

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

1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, California

Minutes of February 25, 2026

Members Present: Mary Adler, John Baker, Allison Chang, Hana Estalilla (arrived 6:31pm), James Ganner, Alex Madrid, Dylan Finch (Chair)

Members Present via Teleconference: Max Mautner (arrived 6:31pm), David Rabinovich, Ben Mangiafico (arrived 6:44pm) (Vice Chair)

Members Absent: Denise Seibert

Staff Present: C. Chang, T. Dubost, A. Feng, L. Lumina-Hsu, A. Patel, J. Perez

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

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

2. Roll Call

Alice Feng, CAC Secretary, called the roll and noted that a quorum was present.

Member Estalilla joined the meeting at 6:31pm.

Loana Lumina-Hsu, Deputy District Secretary, reminded members to keep their video and audio on per Senate Bill 707.

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

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes for January 28, 2026

Motion/Second: Madrid/Baker

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

Noes: None

Absent: Mangiafico, Seibert

5. Presentation: Central El Camino Multimodal Plan Phase II and Dumbarton Busway Phase I

Charlise Chang, Government Affairs Officer, and Asiya Patel, Planning Analyst III, provided the presentation that included the following:

- Phase 1 outreach included surveys, pop-ups, walk audits, and multilingual engagement
- Feedback highlighted congestion, unsafe crossings, and need for bike, pedestrian and transit facilities improvements
- Alternatives include transit-priority lanes, pedestrian enhancements, and separated bike lanes with corridor-wide safety upgrades

Member Mangiafico joined the meeting at 6:44 pm

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

- Accessibility considerations and outreach to mobility-impaired users
- Corridor consistency and city coordination under the Grand Boulevard Initiative
- Role of California State Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in project reviews, approvals, and implementation
- Protected bike lanes; medians; traffic flow
- Transit reliability improvements through bus lanes, signal priority; limited transit and road space
- El Camino Real users: buses, bicyclist, pedestrians
- Consider regional best practices and historical context
- Combine protected bike lanes and dedicated bus lanes
- Roadway trade-offs including medians, left turns, and lane reallocation
- Signal timing, enforcement, and operational design considerations

Member Mautner left the meeting at 7:16 pm.

Member Mangiafico left the meeting at 7:18 pm.

Dumbarton Busway Phase I

Ms. Chang and Jose Perez, Deputy Project Manager, provided the presentation that included the following:

- Near- to medium-term dedicated busway and walking/biking improvements for reliability, travel times, regional transit connections
- Equity, environmental justice, zero-emission buses; future rail potential maintained
- Feasibility study: one year, then design and environmental review
- Phase 1 outreach: surveys, meetings, multilingual materials

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

- Busway development and potential future rail reactivation along corridor
- Corridor endpoints and potential connections to Palo Alto/university areas
- Coordination with Dumbarton Express and other regional buses
- Busway impact on future rail reactivation and infrastructure limitations
- Travel time reductions for Routes 281 and East Palo Alto Express (EPX)
- Single-track selections and throughput concerns
- Options for buses rejoining regular traffic and routing alternatives
- Bus-on-shoulder or extra lane options on University Avenue
- Improve transit speed and reliability through traffic bottlenecks

6. Staff Report – Tina Dubost, Manager, Accessible Transit Services

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

- December ridership partially impacted by Next Generation Clipper issue
- Weekday ridership down 2.6 percent; monthly down 0.7 percent
- Microtransit ridership increased 39 percent (weekday) and 39 percent (monthly) year-over-year
- Youth pass usage decreased 0.3 percent
- 22 preventable accidents; did not meet preventable accidents goal
- 1.5 service calls per 25,000 miles; did not meet goal
- On-time performance (OTP) below 85 percent
- 12 Did Not Operate (DNOs); met goal with 0.02 percent missed trips
- Safety campaign focus on “Pedestrian Awareness”

Ms. Lumina-Hsu clarified staff report data compilation, analysis, and reporting timeline.

7. Report of the Chair – There was no report.

8. Liaison Report of the February 4, 2026 San Mateo County Transit District Board of Directors Meeting, and February 12, 2026 Special Meeting Board Workshop

Chair Finch stated the recording is available online.

9. CAC Member Comments / Requests

- Clipper 2.0 issues affecting riders
- Bus bunching on El Camino Real (ECR) route
- Committee site visit suggested
- EPX route airport access feedback
- Potential demand for improved local routes

Member Madrid left the meeting at 7:49pm.

10. Date / Time / Location of Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, March 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.

11. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.