

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

1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, California

Minutes of May 27, 2026

Members Present: Michael Auerbach, James Ganner, Aurelio Huizar, Jedidiah Koon, Alex Madrid (arrived 6:57 pm), Kathleen Rubens, Ben Mangiafico (Vice Chair), Dylan Finch (Chair)

Members Present via Teleconference: Mary Adler, Allison Chang, Hana Estalilla

Members Absent: Max Mautner, David Rabinovich

Staff Present: A. Feng, A. Rivas

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. Welcome and Introduction of Appointed and Reappointed Members

Chair Finch welcomed the newly appointed and reappointed members.

Member Michael Auerbach is a community representative and expressed his interest in supporting the community.

Member Aurelio Huizar shared his long-time use of public transit in the Bay Area.

Member Jedidiah Koon shared his long-time use of SamTrans and appreciation for joining the committee.

Member Rubens shared her long-term use of SamTrans and her family's experience with transit.

Vice Chair Mangiafico thanked the Board for his reappointment and continued service.

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

5. Approval of Meeting Minutes for April 29, 2026

Motion/Second: Mangiafico/Rubens

Ayes: Adler, Auerbach, Chang, Estalilla, Ganner, Huizar, Koon, Rubens, Mangiafico, Finch

Noes: None

Absent: Madrid, Mautner, Rabinovich

6. Presentation: Brown Act Training

Leanne C. Bolaño, Attorney, provided the presentation that included the following:

- Brown Act overview and key transparency principles
- Public meeting, agenda and public participation requirements
- Quorum requirements and meeting definitions
- Senate Bill (SB) 707 updates and teleconferencing provisions
- Remote meeting requirements for advisory committees
- Procedures for technology disruptions during remote meetings
- Closed session and confidentiality requirements
- Serial meeting and communication restrictions
- Rules regarding non-agendized items
- Brown Act compliance considerations and potential consequences for violations

Member Madrid arrived at 6:57 pm.

Staff provided further clarification in response to the Committee comments and questions, which included the ability of Committee members to direct public comments to appropriate staff for additional information.

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

Ana Rivas, Director, Bus Transportation, reviewed the Samtrans Staff Report for the month of March 2026 that included the following:

- Welcome to the new CAC members
- March 2026 ridership reporting paused due to ongoing Clipper 2.0 data issues; updates to resume once resolved
- Preventable accidents totaled 11; safety goal not met
- Miles between service calls at 1.3 per 25,000 miles; goal not met
- On-time performance (OTP) at 81.2 percent; below target
- Did Not Operates (DNOs) at 0.02 percent; met goal
- Safety campaign focused on safe servicing of bus stops
- Follow-up provided on runbook/Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) signage and announcement issues
- Follow-up provided on school route crowding and capacity concerns, including planned service adjustments and school coordination

- Follow-up provided on Redi-Wheels express lane usage and operator training compliance

Staff provided further clarification in response to the Committee comments and questions, which included challenges related to the new bus technology, fueling infrastructure availability, and mixed fleet reliability during the transition.

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

9. Liaison Report of the May 6, 2026 San Mateo County Transit District Board of Directors Meeting

Chair Finch stated the recording is available online.

10. CAC Member Comments / Requests

- Construction impacts and signage at Redwood City Transit Center and bus stops
- Zero-emission fleet reliability and fueling/charging constraints
- Transit Signal Priority (TSP) operations, jurisdictional coordination, and performance concerns
- Bus tracker/Global Positioning System (GPS) service interruptions and ITS system review
- Bus stop signage, detour communication, and passenger wayfinding improvements
- College of San Mateo (CSM) bus stop operational confusion and potential service layout/signage changes
- Route 250 performance concerns and long-term fleet replacement/Electric Vehicle (EV) transition plans

Member Madrid left at 7:38 pm.

11. Date / Time / Location of Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, June 24, 2026 at 6:30 pm at via Zoom and in person at the San Mateo County Transit District, Public Hearing Room, 5th Floor, 166 North Rollins Road, Millbrae, CA 94030.

12. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.