

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

**Board of Directors
Minutes of August 6, 2025**

Members Present: D. Canepa, B. Esser, M. Fraser, R. Medina, J. Powell, P. Ratto, J. Speier (arrived 2:08), M. Chuang (Vice Chair), J. Gee (Chair)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: J. Cassman, A. Chan, D. Covarrubias, T. Dubost, J. Epstein, Z. Fan, L. Lumina-Hsu, J. Mello, D. Olmeda, D. Santoro, M. Tolleson, M. Tseng, M. Wozniak, K. Yin

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Jeff Gee called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm and Vice Chair Chuang 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:

- Move Item 16 to after Item 4
- Move Legislative and SPDS

Motion/Second: Medina/Ratto

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

Noes: None

Absent: Speier

Item 16 was heard prior to Item 5.

5. Consent Calendar

- 5.a. **Approval of Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of July 2, 2025**
- 5.b. **Accept Information on Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the Period Ending June 30, 2025**
- 5.c. **Accept Quarterly Investment Report**
- 5.d. **Accept Contracts and Procurement Quarterly Report of Technology Purchases for Fourth Quarter of Fiscal Year 2025**
- 5.e. **Receive Additional Survey Data and Analysis from 2024 Triennial Customer Survey**
- 5.f. **Awarding Contracts to Corey, Canapary & Galanis and EMC Research, Inc. for On-Call Market Research and Survey Services for an Aggregate Not-To-Exceed Amount of \$2.1 Million for a Three-Year Base Term, with up to Two Additional One-Year Option Terms**
- 5.g. **Updating the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan – *Approved by Resolution No. 2025-34***
- 5.h. **Authorizing Submittal of Three Applications for San Mateo County Transportation Authority Cycle 3 Measure A Alternative Congestion Relief and Measure W Transportation Demand Management Program Funding – *Approved by Resolution No. 2025-35***

Director Speier pulled Item 5.f. for discussion.

Motion for Item 5.a. to 5.e. and 5.g. to 5.h./Second: Canepa/Chuang

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

- 5.f. **Awarding Contracts to Corey, Canapary & Galanis and EMC Research, Inc. for On-Call Market Research and Survey Services for an Aggregate Not-To-Exceed Amount of \$2.1 Million for a Three-Year Base Term, with up to Two Additional One-Year Option Terms**

Ms. Chan clarified the \$2.1 million of the 3-year contract and funds previously approved through annual budget. Julian Jest, Manager, Market Research and Development reported:

- Three key ways used research to support SamTrans
- Provide survey data at beginning of marketing campaigns

The Board Members had a robust discussion and staff provided further clarification in response to the Board comments and questions about tasks and costs in previous three years.

Motion to continue Item 5.f. to the September 3, 2025 Board of Directors meeting/Second: Powell/Medina

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Public Comment

Jerry Brozell, San Mateo, commented on On-Call Market Research and Survey Services contracts.

Roland commented on on-call contracts oversight.

6. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

Aleta Dupree, Team Folds, commented on hydrogen buses, green hydrogen fuel, and Clipper 2.

7. Report of the Chair

Chair Gee reported Human Resources Ad Hoc Committee interviewed and approved Renne Public Management Group (RPMG) to conduct annual review for General Manager/CEO and General Counsel. Ad Hoc Committee schedule is in development.

8. Report of the General Manager/CEO

8.a. Report of the General Manager/CEO | July 30, 2025

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

- Clipper 2.0 targeted to be completed by end of calendar year
- July Clipper outage was software issue; estimated \$650,000 in fare loss for all transit operators; MTC is working to reimburse transit agencies
- Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) ridership total exceeded 10.75 million; fully recovered pre-pandemic ridership

8.b. Service Update: August Service Changes and Regional Transfer Coordination

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

- School-oriented routes back in service; schedule adjusted to match school bell times
- Select routes schedule adjustments at Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) Daly City station and Palo Alto Caltrain transit hubs

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

- Communication and plans to publicize and increase awareness for transfer opportunities
- Improved Coastside morning commute
- Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) of travel time improvements

Public Comment

Adina Levin, Seamless Bay Area and Regional Network Management Customer Advisory Group, commented on transfer sync, and service and capital improvements.

8.c. Monthly New Headquarters Construction Status Update

Kris McGee, Managing Principal, Urban Hive Development, and Zhiming Fan, Director, Bus Fleet/Facilities, provided the presentation that included the following:

- Continue to remain within budget and timeline
- Day 2 General Contractor scope of work contract award for Board consideration to include ticket booth, data communications and devices, and security systems
- Risk register items on track and within budget

The Board Members had a robust discussion and staff provided further clarification in response to the Board comments and questions regarding language for liquidated damages built into contract.

9. Recess to Committee Meetings

The Board meeting recessed to Committee Meetings at 3:01 pm.

Director Canepa left the meeting at 3:15 pm.

Director Canepa rejoined the meeting at 3:31 pm.

10. Reconvene Board of Directors Meeting

Chair Gee reconvened the Board meeting at 6:35 pm.

11. Matters for Board Consideration: Finance Committee

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

11.a. Adopting a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Overall Goal of 0.8 Percent for Federal Fiscal Years 2026-2028 for Federal Transit Administration-Assisted Contracts – Approved by Resolution No. 2025-36

11.b. Awarding a Contract to Skyline Commercial Interiors, Inc. dba Skyline Construction Inc. to Provide General Construction and Associated Services for the Millbrae Headquarters and Related Ancillary Services at the District's San Carlos Headquarters and Other District Locations for a One-Year Base Term, with up to Two Additional One-Year Option Terms, for a Total Amount of \$7,836,070.85 – Approved by Resolution No. 2025-37

- 11.c. Authorizing an Agreement with Clark Construction Group - CA, LP for Phase 1 Construction Services under the Construction Manager General Contractor Services for the South Base Battery Electric Bus Charging Infrastructure Project in the Amount of \$36,276,673 and Amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Budget to Increase it by \$13,868,679, from \$4,698,405 to \$18,567,084 – Approved by Resolution No. 2025-38**

Motion/Second: Esser/Medina

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

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: Assembly Bill 1250 (Papan)

Motion/Second: Medina/Chuang

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

12.b. Receive Senate Bill 63 Update

i. Term Sheet Proposal on Caltrain Member Agencies Contributions - Discussion and Direction Opt-In or Opt Out

ii. Opt-In or Opt-Out Discussion and Decision

The Board of Directors adopted the below final motion and noted in red font color are the two changes made to the staff recommendation with the two amendments made by the Directors:

Adopt a motion exercising San Mateo County's option to join the SB 63 Regional Transportation Tax Measure with a 1/2 cent tax rate. Also, ~~encourage~~ **instruct** the Bay Area delegation:

(a) To advance SMCTD's proposed alternative to the SB 63 expenditure plan (with a lower attribution of San Mateo County revenues to SF Muni and a higher "return-to-source" allocation to facilitate San Mateo County's increased contribution to Caltrain), and

(b) ~~There will be strengthen the~~ oversight and accountability measures to ensure San Mateo County has fair and meaningful representation in oversight and that the County benefits fairly from its attributions to SF Muni and BART, while

(c) preserving San Mateo County's ability to participate in the measure.

Motion/Second: Powell/Esser

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

Noes: Speier

Absent: None

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, September 3, 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: Closed Session: Conference with Legal Counsel – Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1): Estate of Sol Gloria, et al v. San Mateo County Transit District, et al., San Mateo County Superior Court, Case No. 23-CIV-01053

Joan Cassman, General Counsel, announced the closed sessions items

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

The Board reconvened into open session at 2:27pm.

16.b. Report Out from Closed Session [tentative]

Ms. Cassman stated no reportable action was taken.

17. Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm.

**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, J. Speier, D. Canepa (Chair)

Members Present (Via Teleconference): None

Members Absent: None

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

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

Other Board Members Absent: None

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

9.a.1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Canepa called the meeting to order at 3:01 pm.

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

Motion/Second: Powell/Medina

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

9.a.3. Accessible Services Update

Tina Dubost, Manager, Accessible Services, stated fare assistance program for RediWheels and RediCoast programs reverification underway.

9.a.4. Citizens Advisory Committee Update

Max Mautner, CAC Vice Chair, stated the CAC did not meet due to lack of quorum.

9.a.5. Paratransit Advisory Council Update

Ben McMullan, PAC Chair, stated the PAC viewed new paratransit vehicle.

9.a.6. Monthly State of Service Report | June 2025

David Olmeda, Chief Operating Officer, Bus, stated the June report is in the packet and highlighted in July there was one preventable accident, one did not operate (DNO), and 86.6 percent on-time performance.

9.a.7. Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 3:04 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. Gee, J. Powell, P. Ratto, J. Speier

Other Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: J. Cassman, A. Chan, Z. Fan, L. Lumina-Hsu, M. Tseng, S. van Hoften, M. Wozniak, K. Yin

9.b.1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Esser called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm.

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

Motion/Second: Ratto/Medina

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

9.b.3. Adopting a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Overall Goal of 0.8 Percent for Federal Fiscal Years 2026-2028 for Federal Transit Administration-Assisted Contracts

Michael Wozniak, Manager, Civil Rights Programs, provided the presentation, which included the following:

- Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goals only for federally funded contracts
- Over 99 percent going to Special Needs Transportation - the RediWheels service provider
- Staff reviewed DBE availability of contracts, adjustments (determined not warranted), rate/gender-neutral methods (small business preferences, business support services), public consultant (events and public notice on public website)

Public Comment

Roland commented on California high-speed rail DBE goal.

Motion/Second: Ratto/Powell

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

9.b.4. Awarding a Contract to Skyline Commercial Interiors, Inc. dba Skyline Construction Inc. to Provide General Construction and Associated Services for the Millbrae Headquarters and Related Ancillary Services at the District's San Carlos Headquarters and Other District Locations for a One-Year Base Term, with up to Two Additional One-Year Option Terms, for a Total Amount of \$7,836,070.85

Kevin Yin, Director, Contracts and Procurement, Kris McGee, Managing Principal at Urban Hive Development, and Zhiming Fan, Director, Infrastructure and Capital Projects, provided the presentation, which included the following:

- Skyline Construction Inc. is current general contractor under current property owner
- Staff determined Skyline has been a reliable and responsible partner; qualified and experienced general contractor
- Funds available in current adopted project budget

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

- Rates are favorable terms and similar to rate currently paid by building owner
- General contractor fees down to 1.75 percent based on original contract

Motion/Second: Chuang/Powell

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

9.b.5. Authorizing an Agreement with Clark Construction Group - CA, LP for Phase 1 Construction Services under the Construction Manager General Contractor Services for the South Base Battery Electric Bus Charging Infrastructure Project in the Amount of \$36,276,673 and Amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Budget to Increase it by \$13,868,679, from \$4,698,405 to \$18,567,084

Mr. Yin and Ms. Fan provided the presentation, which included the following:

- Contract scope to install 37 charging stations; electrical and communication infrastructure and distribution system including underground work
- Funds included in proposed capital budget

Public Comment

Adrian Brandt commented on battery electric buses, hydrogen bus fuels, green hydrogen, and battery electric bus range versus hydrogen bus range.

Roland commented on hydrogen and battery electric buses, green hydrogen, and natural gas.

Aleta Dupree, Team Folds, commented on hydrogen and battery buses, and charging stations.

Director Canepa left the meeting at 3:15.

Motion/Second: Ratto/Powell

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

Noes: None

Absent: Canepa

9.b.6. Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 3:26 pm.

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**Strategic Planning, Development, and Sustainability Committee Meeting /
Committee of the Whole
Minutes of August 6, 2025**

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

Members Absent: None

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

Other Board Members Absent: D. Canepa

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

9.c.1. Call to Order

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

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

Motion/Second: Esser/Chuang

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

Noes: None

Absent: Canepa

9.c.3. Ride Plus Microtransit Evaluation Key Findings

Item 9.c.3. was continued to the September 3, 2025 meeting.

9.c.4. Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 3:26 pm.

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**Legislative Committee Meeting / Committee of the Whole
Minutes of August 6, 2025**

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

Members Absent: None

Other Board Members Present Constituting Committee of the Whole: D. Canepa (arrived at 3:31 pm), M. Chuang, B. Esser, M. Fraser, J. Gee, R. Medina

Other Board Members Absent: None

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

9.d.1. Call to Order

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

9.d.2. Approval of Minutes of the Legislative Committee Meeting of July 2, 2025

Motion/Second: Chuang/Esser

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

Noes: None

Absent: Canepa

9.d.3. Receive Legislative Update and Approve Legislative Proposal: Assembly Bill 1250 (Papan)

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

Federal

- House Appropriations Committee passed Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) Transportation Budget; funding stayed same or reduced from FY25; \$250,000 funding earmarked for SamTrans Bus Stop Improvement Plan

State

- Legislators on recess until August 18
- Assembly Bill 1250 (AB 1250) paratransit operators recertification eligibility – allows for new system for persons with disabilities to recertify their eligibility

Director Canepa joined the meeting at 3:31 pm.

Motion/Second: Medina/Chuang

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Public Comment

Adina Levin, Seamless Bay Area, spoke in support of AB 1250.

9.d.4. Receive Senate Bill 63 Update

i. Receive Update on and Consider Approval of Caltrain Proposal for Member Agencies' Contributions

April Chan, General Manager, provided the presentation, which included the following:

- Allocation of deficit distribution across three counties recommended by Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (JPB) ad hoc committee to the three member agencies members
- City and County of San Francisco (CCSF) contribution reduced to \$10 million; San Mateo County (SMC) increased to \$32.5 million; Santa Clara County increased to \$32.5 million
- SamTrans staff proposing equivalent reduction in funds allocated from SMC tax revenues to San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) under Senate Bill (SB) 63 to offset increased SMC's increased JPB contribution on behalf of CCSF if SMC opts-into regional measure

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

- Joint Powers Agreement and Governance Memorandum of Understanding will continue to be discussed and exercised by agency partners despite how tax revenues may be shared under a potential regional tax measure/SB 63
- Though Gilroy service costs were supposed to be funded by Santa Clara County, expenses have been shared by all three Caltrain partners since the 2000s; expectation is to continue status quo as part of SB 63 discussion
- If all other counties vote for SB 63 and SMC does not join, further consideration will be required to identify a funding source for SMC's Caltrain obligations
- SMC would not be reimbursed for picking up a portion of CCSF contribution to Caltrain; recognized SFMTA has a substantial deficit
- Looking at all transit systems deficits as a regional problem; SFMTA serves SMC; SB 63 is about providing connection for our riders and how they travel around the region
- Consideration of using SB 63 as a funding mechanism to help operators and consider the CCSF allocation picked up by SMC as a loan to be paid back

- SB 63 to be considered a life raft for 14 years and is not to sustain operators; 14-year opportunity for operators to get finances in order

ii. Receive Update on and Consider Opting In to Senate Bill 63 Regional Transportation Funding Measure

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

- Summary of SB 63 history, progress in securing commitments for amendments to address SMC's previous requests
- Separate mechanisms for Financial and Operation Oversight and Accountability, including enforcement, will now be included in SB 63
- Financial Oversight includes financial stability, making funding conditional on financial plan; must comply with auditor and oversight committee; funding is conditional and can be withheld
- Raayan Mohtashemi, Legislative Aide, Senator Scott Wiener's Office, stated the Financial Oversight committee can entertain withholding entirety of the amount from transit operators with release conditioned on completion of required actions; separate commission structure from accountability structure
- Proposed Operational Oversight and Accountability Amendments: accountability for service and quality of life standards at stations
- Option 1, SamTrans as the Oversight Committee - was not advanced by the bill authors; uneven accountability risks the viability of measure; would threaten stability in budget planning; Alameda, Contra Costa, and CCSF would be disadvantaged despite larger contributions
- Option 2, Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) subcommittee - proposed to be advanced by the bill authors as the choice for inclusion in bill language
- SB 63 amendments proposed by Assemblymember Papan included Regional Oversight Committee (ROC) and performance-based release of funds amongst other key highlights
- Accountability amendments: MTC Accountability Committee - SamTrans has never had this level of oversight over or ability to withhold funds from BART due to operational or quality of life concerns; pathway to withhold up to 5 percent of full regional measure funding (not just funds generated in SMC)
- Current agreement between SamTrans and BART (from 2007): no enforcement mechanism except litigation; no requirement for BART to provide updates or requirement to communicate service changes; no specific service levels agreements
- SB 63 MTC Operational Accountability Committee: guaranteed equitable SMC representation; BART and SFMTA to provide updates to SamTrans; remedies for breach
- Pros of Opt-In: fastest emergency funds to Caltrain operations; fulfills SamTrans' Caltrain obligation for duration of measure; supports BART and SFMTA connections for SMC transit users; protects existing Measure A investments, funds SamTrans bus service and capital investments from structural deficit

- SamTrans funding needs: operating costs growing faster than revenues; 94 percent of riders are low-income; 68 percent are extremely low-income; 79 percent do not drive or have access to a car
- Opt-out consequences: No source of funds to SMC's required Caltrain contribution and deficit not fully covered; SamTrans deficit not covered; forego \$45 million annual new return-to-source; less leverage over BART and SFMTA; less local and regional funding for transit services and connections for riders
- Next steps if opt-out: Near-term: use Measure A funds to cover SMC share of Caltrain's operational deficit; Medium-term: run a SMC revenue measure in 2028
- Advisory votes: San Mateo County Transportation Authority (TA) Board of Directors support opt-in at 1/2 cent with decreased SMC contribution to CCSF to reflect Caltrain funding deal, and increase withholding for Operational Oversight to more than 5 percent; City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG) support opt-in at 1/2 cent with accountability measures proposed by Assembly Papan
- If opt-in next steps: provide technical assistance to Bay Area delegation and bill authors; develop return-to-source expenditure plan

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

- Condition versus recommendation: condition is constraining and opt-in only if amendments are added; recommendation is opt-in with desire for amendments to be added
- Caltrain operation if SMC opts out of SB 63: Caltrain has said publicly they cannot operate without all partners providing their requisite shares
- SamTrans operation if SMC opts out of SB 63: SamTrans long-term budget cannot fund all capital or operations needs; rate of growth of expenses increasing faster than revenues; if no new revenue source, SamTrans will need to reconsider services and service levels
- Reimagine SamTrans able to increase frequency and provides predictability of service, reduce wait times between transfers resource for vulnerable population to get to their jobs; advancements may be lost
- Consider long-term (10 to 15 years) consequences and the end users of transit

The Committee invited Assemblymember Diane Papan to speak. Assemblymember Papan provided a presentation that included the following information:

- Regional solution must be equitable, transparent, and have accountability
- Proposed amendments do not meet standards that SMC must have
- SMC has no voting representation on SFMTA and BART Boards of Directors; no service agreements; no binding mechanism that money returns to SMC
- SB 63 subsidizes other transit agencies without accountability

- Assemblymember Papan provided suggested amendments as listed in her letter including: create San Mateo County Regional Oversight Committee (ROC); service agreements with BART and SFMTA funds to be redirected if standards are not met
- Need safeguards for taxpayers

The Committee Members had a robust discussion, and Assemblymember Papan provided further clarification in response to the following Committee comments and questions regarding the following:

- Need stronger language in proposed amendments
- SB 63 is not only funding measure option; citizens initiative in SMC would grant ability to be in control
- Proposals for representation from each county on oversight committees

The Committee invited Raayan Mohtashemi, Legislative Aide, Senator Scott Wiener's Office, to speak. Mr. Mohtashemi read aloud a statement from Senator Wiener which included the importance of public transit in SMC, strengthening accountability, and control of funds.

The Committee Members had a robust discussion, and Mr. Mohtashemi provided further clarification in response to the following Committee comments and questions regarding accountability and representation concerns, and proposed remedies would disproportionately disadvantage all counties.

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

- Reimagine SamTrans promised more service and increased levels of service; opt-out would impact current programs and make SamTrans unable to implement new programs; importance of disability programs
- Caltrain's electrification, increased service levels leading to increased ridership, special events, rider promotion and outreach; funds are needed to support service, maintain momentum
- Opt-in would have measure of accountability for BART in SMC which does not exist now
- Polling results show a sales tax increase to over 10 percent does not appear to be a problem for voters; voters care about climate change and sustainability, and voters want to invest and improve transit
- Opt-in and leave the decision to the voters
- Oversight and auditor expenses are part of the SB 63 funding plan; consideration of charging agencies directly for the analysis and development processes; measurable metrics and metric drive funding cuts that can be quantified; identify how transit operators can improve; ensure counties treated equitable

- Transportation is a regional consideration and for a transit system to be successful, riders need to enjoy experience and transfers
- Protect Measure A funds so capital projects can be completed; look ahead to 2028 and 2030 for Measure A renewal
- Withholding transit operator funds has been done before by MTC
- Return-to-source will fund service, stations, quality of life; SamTrans can have a seat at a table that it currently does not have; will not have a seat if SamTrans opts out
- Federal administration cutting transportation funds, and decreasing State budget funds are considerations

Public Comment

Jerry Brozell, San Mateo, commented on sales tax would go over 10 percent in Redwood City, city-based taxes for own local transit agency, accountability, and withholding amounts and spoke in opposition to SB 63.

Greg Wright, City of Pacifica, commented on no BART and Muni service in Pacifica, return to source funding importance, microtransit, last mile considerations, and equity of transit agency funding across SMC.

Sebastian Petty, San Francisco Bay Area Planning and Urban Research Association (SPUR), stated SPUR supports SB 63, commented on regional transit agencies and benefits of the SB 63 bill, and spoke in support of opt-in to SB 63.

Sue Beckmeyer, City of Pacifica, commented on no BART and Caltrain service in Pacifica, potential use of return-to-source funding to provide alternatives and opportunities to get connect coastside \ to regional transit systems.

Rebecca Wilson, Pacifica, spoke in support of opt-in to SB 63, and commented on taking public buses to school and a gross receipts tax alternative.

Marc Slakey, Redwood City, commented on using regional transit systems including BART and Muni, and spoke in support of opt-in to SB 63

Don Cecil, San Mateo County Economic Development Association (SAMCEDA), spoke in support of opt-in to SB 63 as 1/2 cent sales tax and strong accountability measures.

David Rabinovich commented on deadline to join SB 63 and effect on Bay Area transit systems, and spoke in support of opt-in to SB 63.

Adam Rak, Chair of C/CAG, stated C/CAG recommends opt-in to SB 63 at 1/2 sales tax and including strong accountability and efficiency measures.

Rich Nahass, Pacifica Climate Committee, commented on increasing regional transit services and spoke in support of opt-in to SB 63.

Noor, Transbay Coalition, commented on regional transit system integration, cleaner air, and spoke in support of opt-in to SB 63.

Adina Levin spoke in support of opt-in to SB 63 and staff recommendation, and commented on polling results and return to source funding.

Brian Schmidt, Menlo Park, spoke in support of opt-in to SB 63 and commented on using public transit when injured.

Carlos Romero, East Palo Alto, spoke in support of the staff recommendation and opt-in to SB 63 and commented on oversight, government compromise, and accountability.

Nicole Noga, Redwood City, spoke in support of the staff recommendation and opt-in to SB 63, and commented on accountability and transparency.

Adrian Brandt spoke in support of the staff recommendation and opt-in to SB 63, and commented on Caltrain agency member contribution compromise.

Roland commented on Caltrain agency member contribution compromise and Gilroy service.

Emily Loper, Bay Area Council, spoke in support of the staff recommendation and opt-in to SB 63.

Gregg Dieguez, Montara, spoke in support of Assemblymember Papan's recommendations and commented on transit agencies financial standards requirements and opposed opt-in to SB 63.

April Vargas, Montara, spoke in support of the staff recommendation and opt-in to SB 63 and commented on regional collaboration and seat on BART Board.

Lian Chang spoke in support of opt-in to SB 63 and the staff recommendation and commented on riding BART, Caltrain, and SamTrans.

Katerine Dumont, Menlo Park, spoke in support of the staff recommendation and opt-in to SB 63.

Jenny Michel, Menlo Park, spoke in support of opt-in to SB 63 at 1/2 cent or a business tax.

Noelia Corzo spoke in support of opt-in to SB 63 and commented on transit-dependent riders.

Allison Chang spoke in support of opt-in to SB 63 and commented on gross receipts tax and county's climate goals to reduce emission.

Cyrus Hall, San Francisco, commented on riding SamTrans and Caltrain and spoke in support of opt-in to SB 63.

Ben Mangiafico, San Carlos, spoke in support of opt-in to SB 63 and commented on regional transit systems.

Jordan Grimes, Greenbelt Alliance, spoke in support of the staff recommendation and opt-in to SB 63 and commented on reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Michael Crocker, Foster City, spoke in support of opt-in to SB 63 and commented riding on integrated transit systems.

Bob Allen, Urban Habitat, commented that transit is a regional effort and funding for public transit.

Cameron Miller spoke in support of SB 63.

Marc Chang, San Francisco, spoke in opposition to opt-in to SB 63 and commented on accountability and existing public transit agency funding.

Amy Sukumar spoke in support of opt-in to SB 63 and commented on increased transit service.

Motion by Director Canepa to proceed with the staff recommendation as presented: Adopt a motion exercising San Mateo County's option to join the SB 63 Regional Transportation Tax Measure with a 1/2 cent tax rate. Also, encourage the Bay Area delegation:

- (a) To advance SMCTD's proposed alternative to the SB 63 expenditure plan (with a lower attribution of San Mateo County revenues to SF Muni and a higher "return-to-source" allocation to facilitate San Mateo County's increased contribution to Caltrain), and
- (b) strengthen the oversight and accountability measures to ensure San Mateo County has fair and meaningful representation in oversight and that the County benefits fairly from its attributions to SF Muni and BART, while
- (c) preserving San Mateo County's ability to participate in the measure.

Friendly amendment by Director Gee to make sure there is accountability. Accepted by mover Director Canepa.

Friendly amendments by Director Powell, noted in red font color and inclusive of Director Gee's friendly amendment, to:

Adopt a motion exercising San Mateo County's option to join the SB 63 Regional Transportation Tax Measure with a 1/2 cent tax rate **with the condition that there is oversight and accountability**. Also, ~~encourage~~ **instruct** the Bay Area delegation:

(a) To advance SMCTD's proposed alternative to the SB 63 expenditure plan (with a lower attribution of San Mateo County revenues to SF Muni and a higher "return-to-source" allocation to facilitate San Mateo County's increased contribution to Caltrain), and

(b) ~~There must be strengthen the~~ oversight and accountability measures to ensure San Mateo County has fair and meaningful representation in oversight and that the County benefits fairly from its attributions to SF Muni and BART **and strongly recommending localized oversight or non-political board of experts for oversight**, while

(c) preserving San Mateo County's ability to participate in the measure.

Friendly amendments not accepted by mover Director Canepa.

Substitution Motion by Director Powell with amendments to staff recommendation noted in red font color:

Adopt a motion exercising San Mateo County's option to join the SB 63 Regional Transportation Tax Measure with a 1/2 cent tax rate **with the condition that there is oversight and accountability**. Also, ~~encourage~~ **instruct** the Bay Area delegation:

(a) To advance SMCTD's proposed alternative to the SB 63 expenditure plan (with a lower attribution of San Mateo County revenues to SF Muni and a higher "return-to-source" allocation to facilitate San Mateo County's increased contribution to Caltrain), and

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(c) preserving San Mateo County's ability to participate in the measure.

Motion/Second: Powell/Speier

Ayes: Powell, Ratto, Speier

Noes: Canepa, Esser, Fraser, Medina, Chuang, Gee

Absent: None

Motion to change word "encourage" to "instruct"

Motion/Second: Powell/Speier

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Motion as modified by the Committee/Second: Powell/Esser

Friendly amendment by Director Gee to make sure there is accountability. Accepted by mover Director Powell.

The Committee voted on the below final motion, with changes to the staff recommendation noted in red font color:

Adopt a motion exercising San Mateo County's option to join the SB 63 Regional Transportation Tax Measure with a 1/2 cent tax rate. Also, ~~encourage~~ **instruct** the Bay Area delegation:

- (a) To advance SMCTD's proposed alternative to the SB 63 expenditure plan (with a lower attribution of San Mateo County revenues to SF Muni and a higher "return-to-source" allocation to facilitate San Mateo County's increased contribution to Caltrain), and the
- (b) ~~There will be strengthen the~~ oversight and accountability measures to ensure San Mateo County has fair and meaningful representation in oversight and that the County benefits fairly from its attributions to SF Muni and BART, while
- (c) preserving San Mateo County's ability to participate in the measure.

Motion/Second: Powell/Esser

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

Noes: Speier

Absent: None

9.d.5. Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.