gee

6. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

Geoff S. commented on regional funding transit measure polling, gross receipt tax, public transit service levels, and progressive tax method.

Aleta Dupree, Team Folds, commented on hydrogen bus fleet, green hydrogen sources, Clipper 2, and transit rider pass options.

Becca Wilson, Pacifica, spoke in support of a progressive tax measure and commented on public transit funding.

7. Report of the Chair

On May 18 to 20, 2025, Acting Chair Chuang attended American Public Transportation Association (APTA) Legislative Conference in Washington, District of Columbia with General Manager/CEO April Chan and Government and Community Affairs Officer Amy Linehan, and on May 21, attended lobby day for the Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus Council (HFCBC) with Ms. Chan and Director of Maintenance David Harbour. Discussions surrounded the current federal landscape, outlook on transportation funding, and the process to get to the next transportation reauthorization, and heard from federal administration transportation officials and senators. Met with local representations to discuss SamTrans ridership recovery and joined Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) delegation to meet with House Appropriations Committee staff and Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.

On May 30, Caltrain Governance ad hoc committee met to continue discussions on a terms of potential revised Joint Powers Agreement with Caltrain partners. On May 30, Innovative Clean Transit ad hoc committee met to discuss ongoing funding for fuel cell bus purchase and construction of hydrogen fuel station.

7.a. Proclamation for Pride Month

Tasha Bartholomew, Director, Communications, provided the staff presentation including reading several Whereas statements from the proclamation.

Motion/Second: Ratto/Esser

Ayes: Canepa, Esser, Fraser, Powell, Ratto, Speier, Chuang

Noes: None

Absent: Medina, Gee

Public Comment

Aleta Dupree, Team Folds, spoke in support of the Employee Rainbow Group and the Pride Month Proclamation.

8. Report of the General Manager/CEO

8.a. Report of the General Manager/CEO | May 28, 2025

April Chan, General Manager/CEO, stated the report was in the packet and provided the following highlights:

- Clipper 2.0 rollout slated to begin in August with several months of rollout, with the hope that all transit agencies will be fully transitioned by end of calendar year; Clipper 2.0 would allow for open payment system which allows riders to use debit or credit card in addition to the Clipper
- Successful electronic bidding system implemented for bus operations
- New run book comes out June 15 with no school service during summer; Fall run book begins August 3 with resumption of school service
- Summer youth pass with unlimited rides now available
- Upcoming Pride events participation with SamTrans wrapped bus on June 14 at City of San Mateo, June 22 at City of Half Moon Bay, and June 29 at San Francisco

Director Medina arrived at 2:20 pm.

Public Comment

Aleta Dupree, Team Folds, commented on Pride events, Clipper 2, and open payment systems.

8.b. Monthly New Headquarters Construction Status Update

Kris McGee, Managing Principal, Urban Hive Development, and Joshua Mello, Executive Officer of Planning and Development, provided the presentation that included the following:

- Project committed / 7.39 percent complete with expected increases next month
- Active construction site and continued procurement for non-tenant improvements
- Upcoming activities of mechanical, electrical, and plumbing; submittals for product release; verification of furniture, audio/visual, and power
- Mitigate risk register tariff item by releasing materials early

The Board Members had a robust discussion and staff provided further clarification in response to the Board comments and questions, which included the following:

- Currently one retail tenant and landlord actively recruiting to fill available retail spaces
- Occupied and vacant spaces for commercial leases; half of fourth floor available to rent and staff is actively marketing the remaining approximately 25,000-square-foot space
- Explore childcare center in the available retail space; discussions with City of Millbrae but will need to overcome local and state regulations and challenges to put childcare at a location without open space
- Directors requested list of challenges so Directors can explore programs and opportunities available through other agencies to overcome challenges

9. Recess to Committee Meetings

The Board meeting recessed to Committee Meetings at 2:35 pm.

Director Fraser left the meeting at 4:34 pm.

Director Speier left the meeting at 5:15 pm.

10. Reconvene Board of Directors Meeting

Acting Chair Chuang reconvened the Board meeting at 5:19 pm.

11. Matters for Board Consideration: Finance Committee

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

- 11.a. Authorizing Execution of a Reimbursement Agreement for Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board to Pay its Share of Furnishings, Information, Communications and Technology (IT) Infrastructure, and Other Costs of Relocating to the Millbrae Headquarters – Approved by Resolution No. 2025-26**
- 11.b. Adopting Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027 Operating Budgets in the Amounts of \$323,717,266 and \$339,249,367, Respectively, and Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027 Capital Budgets in the Amounts of \$4,698,405 and \$5,704,151, Respectively – Approved by Resolution No. 2025-27**

Motion/Second: Ratto/Canepa

Ayes: Canepa, Esser, Medina, Powell, Ratto, Chuang

Noes: None

Absent: Fraser, Gee, Speier

12. Matters for Board Consideration: Legislative Committee

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

12.a. Receive Legislative Update and Approve Legislative Proposal: Senate Bill 239 (Arreguín), Assembly Bill 259 (Rubio), and Assembly Bill 810 (Irwin)

Motion to approve support of Senate Bill 239 and Assembly Bill 259 with no action taken for Assembly Bill 810/Second: Medina/Chuang

Ayes: Canepa, Esser, Medina, Powell, Ratto, Chuang

Noes: None

Absent: Fraser, Gee, Speier

13. Communications to the Board of Directors – Available online.

14. Board Member Requests/Comments – There were none.

15. Date / Time of Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, July 2, 2025 at 2:00 pm at via Zoom and in person at the San Mateo County Transit District, Bacciocco Auditorium, 2nd Floor, 1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, CA.

16. General Counsel Report

16.a. Closed Session: Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1): Paul Ghenis v. San Mateo County Transit District, et al., Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, Case No. 20-CIV-04138

Joan Cassman, General Counsel, announced Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) settled the labor strike with Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) with additional details forthcoming. The VTA/ATU's negotiated salary increases will not trigger the District's requirement to reopen labor agreement.

Ms. Cassman announced the closed session item and stated any action taken will be reported at the next regular meeting.

The Board adjourned to closed session at 5:23 pm.

17. Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm.

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

**Community Relations Committee Meeting / Committee of the Whole
Minutes of June 4, 2025**

Members Present (In Person): M. Fraser, J. Speier, D. Canepa (Chair)

Other Board Members Present Constituting Committee of the Whole: M. Chuang, B. Esser, R. Medina, J. Powell, P. Ratto

Other Board Members Absent: J. Gee

Staff Present: J. Cassman, A. Chan, K. Christopherson, T. Dubost, L. Lumina-Hsu, M. Tseng, S. van Hoften

9.a.1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Canepa called the meeting to order at 2:35 pm.

9.a.2. Approval of Minutes of the Community Relations Committee Meeting of May 7, 2025

Motion/Second: Ratto/Medina

Ayes: Canepa, Esser, Fraser, Medina, Powell, Ratto, Speier, Chuang

Noes: None

Absent: Gee

9.a.3. Accessible Services Update

Tina Dubost, Manager, Accessible Services, stated June 5 is Senior Day at San Mateo County Fair and mobility ambassadors will be present to promote services and to provide copies of Senior Mobility Guides.

The Committee Members stated the Senior Mobility Guide reception is well received.

9.a.4. Citizens Advisory Committee Update – Deferred.

9.a.5. Paratransit Advisory Council Update

Ben McMullan, PAC Chair, stated approval of one new PAC member, disbanded the Consumer Core group for significantly irrelevant, and plan to tour paratransit vehicles.

Item 9.a.7. was heard prior to Item 9.a.6.

9.a.6. State of Service Report | Quarter 3 Fiscal Year 2025

Kate Christopherson, Acting Manager, Operations and Planning, noted statistics from the second quarter for the fiscal year, which included the following:

- Ridership increased 6.7 percent year-over-year
- On-time performance increased 0.7 percent year-over-year

- First quarter with hydrogen fuel cell buses in service and now incorporated in dashboard

The Committee Members had a robust discussion and staff provided further clarification in response to the Committee's comments and questions, which included the following:

- Operator feedback on safety; maintaining schedule with breaks and meals for operators
- Avoidant collision technology tested by District, not mainstream and part of buses being acquired today

9.a.7. Monthly State of Service Report | April 2025 and Update for March 2025

Ms. Christopherson, provided the presentation, which included the following:

- March 2025 report updated with missing data and first month fully cover pre-pandemic ridership
- April 2025 average weekday ridership increased 7.4 percent and monthly ridership increased 7.2 percent
- Fixed route bus ridership reached 105.4 percent
- RidePlus average weekday ridership increased 33.1 percent
- On-time performance (OTP) systemwide was 83 percent
- 13 preventable accidents with 11 from SamTrans and 2 from contracted services

The Committee Members had a robust discussion and staff provided further clarification in response to the Committee's comments and questions, which included the following:

- Preventable accidents goals; monthly tracking metrics; annual workers compensation costs; District's strict definition of accidents as small collisions, such as bus mirror and object, rather than auto-to-auto
- Contracted services initiated "drive cam" which is a camera system installed on buses to monitor and provide coaching; results show decreased accidents by contractors
- Requested a session to review accidents, tracking, workers compensation costs, and reduction of accidents and workers compensation

9.a.8. Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm.

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San Mateo County Transit District
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Finance Committee Meeting / Committee of the Whole
Minutes of June 4, 2025

Members Present (In Person): D. Canepa, R. Medina, B. Esser (Chair)

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

Other Board Members Absent: J. Gee

Staff Present: J. Cassman, A. Chan, L. Lumina-Hsu, L. Millard-Olmeda, M. Tseng, S. van Hoften

9.b.1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Esser called the meeting to order at 2:50 pm.

9.b.2. Approval of Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of May 7, 2025

Motion/Second: Canepa/Medina

Ayes: Canepa, Esser, Fraser, Medina, Powell, Ratto, Speier, Chuang

Noes: None

Absent: Gee

9.b.3. Authorizing Execution of a Reimbursement Agreement for Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board to Pay its Share of Furnishings, Information, Communications and Technology (IT) Infrastructure, and Other Costs of Relocating to the Millbrae Headquarters

Joan Cassman, Legal Counsel, provided the presentation, which included the following:

- Shared costs not covered by tenant improvement agreement with landlord
- Agreement with Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (JPB) for JPB to cover share of additional items costs related to move and occupation at Millbrae headquarters
- Furniture, fixtures and equipment (FF&E) costs easy to ascertain, but information, communication, and technology (IT) infrastructure costs more difficult
- Agreed upon IT costs based on leased square footage; moving costs based on headcount
- JPB covers actual costs of artwork

The Committee Members had a robust discussion and staff provided further clarification in response to the Committee's comments and questions, which included the following:

- Assuming agreement approved by JPB, execution will ensure SamTrans continues HQ work with no delay to FF&E
- Need better cost driver for IT infrastructure and costs than square footage going forward

Public Comment

Aleta Dupree, Team Folds, commented on allocation of costs and reimbursements of costs, use of public funds, and spoke in support of approving this item.

Motion/Second: Medina/Ratto

Ayes: Canepa, Esser, Fraser, Medina, Powell, Ratto, Speier, Chuang

Noes: None

Absent: Gee

9.b.4. Adopting Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027 Operating Budgets in the Amounts of \$323,717,266 and \$339,249,367, Respectively, and Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027 Capital Budgets in the Amounts of \$4,698,405 and \$5,704,151, Respectively

Ladi Millard-Olmeda, Director, Budget and Financial Analysis, provided the presentation, which included the following:

- Proposed budget incorporated Board feedback from May meeting: reduced reliance on prior years' surpluses, developed contingency plan for potential loss of federal the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) funds
- Fiscal Year (FY) 2026/FY27 used reduction efforts reduced FY26 proposed budget to \$329.2 million and FY27 proposed reduced to \$343.3 million
- Combined impact of cost reduction efforts and finalization of shuttle programs led to project FY26 surplus of \$4.9 million and FY27 deficit of \$4.4 million
- Strategic initiatives to be explored in FY26 and FY27

Motion/Second: Chuang/Ratto

Ayes: Canepa, Esser, Fraser, Medina, Powell, Ratto, Speier, Chuang

Noes: None

Absent: Gee

9.b.5. Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 3:08 pm.

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San Mateo County Transit District
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Strategic Planning, Development, and Sustainability Committee Meeting /
Committee of the Whole
Minutes of June 4, 2025

Members Present (In Person): M. Chuang, P. Ratto, R. Medina (Chair)

Other Board Members Present Constituting Committee of the Whole: D. Canepa, B. Esser, M. Fraser, J. Powell, J. Speier

Other Board Members Absent: J. Gee

Staff Present: B. Baney, J. Cassman, A. Chan, L. Lumina-Hsu, C. Schultz, M. Tolleson, M. Tseng, S. van Hoften

9.d.1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Medina called the meeting to order at 3:09 pm.

9.d.2. Approval of Minutes of the Strategic Planning, Development, and Sustainability Committee Meeting of April 2, 2025

Motion/Second: Esser/Canepa

Ayes: Canepa, Esser, Fraser, Medina, Powell, Ratto, Speier, Chuang

Noes: None

Absent: Gee

9.d.3. Draft Fiscal Years 2026-2029 Capital Improvement Program and 10-Year Capital Program for Fiscal Years 2026-2035

Chelsea Schultz, Manager, Strategic Planning, provided the presentation, which included the following:

- Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) - long-term planning tool informs budget process
- CIP projects ranked, prioritized, and grouped into six programmatic categories: transitioning to zero emissions fleet, enhancing service, maintaining state of good repair (SOG), investing in our organization, improving customer experience, and striving for innovation
- Incorporated Board feedback includes:
 - \$40 million in Measure W unallocated funds set aside to establish capital reserve fund by reducing funds from zero emission buses (ZEB) programmatic category and funding during FY30-FY35 which will need to be addressed
 - SOGR remains top priority in CIP
- Projected funding sources and allocation of bond financing, formula funds, discretionary funds, unallocated district balances
- FY26-29 constrained CIP highlights of zero emission fleet replacement, fueling and charging infrastructures, operator restrooms, cybersecurity program, safety management system, Dumbarton Busway, artificial intelligence
- Remaining unfunded needs and supporting zero emissions fleet transition

The Committee Members had a robust discussion and staff provided further clarification in response to the Committee's comments and questions, which included the following:

- Building's current state and determine how best for the District to maintain at a level desirable by the District
- Current plans and spending, plan for 5 years, how to reach goals, and costs for the District to reach goals
- Process for continuous projects prioritization, biannual review, grant funding opportunities
- Reserves and future funding challenges; use of reserves to supplement periodically or overall for all projects
- FY31 higher funding needs compared to other fiscal years; big ticket items include fleet replacement, sea level rise mitigation construction costs, and Dumbarton project construction costs; staff pursuing external funding
- Remaining 55 buses for fleet transition; will need to define technology for the 55 buses and support needed for those buses at the bases
- Consideration of recent federal administration factors into CIP
- SOGR prioritization: limited funding will be available for those priority projects
- New headquarters included in FY25 capital budget; decommission current headquarters include building maintenance and exploring options that include developing location, partnership with City, retain property and ground lease with developer

Public Comment

Aleta Dupree, Team Folds, spoke in support of zero emissions transition, and commented on buildings age and infrastructure.

9.d.4. North Base Sea Level Rise Protection Project Update

Millie Tolleson, Director, Planning, and Bo Baney, Planning Administrator, provided the presentation, which included the following:

- Examined alternatives for feasibility: shoreline protection program and perimeter protection to North Base
- Perimeter protection alternatives met seven of nine evaluation criteria and findings, and regional barrier alternative met two to three of the nine criteria
- Both alternatives deemed to be feasible
- Perimeter protection was a better alternative for six criteria while regional barrier was a better alternative for two criteria

The Committee Members had a robust discussion and staff provided further clarification in response to the Committee's comments and questions, which included the following:

- Infrastructures tie-ins and continue work with regional partners; will tie into San Francisco International Airport (SFO) sea wall at entrance way
- Cost sharing opportunities
- Begin negotiations with county to expand safe harbor and ask county to participate in alternatives

- Design in phases for protection and setting priorities within the project
- Discussions with San Mateo County Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency District (OneShoreline); flood gate improvements; addressing vulnerabilities and phases to develop protections
- Work currently underway to address vulnerability of the causeway
- Staff working on phase approach and priorities while designing permanent solutions
- Ongoing conversations with partners to look for opportunities for regional protections

9.d.5. Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 4:01 pm.

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San Mateo County Transit District
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Legislative Committee Meeting / Committee of the Whole
Minutes of June 4, 2025

Members Present (In Person): P. Ratto, J. Speier, J. Powell (Chair)

Other Board Members Present Constituting Committee of the Whole: D. Canepa, M. Chuang, B. Esser, M. Fraser, R. Medina

Other Board Members Absent: J. Gee

Staff Present: J. Cassman, A. Chan, J. Epstein, L. Lumina-Hsu, M. Tseng, S. van Hoften

9.c.1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Powell called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm.

9.c.2. Approval of Minutes of the Legislative Committee Meeting of May 7, 2025

Motion/Second: Medina/Esser

Ayes: Canepa, Esser, Fraser, Medina, Powell, Ratto, Speier, Chuang

Noes: None

Absent: Gee

9.c.3. Receive Legislative Update and Approve Legislative Proposal: Senate Bill 239 (Arreguín), Assembly Bill 259 (Rubio), and Assembly Bill 810 (Irwin)

Jessica Epstein, Director, Government and Community Affairs, provided the presentation, which included the following:

Federal

- May 22 Budget Bill reconciliation package passed House of Representatives and moves to Senate; cut taxes, increase military spending; cuts to Medicaid, Department of Health, Center for Disease Control, Department of Education
- Individual appropriation spending bills mark up period with goal to get through all 12 by end of July

State:

- Governor's May revise was released; \$12 billion deficit in 2025-2026
- Spending reductions, delays in funding shifts, withdrawal of state rainy day fund
- \$1.5 billion funding for California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE); up to \$700 million in cuts to public transit funding in 2025-2026 and additional cuts in future years
- Programs historically relied upon under consideration to be cut
- Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP) cuts lead to District losing \$2.5 million and Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (JPB) losing \$13 million
- \$2 billion funding request for transportation has been pushed, not in Governor's May revise

- Increase in funding for California High Speed Rail and more discussion to advocate for potential additional funds
- Assembly Bill (AB) 810, conversion to .gov, no longer an active bill; withdraw recommendation on a position
- Senate Bill (SB) 239, teleconference for advisory bodies to utilize remote participation without posting home address or making space available to the public, does not require a quorum
- AB 259 extension of sunset for AB 2449 to January 1, 2030

Motion to approve support of SB 239 and AB 259 with no action taken for AB 810
/Second: Chuang/Esser

Ayes: Canepa, Esser, Fraser, Medina, Powell, Ratto, Speier, Chuang

Noes: None

Absent: Gee

Public Comment

Allison Chang, San Carlos, spoke in support of SB 63.

Dr. Raiyan Seed commented on public transit systems in Bay Area and spoke in support of SB 63.

Ms. Epstein, Director continued the presentation with regional transit updates which included the following:

- SB 63 timeline: June 9 to July 18 heard in policy committees with August 11 deadline to opt in
- Key decisions for San Mateo County (SMC) to opt-in or not and to fund one or more transit agencies or programs and the funding level
- District is partner in Caltrain and have an obligation to fund Caltrain
- Ballot measure options for new regional measure and Measure A; funding levels for Caltrain obligation, SMC Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) contribution, Transit Transformation, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), and SamTrans
- SB 63 would raise some cities' tax rates to over 10 percent
- Current polling on transportation support, sales tax sensitivity, local versus regional decision making
- Third party review of BART, Caltrain, San Francisco Municipal Railway (Muni), Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District (AC Transit), and Golden Gate Transit (GGT) study results:
 - Labor drives expenses for all agencies
 - Annual shortfalls and cumulative deficits for BART, Caltrain, AC Transit, GGT, and SFMTA
 - Wage and labor levels steady; increased expenses; decrease in ridership levels; and decrease in state and federal funding

- Governance under discussion defining taxing “district”, tax implementation, funding allocation, and oversight
- Municipal Transportation Commission (MTC) Transit Transformation and Administration proposal to lead program and how to spend funds
- Accountability measure for independent third-party review, operators develop and report on improvement implementation plan, select committee establishment who review and approve the third-party review, and funds withholding for failure to comply with Regional Network Management (RNM) requirements
- Accountability does not include clear consequences for failure to comply or guarantee representatives from counties providing funding on select committee

Director Fraser left the meeting at 4:34 pm.

The Committee Members had a robust discussion and staff provided further clarification in response to the Committee’s comments and questions, which included the following:

- Changes from sales tax to gross receipt discussion; gross receipt tax was not polled as not previously considered
- Sales tax or gross receipt tax do not pass the 2/3 threshold and will need a Citizens’ Initiative
- Citizens’ Initiative cannot exceed taxing authority; exceeding taxing authority will need an enabling legislation by the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA) Advocate funding to go back to operators rather than through proposed taxing district
- Funding through reauthorization of Measure A as another option for San Mateo, but would likely decrease the amount of available for capital projects
- Caltrain electrification investment and meeting funding obligations
- San Francisco International Airport (SFO) tax receipt contribution to San Mateo County
- Transit operators requirement to increase ridership, fare box, and funding
- BART service in San Mateo County (SMC), ridership patterns, SamTrans vehicle miles travelled (VMT) in San Francisco County, and Muni VMT in SMC
- Regional funding only available for SMC if SMC participates and funding is available for both Caltrain and BART
- Santa Clara County actively looking to participate in the measure for Caltrain and Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) funding
- Contribution by each county for BART; set amount or adjusted based on factors is up for negotiations; guarantees in exchange for additional funds, such as board seats or service levels, will be included in the amendment
- Concerns on accountability, ridership improvements, servicing communities

Director Speier left the meeting at 5:15 pm.

Public Comment

Adina Levin, Seamless Bay Area, commented on BART and Caltrain service in SMC, coordinated public transit system, Transit Transformation, wayfinding, and spoke in support for a regional funding measure.

Aleta Dupree, Team Folds, commented on BART service; riders in, out, and within SMC; and consideration of connections between SamTrans and other public transit agencies.

9.c.4. Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 5:19 pm.

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