

**San Mateo County Transit District  
Board of Directors**

**1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, California**

**Minutes of May 6, 2026**

**Members Present:** David J. Canepa (arrived at 2:03 pm), Marina Fraser, Jeff Gee, Rico E. Medina, Josh Powell, Peter Ratto, Jackie Speier (arrived at 2:03 pm), Brooks Esser (Vice Chair), Marie Chuang (Chair)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** J. Cassman, A. Chan, T. Dubost, J. Epstein, S. Kirkpatrick, L. Lumina-Hsu, D. Olmeda, A. Rivas, D. Santoro, M. Tseng

**1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Marie Chuang called the meeting to order at 2:01 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. Consent Calendar**

**3.a. Approval of Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of April 1, 2026**

**3.b. Accept Quarterly Report for On-Call Contracts for Fiscal Year 2026 Quarter 3**

**3.c. Accept Contracts and Procurement Quarterly Report on Technology Purchases for Fiscal Year 2026 Quarter Three**

**3.d. Accept Quarterly Investment Report**

**3.e. Awarding a Cooperative Purchasing Contract to A-Z Bus Sales, Inc. for the Purchase and Delivery of 26 Model Year 2026 Drivege 350EL Paratransit Vans for a Total Not-To-Exceed Amount of \$3,360,266, and Authorizing Disposition of 26 Paratransit Cutaway and Minivan Vehicles from Model Years 2017, 2018, and 2020 – Approved by Resolution No. 2026-27**

Motion/Second: Medina/Esser

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

Noes: None

Absent: Canepa, Speier

*Directors Canepa and Speier joined the meeting at 2:03pm.*

#### **4. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda**

Aleta Dupree commented on the 50th anniversary logo, Clipper, tap-and-ride payment systems, and new headquarters building.

#### **5. Report of the Chair**

##### **5.a. Proclamation Honoring Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month**

Randol White, Public Information Officer, provided the presentation recognizing the accomplishments of the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community. Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders make up more than one-third of SamTrans ridership. The AAPI community will be showcased on SamTrans' social media platforms.

Motion/Second: Gee/Ratto

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

##### **5.b. American Public Transportation Association (APTA) Legislative Conference and Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus Council (HFCBC) Advocacy Day**

Chair Chuang provided the report that included the following information:

- Attended with General Manager/CEO, April Chan, at the APTA conference to learn about ways to keep reliable service running and about the next federal transportation reauthorization plan after the current Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act expires
- Met with Senators Adam Schiff and Alex Padilla as well as Congressmen Kevin Mullin and Sam Liccardo to discuss local projects and funding challenges
- Joined hydrogen fuel cells partnership to advocate for funding and policies to support a clean fleet transition

##### **5.c. Ad Hoc Committees Report**

- **Child Care Ad Hoc**
- **Regional Transportation Measure Ad Hoc**
- **North Base Ad Hoc**

Chair Chuang provided the report that included the following information:

- April 10 meeting for Child Care Ad Hoc (Directors Gee, Powell, Speier, and Chuang): discussed challenges and opportunities for bringing in childcare services at new Millbrae headquarters (HQ) retail space
- April 10 and April 27 meetings for Regional Transportation Measure Ad Hoc (Directors Esser, Gee, and Chuang): received public outreach updates on San Mateo County local investment plan,
- April 23 meeting for North Base Ad Hoc (Directors Esser, Gee, Powell, and Chuang): the sea level rise feasibility study and explored methods for improving perimeter protection

## Public Comment

Adrian Brandt commented on hydrogen production, greenhouse gases, and fuel cell efficiency.

## **6. Report of the General Manager/CEO**

### **6.a. Report of the General Manager/CEO | April 29, 2026**

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

- Phase 1 HQ move; June SamTrans Board of Directors (Board) meeting at Millbrae HQ; Phase 2 move anticipated for end of next week
- Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (JPB/Caltrain) lease executed and will take effect on May 1, 2026
- May 30 Interim Chief Financial Officer (CFO) delegation to Ladi Millard-Olmeda; CFO Kate Jordan Steiner's last day as May 31; active recruitment
- April 29 Sacramento visit with delegation and staff from committees such as Senate Housing, Senate Local Government, and Senate Transportation to find alternatives to restore the \$33 million in lost Alliance for Renewable Clean Hydrogen Energy Systems (ARCHES) funding for the zero-emissions bus program. Also advocated for the Burlingame Broadway Grade Separation and discussed Senate Bill (SB) 79 challenges for certain transportation projects
- Attended April 18 Progress Seminar; was on a panel with Caltrain Executive Director and Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) Deputy General Manager
- Clipper 2.0 issues continue and bulk migration to occur after issues are resolved. Ridership data discrepancy due to ridership numbers recorded versus revenue received - numbers to be published when financial reconciliation issues are resolved
- Route ECR on El Camino Real (ECR) temporary and extended detour accommodations on California Avenue
- North Base and South Base condition assessment report for capital assets and capital reserve program; will need to reconcile information from the reports with what the District has in the transit asset management system and the Capital Improvement Project (CIP)

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

- ECR Burlingame coordination and rider concerns for three year-long construction; consideration to return service on ECR for evening hours
- Distinguishment of minor damages versus accidents for preventable accidents
- Evaluation of Clipper card revenue losses and possible actions taken against Cubic Corporation (Cubic); contractual remedies discussions with Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), Cubic, and Bay Area transit agencies; possible closed session topic for Board feedback
- ECR detour rider experience

### Public Comment

Aleta Dupree, Team Folds, commented on new headquarters location, art bus wraps, and Clipper.

Adina Levin, Seamless Bay Area, commented on Clipper, Cubic ability for Clipper 2.0 rollout, impact on customers, and open payment feature for those who are qualified for discount.

Gina Papan, Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Commissioner, commented on Cubic accountability and impact on transit operators.

Item 6.b. was heard after the Finance Committee adjourned.

### **6.b. Announcement of the 2026 Art Takes a Bus Ride Winners**

Mr. White provided the presentation that included the San Mateo County Office of Education partnership to recognize art submissions from 1st through 12th graders, with the theme of Time Travelers Take the Bus to celebrate the 50th SamTrans Anniversary. Winners were selected by San Mateo County Arts Commission and featured on two bus wraps.

*The Board recessed the meeting at 3:35 pm.*

*The Board reconvened the meeting at 3:50 pm. and continued hearing Item 6.b.*

### Public Comment

Aleta Dupree, Team Folds, spoke in support of SamTrans' support of student artwork and commented on getting people interested in public transit.

### **7. Recess to Committee Meetings**

The Board meeting recessed to Committee Meetings at 2:33 pm.

### **8. Community Relations Committee / Committee of the Whole**

The Community Relations Committee meeting was held.

### **9. Finance Committee / Committee of the Whole**

The Finance Committee meeting was held.

Chair Chuang reconvened the Board meeting at 3:28 pm.

Item 6.b. was heard.

*Director Canepa left the meeting at 3:50 pm.*

### **10. Legislative Committee / Committee of the Whole**

The Legislative Committee meeting was held.

**11. Strategic Planning, Development, and Sustainability Committee / Committee of the Whole**

Cancelled as there are no business items this month.

**12. Reconvene Board of Directors Meeting**

Chair Chuang reconvened the Board meeting at 5:20 pm.

**13. Matters for Board Consideration: Community Relations Committee**

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

**13.a. Proclamation Honoring Older Americans Month**

Motion/Second: Esser/Speier

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

Noes: None

Absent: Canepa

**13.b. Appointments to the Community Advisory Committee**

- **Aurelio Huizar, Representing Bus Riders for a Term Ending April 30, 2029**
  - **Kathleen Rubens, Representing Bus Riders for a Term Ending April 30, 2029**
  - **Michael Auerbach, Representing Community for a Term Ending April 30, 2029**
  - **Jedidiah Koon, Representing Multimodal Riders for a Term Ending April 30, 2029**
- And Reappointments to the Community Advisory Committee**
- **Ben Mangiafico, Representing Community for a Term Ending April 30, 2027**
  - **Alex Madrid, Representing Multimodal Riders for a Term Ending April 30, 2029**

Motion/Second: Medina/Esser

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

Noes: None

Absent: Canepa

**14. Matters for Board Consideration: Finance Committee**

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

- 14.a. Authorizing Execution of an Amendment to the Agreement with the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office and an Updated Agreement with the County of San Mateo for an Additional Five Years of Law Enforcement and Emergency Dispatch Services, Respectively, to Reflect Modified Terms and Conditions for Indemnification –**  
*Approved by Resolution No. 2026-28*

Motion/Second: Gee/Speier

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

Noes: None

Absent: Canepa

**15. Communications to the Board of Directors** – Available online.

**16. Board Member Requests** – There were none.

**17. Date / Time / Location of Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, June 3, 2026, at 2:00 pm**

The meeting will be accessible via Zoom teleconference and in person at the San Mateo County Transit District, Public Hearing Room, 5th Floor, 166 North Rollins Road, Millbrae, CA 94030. Please see the meeting agenda for more information.

**18. Report of the General Counsel**

**18.a. Closed Session: Conference with Legal Counsel on a matter of Existing Litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1)**

**Name of Case: John Cu and Crystal Gines v. San Mateo County Transit District, et al  
San Mateo County Superior Court Case 24-CIV-04216**

Joan Cassman, General Counsel, announced the closed sessions item and stated will return to open session to report out from closed session.

*The Board adjourned to closed session at 5:24 pm.*

**19. Reconvene Open Session**

The Board reconvened into open session at 5:38 pm.

**20. Report Out from Closed Session**

Ms. Cassman stated eight present Board members unanimously voted on a global settlement for the total amount of \$1,750,000, with the District's responsibility to pay half the amount (\$875,000).

**21. Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm in memory of the General Manager/CEO's mother, Yuet Hung Chan.

**San Mateo County Transit District  
Community Relations Committee Meeting / Committee of the Whole**

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**Members Present (In Person):** Rico E. Medina, Jeff Gee, Peter Ratto (Chair)

**Members Absent:** None

**Other Board Members Present Constituting Committee of the Whole:** David J. Canepa, Marie Chuang, Brooks Esser, Marina Fraser, Josh Powell, Jackie Speier

**Other Board Members Absent:** None

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

**8.a. Call to Order**

Committee Chair Ratto called the meeting to order at 2:33 pm.

**8.b. Approval of Minutes of the Community Relations Committee Meeting of April 1, 2026**

Motion/Second: Esser/Chuang

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

**8.c. Accessible Services Update**

Tina Dubost, Manager, Accessible Transit Services, stated outreach efforts to showcase available transportation opportunities for seniors and those with disabilities.

Item 8.g. was heard before Item 8.d.

**8.d. Proclamation Honoring Older Americans Month**

Committee Chair Ratto provided the presentation that recognized the community contributions of older Americans, noting SamTrans services as aiding in carrying out day-to-day activities and providing offerings to promote accessibility. Irene Liana and Kathy Uhl, co-chairs from the San Mateo County Commission on Aging, accepted the proclamation.

Motion/Second: Medina/Chuang

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

### Public Comment

Aleta Dupree, Team Folds, commented on Older Americans Month and importance of public transit for aging population.

#### **8.e. Citizens Advisory Committee Update**

Chair Ratto stated the report is in the agenda packet.

#### **8.f. Appointments to the Community Advisory Committee**

- **Aurelio Huizar, Representing Bus Riders for a Term Ending April 30, 2029**
  - **Kathleen Rubens, Representing Bus Riders for a Term Ending April 30, 2029**
  - **Michael Auerbach, Representing Community for a Term Ending April 30, 2029**
  - **Jedidiah Koon, Representing Multimodal Riders for a Term Ending April 30, 2029**
- And Reappointments to the Community Advisory Committee**
- **Ben Mangiafico, Representing Community for a Term Ending April 30, 2027**
  - **Alex Madrid, Representing Multimodal Riders for a Term Ending April 30, 2029**

Director Fraser stated Directors Fraser, Medina, and Ratto interviewed candidates on April 20 and recommended appointing Aurelio Huizar (Bus Riders), Kathleen Rubens (Bus Riders), Michael Auerbach (Community), and Jedidiah Koon (Multimodal Riders), and reappointing Alex Madrid (Multimodal Riders), for terms ending on April 30, 2029, and reappointing Ben Mangiafico (Community) for a term ending April 30, 2027, to serve on the Citizens Advisory Committee.

Motion/Second: Medina/Gee

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

#### **8.g. Paratransit Advisory Council Update**

Ms. Dubost stated Connect Bay Area Local Investment Plan presentation was received and the Council approved remote participation under SB 707.

#### **8.h. Monthly State of Service Report | March 2026**

Ana Rivas, Director, Bus Transportation, provided the presentation, which included the following:

- 11 preventable accidents (five District-operated and six contracted), resulting in 1.3 accidents per 100,000 miles systemwide and 0.95 accidents per 100,000 miles for District-operated
- Safely Servicing Bus Stops Safety Campaign: safe curb approach, proper boarding alignment, and awareness of surroundings
- 44 service calls total for miles between service calls (31 District operated and 13 contracted), resulting in 1.3 calls between service calls per 25,000 miles

systemwide; 1.0 service calls for diesel fleet and 2.6 service calls for zero-emission fleet

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

- Five identified paratransit preventable accidents and measurables to reduce accidents; attributable causes
- Service calls trend for aging fleet and bus parts availability for miles between service calls increasing
- Did not operate (DNO) decreased to 11
- Bus type breakdown for mileage between road calls; recalls and fleet reliability

Public Comment

Aleta Dupree, Team Folds, commented on bus kneeling, curb approach, zero-emission buses (ZEB) fleet maintenance, and types of maintenance services.

**8.i. Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 2:58 pm.

**San Mateo County Transit District  
Finance Committee Meeting / Committee of the Whole**

**1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, California**

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**Members Present (In Person):** Josh Powell, Jackie Speier, Rico E. Medina (Chair)

**Members Absent:** None

**Other Board Members Present Constituting Committee of the Whole:** David J. Canepa, Marie Chuang, Brooks Esser, Marina Fraser, Jeff Gee, Peter Ratto

**Other Board Members Absent:** None

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

**9.a. Call to Order**

Committee Chair Medina called the meeting to order at 2:58 pm.

**9.b. Approval of Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of April 1, 2026**

Motion/Second: Powell/Esser

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

**9.c. Authorizing Execution of an Amendment to the Agreement with the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office and an Updated Agreement with the County of San Mateo for an Additional Five Years of Law Enforcement and Emergency Dispatch Services, Respectively, to Reflect Modified Terms and Conditions for Indemnification**

Scott Kirkpatrick, Deputy Safety and Security, and Joan Cassman, General Counsel, provided the presentation on an indemnity clause to equally split defense and participate in County's defense of claims.

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

- Sheriff contract extension after June 30, 2025, expiration; County continued providing services while parties worked on indemnity clause
- Claims and lawsuits made over the years; none occurred in last ten years
- Equally shared claims with SamTrans' maximum obligation of \$1 million; if claims were to arise, it would derive from provision of services supplied by the County Sheriff and County dispatch 911 services

Public Comment

Aleta Dupree, Team Folds, commented on Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) indemnity experience, oversight, and claims.

Motion/Second: Powell/Speier

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

**9.d. Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 3:27 pm.

**San Mateo County Transit District  
Legislative Committee Meeting / Committee of the Whole**

**1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, California**

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**Members Present (In Person):** Peter Ratto, Marina Fraser (Chair)

**Members Absent:** David J. Canepa

**Other Board Members Present Constituting Committee of the Whole:** Marie Chuang, Brooks Esser, Jeff Gee, Rico E. Medina, Josh Powell, Jackie Speier

**Other Board Members Absent:** None

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

**10.a. Call to Order**

Committee Chair Fraser called the meeting to order at 3:54 pm.

**10.b. Approval of Minutes of the Legislative Committee Meeting of April 1, 2026**

Motion/Second: Esser/Chuang

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

Noes: None

Absent: Canepa

**10.c. Legislative Update**

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

Federal

- April 29 House Republican approval of Senate's reconciliation blueprint for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Homeland Security budget funding
- April 30 presidential signing of bipartisan bill to end government shutdown
- FY27 House appropriations process kickstarted; \$6 million proposed earmark for North Base Causeway Level Sea Rise project
- American Public Transportation Association (APTA) Legislative Conference and Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus Council (HFCBC) Advocacy Day attendance

State

- April 24 fiscal bill deadline and May 15 non-fiscal bill deadline; May budget revision
- April 14 California Air Resources Board (CARB) reduction of greenhouse gas fund revenues by \$2 billion (cap-and-invest program); FY26 and FY27 Transit and Intercity

Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) and Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP); governor budget reduced by \$230 million and previously covered under SB 125

- SB 1087 (sustainable communities modernization of framework) and SB 1361 (transit-oriented development exceptions) monitoring

Staff provided further clarification in response to the Board comments and questions regarding upzoning at high frequency transit stops and allowance for high-density housing.

**10.d. Presentation on Draft Local Investment Plan for Potential Senate Bill 63 Regional Tax Measure Return-to-Source Funds for San Mateo County Transit Purposes**

Ms. Epstein and Eileen Goodwin, President, Apex Strategies, provided the presentation, which included the following:

- Local investment return-to-source would generate approximately \$50 million annually to SamTrans; operating deficit projected start of FY28, so proactive measures are being taken
- Local Investment Plan Outreach feedback on service concerns and gaps of service
- Agency Advisory Group (AAG) and Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) feedback used to plan on necessities to maintain service and funding
- Recommended categorical allocations: enhance 30 percent, protect 45 percent, expand 20 percent, and fix 5 percent

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

- Individual municipality considerations and splitting; feedback group selected individual prioritization
- Fair county distributions and framework
- Ensuring support and services, and coordination with other public transit agencies
- Categorization consistency needed for the survey responses
- Flexibility to re-calibrate priorities every three years, but priorities ultimately determined by Board's approval of funds
- Federal funding loss impacts and operational efficiencies to minimize costs during temporary solution
- Pedestrian safety improvements; transit agency and municipality responsibilities and changing conditions

Public Comment

Adina Levin, Seamless Bay Area, spoke in support of funds going towards improving rider experience, maintaining service frequency and transit connections, protecting paratransit services, improving bus stops, maintaining discounts for seniors and persons with disabilities, and maintaining Reimagine SamTrans and fixed route services.

Roland commented on SB 79, District-owned property, loss of Federal funding, and plan B if SB 63 does not qualify for the ballot.

Sebastian Petty, San Francisco Bay Area Planning and Urban Research Association (SPUR), commented on funding public transit, and spoke in support of Connect Bay Area measure.

Max Matuner, San Mateo, commented on rider-friendly improvements, increased frequency, serve underserved neighborhoods, improve bus service speed, increase reliability, transit connects, and improve RidePlus.

Adrian Brandt commented on rider-focus plan, funding hydrogen and sea level rise projects, and battery buses.

Brose Johnstone, San Mateo, commented on prioritizing funding to make transit reliable and cost effective, transfers between services, reliable bus services, and increase frequency.

Stacy Jimenez, Foster City, commented on SB 63 funding distributed fairly to all communities, deserve return-to-source to cities, consider giving Cities and County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG) a seat at the table, reconfigure how projects are scored, and consider geographic equity.

Suzy Niederhofer, Vice Mayor, City of Foster City, commented on need of last-mile service for cities not on transit corridor, bus service in Foster City, and asked Board to consider using return-to-source funds for underserved communities and public transportation across bridges.

**10.e. Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm.



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2026**

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# **NOTICE OF CANCELLATION**

## **San Mateo County Transit District**

### **Strategic Planning, Development, and Sustainability Committee Meeting / Committee of the Whole**

**Bacciocco Auditorium, 2nd Floor  
1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos CA 94070**

Strategic Planning, Development, and Sustainability  
Committee Meeting / Committee of the Whole  
for Wednesday, May 6, 2026  
is cancelled as there are no business items this month.

The next scheduled meeting is **Wednesday, June 3, 2026**  
**to be held at San Mateo County Transit District,**  
**Public Hearing Room, 5th Floor,**  
**166 North Rollins Road, Millbrae, CA 94030.**

Note:

- This Committee meeting may be attended by Board Members who do not serve on this Committee. In the event that a quorum of the entire Board is present, this Committee shall act as a Committee of the Whole. In either case, any item acted upon by the Committee or the Committee of the Whole will require consideration and action by the full Board of Directors as a prerequisite to its legal enactment.