

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

1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, California

Minutes of March 25, 2026

Members Present: Mary Adler, Hana Estalilla, James Ganner, Alex Madrid (arrived 6:42 pm), Denise Seibert, Ben Mangiafico, (Vice Chair), Dylan Finch (Chair)

Members Present via Teleconference: John Baker, Allison Chang, David Rabinovich

Members Absent: Max Mautner

Staff Present: J. Epstein, A. Feng, A. Gong, A. Rivas, D. Scarbor

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.

3. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes for February 25, 2026

Motion/Second: Seibert/Mangiafico

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

Noes: None

Absent: Madrid, Mautner

5. Title VI Policy Updates for Major Service Change and Disparate Impact and Disproportionate Burden (DI/DB) Thresholds

David Scarbor, Manager, Social Equity Programs, and Athena Gong, Data Support Specialist, provided the presentation that included the following:

- Lower impact threshold and updated low-income definition using area median income
- Application of equity policies to microtransit and updated service standards for amenities
- Community outreach; feedback generally supportive

Member Madrid arrived at 6:42 pm.

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

- Expansion of bus stop amenities, adding benches, lowering thresholds
- Amenities at low-ridership stops and ridership impact assessment
- Clarification on route classifications and amenity allocation
- Amenities at frequent stops and Bus Stop Improvement Plan context
- Equity threshold application to new routes, fares and service changes

6. Senate Bill 63 Local Investment Plan

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

- Connects Bay Area ballot measure and potential funding for San Mateo County; raising around \$50 million a year
- Local Investment Plan development and community input
- Stakeholder engagement and public survey process
- Timeline for Board adoption and voter information

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- Measure W expires 2038, Connect Bay Area has structured spending and ranked priorities
- San Mateo receives around \$50 million annually for San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans) operations, capital, and targeted bus-route street repairs
- Pass-through funds to Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) and Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (JPB/Caltrain) have oversight, local funds are board-committed
- Service priorities focus on span, frequency, coverage and potential free transit pilots
- Funds tied to sales tax percentage and fluctuate with revenue
- If measure fails, SamTrans may face significant service adjustments

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

Ana Rivas, Director, Bus Transportation, reviewed the report that included the following:

- January ridership impacted by Clipper data issues
- Weekday ridership down 7.2 percent; monthly down 10.8 percent
- Microtransit ridership increased 20.2 percent (weekday) and 25.6 percent (monthly) year-over-year
- Youth pass usage decreased 1.1 percent
- Preventable accidents 1.74 per 100,000 miles; did not meet goal
- 1.5 service calls per 25,000 miles; did not meet goal
- On-time performance (OTP) 82 percent; below 85 percent goal
- Did not Operates (DNOs) 0.01 percent; met goal
- Safety campaign focus on “Pedestrian Awareness”

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

9. Liaison Report of the March 4, 2026 San Mateo County Transit District Board of Directors Meeting

Chair Finch provided a report which included the history of SamTrans as the managing agency for Caltrain.

10. CAC Member Comments / Requests

- Pulse scheduling and timed transfers at transit centers
- Inter-agency coordination for improved connectivity
- Route El Camino Real (ECR) delays and bus bunching concerns
- Burlingame construction impacts and potential bus-only lanes
- Schedule alignment with Caltrain and BART
- Detour stop additions to improve access
- Express route connections to San Francisco
- Inconsistent bus stop announcements and timing issues

Member Madrid left at 7:46 pm.

11. Date / Time / Location of Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, April 29, 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.

12. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.