San Mateo County Transit District (District)
1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, California

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

August 7, 2024

Committee Members Present: R. Medina, J. Powell

Committee Members Absent: D. Canepa (Chair)

Other Board Members Present Constituting Committee of the Whole: B. Esser, M. Fraser, J. Gee, P. Ratto

Other Board Members Absent: M. Chuang, R. Mueller

Staff Present: A. Chan, K. Jordan Steiner, D. Olmeda, S. van Hoften, J. Brook, D. Seamans

9.c.1. Call to Order

Committee Member Rico Medina called the meeting to order at 2:53 pm.

9.c.2. Approval of Minutes of the Strategic Planning, Development, and Sustainability Committee Meeting of July 10, 2024

Motion/Second: Ratto/Powell
Ayes: Esser, Fraser, Gee, Medina, Powell, Ratto
Noes: None
Absent: Canepa, Chuang, Mueller

9.c.3. Expansion of Same-day Paratransit Service Pilot Program

Ana Rivas, Director, Bus Transportation, provided the presentation on the proposed expansion of the same-day service pilot program.

Chair Fraser thanked staff for their work on the program.

Committee Member Josh Powell asked what the alternative would be if riders didn't use the same-day transit service and asked about service impact if we combine the two zones (north and south of Highway 92). David Olmeda, Chief Operating Officer, Bus, said the participation is manageable at this time, so the opening of the adjacent zones is not projected to cause SamTrans to run out of capacity. He said we would continue to assess and evaluate and bring any changes back to the Board. Director Powell asked what type of ridership is the District attempting to achieve over the next year. Ms. Rivas said the current goal is to provide at least 50 percent of the requested trips, and we have provided 97 percent to date. She said we did not want to discourage riders from using the regular service. Mr. Olmeda said this service is considered a service enhancement when using regular Redi-Wheels service is not feasible.

Director Peter Ratto commended the program for improving quality of life.

Vice Chair Jeff Gee said we are providing a service for those that want to take advantage of things such as a last-minute medical appointment cancellation, where the same-day service bridges the gap left by Redi-Wheels, which requires advance notice. He asked if there is a heatmap showing the time usage. Ms. Rivas said we are extending service from 3:00 to 6:00 pm to accommodate return trips from afternoon appointments. She noted the inquiries and comments from Board and will return in the future with the information during the next update to the Board.

Motion/Second: Gee/Powell
Ayes: Esser, Fraser, Gee, Medina, Powell, Ratto
Noes: None
Absent: Canepa, Chuang, Mueller

9.c.4. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:16 pm.

An audio/video recording of this meeting is available online at https://www.samtrans.com/about-samtrans/video-board-directors-cac. Questions may be referred to the District Secretary's office by phone at 650-508-6242 or by email to board@samtrans.com.