

**San Mateo County Transit District
Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)**

**1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, California
1400 Alameda De Las Pulgas, Belmont, CA 94002**

Minutes of January 28, 2026

Members Present: Mary Adler, John Baker, Allison Chang, Hana Estalilla, James Ganner (arrived 6:44pm), Alex Madrid, Max Mautner (arrived 6:36pm), David Rabinovich, Denise Seibert, Dylan Finch (Chair)

Members Present via Teleconference: Ben Mangiafico (Vice Chair)

Staff Present: T. Dubost, P. Gilster, L. Lumina-Hsu

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Alex Madrid called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Loana Lumina-Hsu, CAC Secretary, called the roll and noted that a quorum was present.

3. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda – There were none.

4. Election of 2026 Chair and Vice Chair

Ms. Lumina-Hsu explained the election processes stating the CAC will start with open nomination process for Chair and Vice Chair. If the positions are not filled, then the current Chair Madrid would appoint three members to a Nominating Committee who would reach out to the other CAC members to gauge interest, and for good governance practice, those appointed to the CAC Nominating Committee should not be recommended for Chair or Vice Chair.

Ms. Lumina-Hsu opened nominations for Chair.

Member Rabinovich nominated Ben Mangiafico who accepted the nomination. Member Madrid nominated Dylan Finch who accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations. Alphabetically by last name, Members Finch and Mangiafico were provided up to one minute to speak on their interest to serve as Chair.

Votes were casted for Chair. Dylan Finch received 7 votes. Ben Mangiafico received 3 votes. Dylan Finch is the 2026 Chair.

Dylan Finch: Baker, Chang, Estalilla, Madrid, Mangiafico, Mautner, Seibert
Ben Mangiafico: Adler, Finch, Rabinovich
Absent: Ganner

Chair Finch led the Election of 2026 Vice Chair and opened nominations for Vice Chair. Member Baker nominated Ben Mangiafico who accepted the nomination. Member David Rabinovich nominated himself for consideration. Member Mangiafico nominated Allison Chang who accepted the nomination. There were no further nominations. Alphabetically by last name, Members Chang, Mangiafico, and Rabinovich were provided up to one minute to speak on their interest to serve as Vice Chair.

Votes were casted for Vice Chair. Ben Mangiafico and David Rabinovich tied receiving 4 votes each. Allison Chang received 2 votes.

Allison Chang: Mangiafico, Finch
Ben Mangiafico: Baker, Chang, Madrid, Rabinovich
David Rabinovich: Adler, Estalilla, Mautner, Seibert
Absent: Ganner

Member Chang was removed from consideration for Vice Chair due to least amount of votes. Votes were casted for remaining nominees Ben Mangiafico and David Rabinovich.

Member Ganner joined the meeting at 6:44pm.

Ben Mangiafico: Baker, Chang, Madrid, Finch
David Rabinovich: Adler, Estalilla, Mautner, Seibert
Absent: None
Abstain: Ganner, Mangiafico, Rabinovich

Votes were casted for Vice Chair. Ben Mangiafico and David Rabinovich tied receiving 4 votes each.

Chair Finch flipped a coin with Heads assigned to Ben Mangiafico and Tails assigned to David Rabinovich. Chair Finch announced the coin flip resulted in Heads and Member Ganner confirmed the coin flip resulted in Heads. Ben Mangiafico is the 2026 Vice Chair.

5. Approval of Meeting Minutes for October 29, 2025

Motion/Second: Baker/Mangiafico
Ayes: Adler, Baker, Chang, Estalilla, Ganner, Madrid, Mautner, Rabinovich, Seibert, Mangiafico, Finch
Noes: None
Absent: None

6. Authorize Remote Meetings for the Citizens Advisory Committee under Senate Bill 707 – Loana Lumina-Hsu, Deputy District Secretary

Loana Lumina-Hsu, Deputy District Secretary, provided the presentation that included the following:

- Senate Bill 707 update allows Board of Directors to authorize eligible advisory bodies to attend meetings remotely; San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans) Board of Directors passed a resolution to authorize to allow the CAC remote participation on January 7, 2026
- Remote participation requirements under the Ralph M. Brown Act

Staff provided further clarification in response to the Committee comments and questions, which included the following:

- Agenda posting requirements
- Authorization process by the SamTrans Board of Directors and CAC
- Remote attendee notification process to CAC secretary

Substitute Motion/Second: Baker/Madrid

Move to approve the Citizens Advisory Committee members to meet remotely under new procedures created by Senate Bill 707 for six months, with the understanding that similar motion would be required every six months hereafter to facilitate continuation of remote meetings as authorized by the District's Board of Directors. Members are encouraged to attend in-person.

Ayes: Adler, Baker, Chang, Estalilla, Ganner, Madrid, Mautner, Rabinovich, Seibert, Mangiafico, Finch

Noes: None

Absent: None

7. Presentation: City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG) and San Mateo County Transportation Authority (TA) Countywide Transportation Plan – Patrick Gilster, Director of Planning and Fund Management, TA

Patrick Gilster, Director of Planning and Fund Management, TA, provided the presentation that included the following:

- Community input, around 30,000 touchpoints, multilingual, in-person, and online engagement
- Goals: safe, equitable, accessible, climate-resilient
- Travel data: high solo driving, short trips for active modes
- Roadways: congestion, key corridors, 101-92 interchange
- Transit: SamTrans backbone, ridership, frequency/reliability needs
- Active transportation: bikeway network, safety, intersections, amenities, sidewalk inventory, eBike incentives

Staff provided further clarification in response to the Committee comments and questions, which included the following:

- Private and public transportation; address solo drivers reasons to encourage public transit usage
- Services for aging populations and different abilities; underserved areas; eliminate public transit fares; neighborhood services and connections into San Francisco
- Improve services and routes; frequency of service; improve transit travel time; improve transit schedules; transit services and routes on major corridors; coordinate trans schedule timing between agencies and services; maximize utilization of buses on major corridor routes such as serviced stops to reduce number of stops and improve transit travel time
- East/West connections across county; transit service on major corridor
- East/West connection to Alameda County; San Mateo bridge; bus transit service option
- Bicycle amenities; bike lanes; consider eBikes in Plan; improve biking infrastructure
- Transportation mitigation; speed bumps; parking permits
- Collaboration and partnerships between county and cities; coordinate to utilize shoulders and build bike lanes; street redesigns
- Transportation for all persons
- Ability to tap into funding sources
- Pedestrian amenities and improvements: more and better ramps between roads and sidewalks, improve sidewalks for pedestrians usage; extend sidewalks

Members Madrid and Mautner left the meeting at 7:41pm.

Public Comment

Christina F. commented on Brisbane, East/West transportation, travel options to Caltrain stations and parking; cross county collaboration and public transit across county lines, and bike transportation connect between San Francisco and San Mateo County.

8. Staff Report – Ana Rivas, Director, Bus Transportation

Tina Dubost, Manager, Accessible Transit Services, reviewed the report that included the following:

- Ridership increased across all four modes: Bus, Paratransit, Shuttles, Microtransit
- 17 preventable accidents; did not meet preventable accidents goal
- 27 service calls, 14 from District and 13 from contracted services; met goal with 0.8 service calls per 25,000 miles
- Systemwide on-time performance (OTP) was 82.6 percent; did not meet goal
- 14 Did Not Operate (DNOs); met goal with 0.03 percent missed trips
- Safety campaign focus on “Pedestrian Awareness”

Ms. Lumina-Hsu provided an update on the recruitment for the four CAC vacancies and four upcoming seats.

The Committee provided comments and questions on the timing of staff reports.

9. Report of the Chair

Chair Finch stated there was no report and stated Immediate Past Chair Madrid did not provide a report.

9.a. Appointment of Citizens Advisory Committee liaison with the Community Relations Committee of the San Mateo County Transit District Board of Directors

Chair Finch stated he will serve as the Citizens Advisory Committee liaison.

10. Liaison Report of the San Mateo County Transit District Board of Directors Meetings

- **November 5, 2025**
- **December 3, 2025**
- **January 7, 2026**

Ms. Lumina-Hsu stated former Vice Chair Mautner did not provide a report and stated public meeting recordings and materials are available on the public website.

Ms. Lumina-Hsu stated for the CAC's consideration to include a link to the public meeting video page on the agenda for CAC member and members of the public reference.

Staff provided further clarification in response to the Committee comments and questions confirming a link on the agenda is an additional resource and the Committee can discuss the Board of Directors meeting.

11. CAC Member Comments / Requests

- Request for Clipper 2.0 presentation
- Clipper 2.0 implementation and open payment on fixed-route buses; fare capping, suggest weekly and monthly caps
- SamTrans fares pricing and serving low-income riders
- Opportunity for CAC involvement at New Headquarters grand opening ceremony if there is a ceremony
- San Mateo County Bridge lack of transit service; former M line service; opportunity for M line service to return; bus lanes; utilize shoulders
- Presentation on review of Reimagine SamTrans
- Ridership levels; subsidizing services; faster and frequent service levels
- DNO on school routes and effect on students

Member Baker left the meeting at 8:01 pm.

Member Seibert left the meeting at 8:03 pm.

12. Date / Time / Location of Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 6:30 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.

13. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.