

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

166 North Rollins Road, Millbrae, California

Minutes of June 24, 2026

Members Present: Michael Auerbach, Hana Estalilla, James Ganner, Aurelio Huizar, David Rabinovich, Kathleen Rubens

Members Present via Teleconference: Allison Chang (arrived at 6:35 pm), Max Mautner (arrived at 6:31 pm), Dylan Finch (Chair)

Members Absent: Mary Adler, Jedidiah Koon, Alex Madrid, Ben Mangiafico (Vice Chair)

Staff Present: T. Bartholomew, T. Dubost, A. Feng, T. Huckaby, L. Lumina-Hsu, E. Silvas

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 Mautner arrived at 6:31 pm.

3. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

Jade Costello commented on the proposed restriction of public comment time at Board meetings.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes for May 27, 2026

Motion/Second: Rubens/Ganner

Ayes: Auerbach, Estalilla, Ganner, Huizar, Mautner, Rubens, Finch

Abstain: Rabinovich

Noes: None

Absent: Adler, Chang, Koon, Madrid, Mangiafico

5. Presentation: SamTrans 50th Anniversary Update

Tasha Bartholomew, Director, Communications provided the presentation that included the following:

- Marketing plan with social media campaign and dedicated anniversary webpage
- Music contest inviting community and employee submissions
- Free Fare Day on July 1 with outreach at transit centers
- Employee recognition and engagement activities throughout the year

- Fall community celebration events with tours, entertainment, and speakers
- Sponsorship outreach with support event costs

Member Chang arrived at 6:35 pm.

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

- VIP ticket purpose and access to a pre-event sponsor reception
- Sponsorship levels outlined from \$5,000 to \$25,000 presenting sponsor tier
- Confirmed sponsor commitments: Stanford University, San Mateo County Transit Authority (SMCTA), and Montera Credit Union

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

Tina Dubost, Manager, Accessible Services, and Enriques Silvas, Deputy Director, Bus Transportation, reviewed the report that included the following:

- Ridership reporting paused due to incomplete Clipper Next Generation data
- Preventable accidents at 66,038 miles between events; target not met
- Miles between service calls at 20,939; target not met; higher failure rate in zero-emission fleet
- On-time performance (OTP) at 83.3 percent; below 85 percent goal
- Did-Not-Operate (DNO) rate at 0.01 percent; goal met
- Safety campaign focused on safe bus stop approach procedures and hazard awareness
- Follow-up on headsign display issues and system fix
- College of San Mateo bus stop visibility improvements
- Transit Signal Priority enhancements on El Camino Real (ECR)
- Bus stop signage and accessibility improvement program updates

Staff provided further clarification in response to the Committee comments and questions, which included ECR routing and Millbrae Transit Center connection.

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

8. Liaison Report of the June 3, 2026 San Mateo County Transit District Board of Directors Meeting

Chair Finch reported on Connect Bay Area funding measures, Board of Director's Rules of Procedure updates and impact on Citizens Advisory Committee, and stated the recording is available online.

Member Rabinovich reported on proposed changes to the Board of Director's Rules of Procedure including public comment time period, renaming the CAC from Citizens to Community, and lack of CAC consultation.

Staff provided further clarification in response to the Committee comments and questions, which included public comment time period and Chair discretion to manage public comment.

Motion the Citizens Advisory Committee opposes the proposed San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans) Board of Directors public comment time limit reduction at Board meetings.

Motion/Second: Mautner/Ganner

Ayes: Auerbach, Chang, Estalilla, Ganner, Huizar, Mautner, Rabinovich, Rubens, Finch

Noes: None

Absent: Adler, Koon, Madrid, Mangiafico

Motion against the renaming of the Citizens Advisory Committee and to request the SamTrans Board of Directors obtain Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) input before making changes to the CAC

Motion/Second: Rabinovich/Mautner

Ayes: Auerbach, Chang, Estalilla, Ganner, Huizar, Mautner, Rabinovich, Rubens, Finch

Noes: None

Absent: Adler, Koon, Madrid, Mangiafico

9. CAC Member Comments / Requests

- Pantograph app data issue showing incorrect late-night bus timestamps
- ECR reroute stop placement and California Drive stop spacing
- Support for Millbrae Transit Center ECR stop
- Potential service impacts from Hillsdale Mall redevelopment
- Request for Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) World Cup transit impact analysis
- Clipper Pass integration; BayPass eligibility inquiry for CAC
- El Camino Real pedestrian safety improvements and ECR tradeoffs

10. Date / Time / Location of Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, July 29, 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.

11. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.