

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

**Board of Directors
Minutes of July 2, 2025**

Members Present: D. Canepa, B. Esser, M. Fraser, R. Medina, J. Powell, P. Ratto,
M. Chuang (Vice Chair), J. Gee (Chair - arrived at 3:58 pm)

Members Present via Teleconference: J. Speier (arrived at 2:05 pm)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: E. Bit, M. Bouchard, J. Cassman, A. Chan, T. Dubost, J. Epstein,
C. Espiritu, Z. Fan, C. Fromson, L. Lumina-Hsu, B. McMullan, D. Olmeda,
M. Rush, H. Salem, D. Santoro, C. Schultz, M. Tolleson, N. Tolmie,
M. Tseng, S. van Hoften, K. Yin

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Acting Chair Marie Chuang called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

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

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

4. Adoption of Agenda

Joan Cassman, General Counsel, stated the changes from the usual order of business are reflected on the agenda included the following:

- Report of the General Counsel and Closed Session moved to the beginning of the meeting
- Committees reordered to hear Strategic Planning, Development, and Sustainability Committees and then Legislative Committee
- Report of the Chair moved to after the Committees

Motion/Second: Esser/Medina

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

Noes: None

Absent: Speier, Gee

5. Report of the General Counsel

5.a. Report Out from Closed Session at June 4, 2025 Board Meeting

5.a.1. 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

Ms. Cassman stated no reportable action was taken.

5.b. Recess to Closed Session

5.b.1. Closed Session: Conference with Legal Counsel - Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(4): 1 case

The Board adjourned to closed session at 2:05 pm.

Director Speier arrived at 2:05 pm.

6. Reconvene Regular Session

The Board reconvened to regular session at 2:59 pm.

7. Report of the General Counsel - Report Out from Above Closed Session (Verbal)

Ms. Cassman stated no reportable action was taken.

8. Consent Calendar

8.a. Approval of Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of June 4, 2025

8.b. Accept Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the Period Ending May 31, 2025

8.c. Adopting an Updated Safety-Sensitive Policy Concerning Substance Abuse –

Approved by Resolution No. 2025-28

8.d. Authorizing an Amendment to a Contract with Vintage Elevator Services, Inc. to Provide Elevator Test, Inspection and Maintenance Services to Increase the Total Not-to-Exceed Amount by \$250,000 and Extend the Term for Two Years –

Approved by Resolution No. 2025-29

8.e. Authorizing Exercise of an Option to Extend the Term of Agreement with the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office for Law Enforcement Services for Five Years at an Estimated Cost of \$11,585,704 – Approved by Resolution No. 2025-30

Motion/Second: Medina/Ratto

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

Noes: None

Absent: Gee

9. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

Sandra Lang, Paratransit Coordinating Council, spoke in support of Senate Bill (SB) 63 and commented on the need for public transportation in vulnerable communities, and on the work and transit services of the San Mateo County Transit District.

Ray Fields, Service Employees International Union 1021 (SEIU) Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) chapter Vice President and Bay Area Forward member, spoke in support of SB 63 and a business gross receipts tax.

Adina Levin, Seamless Bay Area, commented on wayfinding signs and programs that increase transit ridership.

Ren Fitzgerald, San Mateo County, commented on Bay Pass program.

10. Report of the General Manager/CEO

10.a. Report of the General Manager/CEO | June 25, 2025

April Chan, General Manager/CEO, reported SamTrans participation in three local Pride events with over 30 staff in attendance.

10.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:

- New wall framing completed; mechanical, electrical, and plumbing work currently in progress; construction submittals processed; furniture, audio/visual, and power dimensions being verified
- Reviewed risk register items and mitigation efforts
- Non-tenant improvement general construction, also known as Day 2, anticipated to go to Board for approval in August 2025

11. Recess to Committee Meetings

The Board meeting recessed to Committee Meetings at 3:18 pm.

Chair Gee joined the meeting at 3:58 pm.

The Board of Directors recessed at 4:06 pm.

The Board of Directors reconvened at 4:16 pm.

12. Reconvene Board of Directors Meeting

Chair Gee reconvened the Board meeting at 7:43 pm.

13. Report of the Chair

13.a. Convening Human Resources Ad Hoc Committee to Oversee Performance Evaluations of General Manager/Chief Executive Officer and General Counsel and Seeking Board's Delegation of Authority to Engage Evaluation Process Facilitator

Human Resources (HR) Ad Hoc Committee will meet on July 8. Anticipates completion performance evaluation review for both GM/CEO and General Counsel by November 1, 2025.

Motion/Second: Powell/Medina

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

14. Matters for Board Consideration: Community Relations Committee

Director Canepa led the Board in voting on the following item:

14.a. Approve Appointment of James Ganner, Representing Bus Riders, to the Citizens Advisory Committee

Motion/Second: Ratto/Esser

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

15. Matters for Board Consideration: Finance Committee

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

15.a. Approving and Ratifying the Insurance Program for Fiscal Year 2026– *Approved by Resolution No. 2025-31*

Motion/Second: Medina/Chuang

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

15.b. Awarding Contracts to Trillium USA Company, LLC for (1) Design, Construction, and Commissioning of a Permanent Hydrogen Fueling Station for a Total Amount of \$17,365,635.39, and (2) Maintenance Services for a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$1,696,358.16 for a Three-Year Base Term and Two One-Year Option Terms for an Additional Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$1,277,704.08— Approved by Resolution No. 2025-32

Motion/Second: Medina/Chuang

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

16. Matters for Board Consideration: Strategic Planning, Development, and Sustainability Committee

Director Medina led the Board in voting on the following item:

16.a. Adopting the San Mateo County Transit District Fiscal Years 2026-2029 Capital Improvement Plan and Fiscal Years 2026-2035 10-Year Capital Program – Approved by Resolution No. 2025-33

Motion/Second: Ratto/Chuang

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

17. Matters for Board Consideration: Legislative Committee

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

17.a. Receive Legislative Update and Approve Legislative Proposal: Assembly Bill 476 (González)

Motion/Second: Esser/Medina

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

17.b. Receive Senate Bill 63 Update: Term Sheet Proposal on Caltrain Member Agencies Contributions - Discussion and Direction

Motion/Second: Esser/Medina

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

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

19. Board Member Requests/Comments – Director Esser requested to adjourn the meeting in memory of Helen Tang Gee.

20. Date / Time of Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, August 6, 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.

21. Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm in memory of Helen Tang Gee.

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 650-551-6108 or by email to board@samtrans.com.

**San Mateo County Transit District
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**Community Relations Committee Meeting / Committee of the Whole
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Members Present (In Person): M. Fraser, D. Canepa (Chair)

Members Present (Via Teleconference): J. Speier

Members Absent: None

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: E. Bit, J. Cassman, A. Chan, T. Dubost, L. Lumina-Hsu, B. McMullan, M. Tolleson, M. Tseng

11.a.1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Canepa called the meeting to order at 3:19 pm.

11.a.2. Approval of Minutes of the Community Relations Committee Meeting of June 4, 2025

Motion/Second: Chuang/Esser

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

Noes: None

Absent: Gee

11.a.3. Approve Appointment of James Ganner, Representing Bus Riders, to the Citizens Advisory Committee

Committee Chair Canepa stated the CAC Nominating Committee recommended James Ganner for appointment to the CAC.

Motion/Second: Medina/Speier

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

Noes: None

Absent: Gee

Public Comment

James Ganner commented on providing a youth rider and micro-mobility user perspective to the CAC if appointed.

11.a.4. Accessible Services Update

Tina Dubost, Manager, Accessible Services, shared an update on community and paratransit eligibility outreach efforts and stated July is Disability Pride Month.

11.a.5. Citizens Advisory Committee Update - Deferred.

11.a.6. Paratransit Advisory Council Update

Ben McMullan, PAC Chair, stated that elections were held last month, with Ben McMullan re-appointed to Chair and Sandra Lang appointed to Vice Chair. PAC retreat to take place in October.

11.a.7. Monthly State of Service Report | May 2025

Millie Tolleson, Director, Planning, provided the presentation, which included the following:

- Average weekday ridership 4.4 percent increase for all SamTrans modes
- Ridership recovery exceeded 100 percent of pre-pandemic ridership
- RidePlus weekday ridership increased 38.6 percent
- On-time systemwide performance 81.8 percent
- Service calls and preventable accidents were above goal of one or fewer calls per 25,000 miles
- Seven scheduled buses did not operate (DNO)

11.a.8. Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 3:25 pm.

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**Finance Committee Meeting / Committee of the Whole
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Members Present (In Person): D. Canepa, R. Medina, B. Esser (Chair)

Members Absent: None

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

Other Board Members Present Constituting Committee of the Whole (Via Teleconference): J. Speier

Other Board Members Absent: J. Gee

Staff Present: E. Bit, J. Cassman, A. Chan, Z. Fan, L. Lumina-Hsu, D. Olmeda, M. Rush, H. Salem, M. Tseng, K. Yin

11.b.1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Esser called the meeting to order at 3:26 pm.

11.b.2. Approval of Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of June 4, 2025

Motion/Second: Powell/Medina

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

Noes: None

Absent: Gee

11.b.3. Approving and Ratifying the Insurance Program for Fiscal Year 2026

Marshall Rush, Insurance and Claims Administrator, provided the presentation, which included the following:

- Anticipated increase in premiums due to the challenging insurance market; increased electric and hydrogen fuel cell bus values, flood insurance limits, expanded flood sublimit, bus physical damage premiums; decrease in cyber liability premiums; and inclusion of workers' compensation now directly budgeted rather than through Third Party Administrator (TPA) contract
- Maintenance of favorable risk profile, allowing preservation of low self-insurance retention (SIR) and more control over premium costs

Motion/Second: Ratto/Chuang

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

Noes: None

Absent: Gee

11.b.4. Awarding Contracts to Trillium USA Company, LLC for (1) Design, Construction, and Commissioning of a Permanent Hydrogen Fueling Station for a Total Amount of \$17,365,635.39, and (2) Maintenance Services for a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$1,696,358.16 for a Three-Year Base Term and Two One-Year Option Terms for an Additional Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$1,277,704.08

Kevin Yin, Director, Contracts and Procurement, and Zhiming Fan, Director, Bus Fleet/Facilities, provided the presentation, which included the following:

- Permanent hydrogen fueling station can fuel existing fuel cell electric buses (FCEB); scalable up to 50 buses; 108 additional FCEBs on order
- Two-step solicitation process of Request for Qualifications (RFQu) and then Request for Proposals (RFP) to the pre-qualified firms

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

- Funding source and reimbursements; District funds the project and reimbursed through Alliance for Renewable Clean Hydrogen Energy Systems (ARCHES). Letter of no prejudice (LONP) in place allowing for pre-award spending authority
- Contract flexibility to mitigate funding disruptions or unforeseen issues
- SamTrans' zero emissions goal and long-term fleet modernization efforts alignment

Public Comment

Geoff Smith, San Carlos, commented on hydrogen fuel sources, hydrogen bus maintenance and efficiency.

Adrian Brandt commented on hydrogen fuel sources, energy loss, and environmental impacts.

Roland commented on natural hydrogen use over hydrogen production.

Motion/Second: Fraser/Powell

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

Noes: None

Absent: Gee

11.b.5. Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.

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**Legislative Committee Meeting / Committee of the Whole
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Members Present (In Person): P. Ratto, J. Powell (Chair)

Members Present (Via Teleconference): J. Speier

Members Absent: None

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

Other Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: E. Bit, M. Bouchard, J. Cassman, A. Chan, J. Epstein, C. Fromson, L. Lumina-Hsu, D. Olmeda, M. Tseng

11.d.1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Powell called the meeting to order at 4:17 pm.

11.d.2. Approval of Minutes of the Legislative Committee Meeting of June 4, 2025

Motion/Second: Esser/Medina

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

11.d.3. Receive Legislative Update and Approve Legislative Proposal: Assembly Bill 476 (González)

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

Federal

- Senate and House passed the One Big Beautiful Bill (OBBB)
- House continuation with the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development (T-HUD) spending bill, subcommittee markup scheduled for July 14 and full committee review scheduled for July 17

State

- Significant budget deficit; affects programs funded through cap-and-trade auction revenues in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund

- Key transit programs under pressure include the Reconnecting Communities/Highways to Boulevards Pilot Program, Zero-Emission Transit Capital Program, and Senate Bill (SB) 125 Competitive Funds
- Advocacy from SamTrans and other agencies in coordination with the California Transit Association (CTA) - agreement to restore budget for greenhouse gas reduction funds and establish a \$750 million in emergency loan capacity for select Bay Area transit agencies
- Assembly Bill (AB) 476 - addresses the growing problem of metal and copper wire theft from public infrastructure, requires junk dealers and recyclers to maintain more detailed transaction records and provide records to law enforcement

Motion/Second: Ratto/Esser

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

11.d.4. Receive Senate Bill 63 Update

a. San Mateo County Polling Updates

Ms. Epstein and Sarah LaBatt, Senior Principal, EMC Research, provided the presentation, which included the following:

- 2,400 countywide interviews conducted
- 80 percent of participants reported using public transit with 27 percent using public transportation at least once a month
- 60 percent of voters supported a regional tax increase for local or regional transportation investments
- Two-thirds of voters supported the extension of Measure A without increasing the rate
- Over half of voters value high-quality roads and transit services at the expense of increasing taxes. Significant interest in enhanced transit connectivity across the region, road maintenance and pothole repairs, congestion relief
- Voters displayed indifference to the increases presented even if increased tax rates totaled at or above 10 percent
- Coastsiders expressed slight concern around cost and tax burden; sentiment remained directionally supportive

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

- Results suggested voters' support of transportation investments, if benefits are clear and tangible
- Favored extension of existing tax, significant drop-in support for slight tax increase; balancing ballot against tax threshold elasticity

- Support for Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART), as voters see transit as broader regional network rather than individual agencies
- Proportionality of surveyed sample based on geography and representation
- Cohesiveness of San Mateo County (SMC) residents' opinions; coastsiders showed slightly less support for increased taxes but not substantial difference from rest of SMC
- Influence from economic and political development on public

b. Presentations From Transit Agencies Seeking Senate Bill 63 Funding Regarding Their Fiscal Conditions

Michelle Bouchard, Executive Director and Casey Fromson, Chief of Staff, provided the presentation, which included the following:

- Currently 30 percent of operating deficit from fares covered, 10 Year Strategic Plan projects \$75 million annual operating deficit unaccounted
- Ridership growth strategies: expansion of fare programs, regional coordination, customer experience, compensation for electrification
- One-time funding expected to run out FY27
- If regional measure fails, need to pursue new funding, aggressive cost reduction, service cuts, reduction in force

Julie Kirschbaum, Director of Transportation, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), provided the presentation that included the following:

- 500,000 daily Muni trips, account for 50 percent of all Bay Area ridership
- Declining Muni funding sources; currently using federal and state emergency funding
- Implemented cost control strategies: over \$100 million reduction in staffing costs with minimal layoffs, conversion to self-pay garages, fare and parking price increases (to help bridge \$322 million budget gap), investments in cleanliness and reliability (70 percent decrease in subway breakdowns), increased fare inspection, anticipated Clipper 2 adoption
- Projected deficit \$322 million in FY26-27, growing with inflation
- 11 Muni routes in SMC, 10 percent of SMC transit boardings

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

- Five SamTrans routes to San Francisco primarily caters to SMC residents commuting to and from work
- Approximately 3 percent of Muni riders from SMC, per Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) study
- Prioritization and fund reallocation through Caltrain internal cuts to manage funding shortfalls

c. Term Sheet Proposal on Caltrain Member Agencies Contributions - Discussion and Direction

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

- Term Sheet Proposal from Joint Powers Board (JPB) Ad Hoc Committee on Caltrain Member Agency contributions, outlining the shared responsibility by the three Caltrain counties (San Mateo County, County of San Francisco, and Santa Clara County) for covering Caltrain's deficit
- Cost sharing distributed to the three member agencies using all day boarding formula
- Each county given Measure RR credit
- Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) responsible for 100 percent of fully allocated Gilroy costs
- Ad Hoc Committee proposed alternative anchored to the status quo:
 - Deficits for Caltrain calculated by applying Measure RR funds first. Measure RR funds were approved as a systemwide funding source
 - Cost of Gilroy funded as a systemwide costs
 - Deficit distributed to three counties by all-day formula
- SamTrans drafted response: reserving all prior negotiating term positions of Joint Powers Authority (JPA), deficit shared with member agencies after Measure RR funds calculated

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

- Measure RR funding allocations
- Approval of term sheet by five Board members before considering adoption; minimum one Board member per county
- Proposal timeline

Motion/Second: Speier/Medina

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Public Comment

Anthony spoke in support of a regional measure and continued negotiations.

Adrian Brandt commented on The Portal as project separate from core system and diesel service part of core system to be VTA responsibility.

Adina Levin, Seamless Bay Area and Friends of Caltrain, spoke in support of SamTrans and JPB reaching an agreement, and impact on local funding.

Roland commented on service to Gilroy, Union Pacific Railroad rail ownership, and Measure RR.

d. Senate Bill 63 Opt In Decision - Discussion

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

- SB 63 reviewed by Assembly Transportation Committee on July 7; reviewed by Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee on July 14
- Opt-in at 1/4 or 1/2 cent amount, which agencies to fund and at what level
- If SamTrans opts-out, then it will need to develop new plan for how SamTrans will fund Caltrain's \$32 million annual operating deficit for FY27-FY34 and beyond
 - Pros: Fastest emergency funds, protects Measure A, likely voter approval, preserve neighboring agencies
 - Cons: Raises tax rates in 2026, SMC cities may have sales tax over 10 percent
- 1/4 cent tax generates \$60 million
 - Pros: additional revenue, limit tax burden, cover Caltrain deficit
 - Cons: nine cities tax rates over 10 percent, no transit transformation fund, no return to source for SamTrans, limited BART and Muni support
- 1/2 cent tax generates \$120 million
 - Pros: independently fund Caltrain deficit, flexible return to source funds to District, contributions to BART and Muni protecting service reduction into SMC, best protects Measure A
 - Cons: limits local tax measure appetite, eleven cities tax rate over 10 percent, overreliance potential on 10 to 15 year measure
- SMC funding ranges: Caltrain \$32 million, BART \$25-32 million, Muni \$5-10 million, MTC \$9 million
- SMC rider transit system usage: SamTrans 10 million+, BART 3 million+, Caltrain 2.3 million, Muni 2.2 million
- Muni provides nine routes into SMC to/from Daly City
- Decisions made: July 30 City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG) Board of Directors (BOD) Special Meeting and TA BOD Special Meeting, August 6 SamTrans BOD Meeting

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

- Other counties' contributions, for similar agencies, dependent on service and ridership
- Impact of sales tax on lower socioeconomic status communities, comparison of impact of gross receipts tax affecting 2.5 percent of Bay Area businesses
- Risk of commitment of funds to agencies with no board representation in return
- Risk of delay in attempt to change the tax associated with SB 63 from sales tax to gross receipts tax

- Necessity of final board decision to meet three elements: measure passing, filling the deficit, minimal litigation risk
- Accountability metrics that ensure funded services are maintained
- Polling results show development of more support for BART and regional transit oversight over time

Public Comment

Allison Chang, San Carlos, spoke in support of a regional funding measure and the Central El Camino section of the Grand Boulevard Initiative.

Marc Slakey, Redwood City, spoke against sales tax approach for regional funding measure, in support of a gross receipt tax.

Drew Lobo, Redwood City, spoke in support of opt-in into SB 63 and a gross receipt tax approach.

Richard Sutton, San Mateo, commented on vehicular traffic congestion and in support of SB 63.

Cyrus Hall, San Francisco, spoke in support of opt-in into SB 63 and a gross receipt tax approach.

Sebastian Petty, San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association (SPUR), San Francisco, spoke in support of SB 63 at a 1/2 cent rate.

Mike Swire, 350 Silicon Valley, San Mateo, commented on community event in support of SB 63 at a 1/2 cent rate.

Phoebe Venkat, Foster City, spoke in support of SB 63 and value of public transit availability for mental health, equity and accessibility.

Bryan Culbertson, Oakland, spoke in support of a regional transit measure and Bay Pass.

Adina Levin spoke in support of opt-in into SB 63 at 1/2 cent sales tax level.

Jenny Michel, Menlo Park, spoke in support of opt-in into SB 63 at 1/2 cent sales tax or a gross receipt tax approach, commented on importance of regional transportation in personal life.

Ryan Williams, Bay Area Forward campaign director, spoke in support of a gross receipt tax approach.

Roland spoke in support of SB 63.

Geronimo Silva, SEIU BART Chief Steward, spoke in support of opt-in into SB 63 with a gross receipt tax approach.

Karen Grove, Menlo Park, spoke in support of SB 63; coordination of fares and schedules; a gross receipt tax approach.

Don Cecil, San Mateo County Economic Development Association (SAMCEDA), commented on SB 63 and regional transportation.

Adrian Brandt commented on a gross receipt tax approach and funding Caltrain, spoke in support of opt-in into SB 63 at 1/2 cent sales tax.

Becca Wilson, Pacifica, spoke on value of Muni in personal life in support of SB 63 with gross receipts tax.

Anthony commented on regional transit funding measure and spoke in support of opt-in into SB 63 at 1/2 sales tax or a gross receipt tax.

Elinor Westfold commented on importance of regional, affordable transportation in support of SB 63 at 1/2 sales tax or gross receipt tax, using revenue for interagency efforts.

Ren Fitzgerald commented on SamTrans deficit and spoke in support of opt-in into SB 63 at 1/2 cent sales tax or gross receipts tax.

Krysta Waldrop, Foster City, spoke in support of SB 63 and value of regional transportation on community and environment.

11.d.5. Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

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**Strategic Planning, Development, and Sustainability Committee Meeting /
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Members Present (In Person): M. Chuang, P. Ratto, R. Medina (Chair)

Members Absent: None

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

Other Board Members Present Constituting Committee of the Whole (Via Teleconference): J. Speier

Other Board Members Absent: J. Gee

Staff Present: E. Bit, J. Cassman, A. Chan, C. Espiritu, L. Lumina-Hsu, D. Olmeda, C. Schultz, M. Tolleson, N. Tolmie, M. Tseng

11.c.1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Medina called the meeting to order at 3:45 pm.

11.c.2. Approval of Minutes of the Strategic Planning, Development, and Sustainability Committee Meeting of June 4, 2025

Motion/Second: Esser/Powell

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

Noes: None

Absent: Gee

11.c.3. Adopting the San Mateo County Transit District Fiscal Years 2026-2029 Capital Improvement Plan and Fiscal Years 2026-2035 10-Year Capital Program

Millie Tolleson, Director, Planning, and Chelsea Schultz, Principal Planner, provided the presentation, which included the following:

- Top investment interests: zero emission fleet transition, State of Good Repair (SOGR) projects (fleet replacement, maintenance facility upgrades), customer experience enhancements (bus stop improvements), and service expansion projects (Dumbarton Busway)
- New Capital Reserve Policy and Fund will be developed to support future project delivery and financial planning

Motion/Second: Chuang/Ratto

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

Noes: None

Absent: Gee

11.c.4. Introduction to the Bus Stop Improvement Project Amenity Design Refresh Project

Christopher Espiritu, Principal Planner, and Nicholette Tolmie, Planning Analyst III, provided the presentation, which included the following:

- Bus stop amenities modernization and standardization to improve rider experience, safety, accessibility, maintenance, branding, material consistency, enhanced visibility
- Upcoming continued stakeholder engagement and finalization of amenity concepts

Board Chair Gee joined the meeting at 3:58 pm.

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

Importance of uniformity across jurisdictions, efficiency in implementation, and prioritizing high traffic or underserved stops in the initial phases of roll out.

Public Comment

Roland commented on prioritizing rider safety at bus shelter and inclusion of mobility hubs.

11.c.5. Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 4:06 pm.

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