

SAMTRANS LIAISON REPORT

Meeting of August 5, 2020

BOARD ACTIONS:

- Approved minutes for Board of Directors meeting of July 8, 2020
- Accepted Quarterly Investment Report and Fixed Income Market Review and Outlook for the Quarter Ended June 30, 2020
- Adopted Updated SamTrans Conflict of Interest Code
- Authorized Entering into a Funding Agreement with Caltrans for the El Camino Real Congestion Impact Study
- Approved motion to support of SB 288

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING INITIATION OF LITIGATION:

No reportable action was taken.

SALES TAX MEASURE TO SUPPORT CALTRAIN - DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS:

The Board elected to add an emergency agenda item following the Report of the General Manager/CEO to provide the Board with the opportunity to comment on a critical resolution being considered at the JPB Special Meeting the following morning, August 6 regarding a proposed sales tax measure for Caltrain.

Carter Mau, Deputy General Manager/CEO, said that the resolution contains direction for the Caltrain board on several topics, including the expenditure of the revenues that would be generated from the sales tax measure, modifications to Caltrain governance, appointment of new legal counsel, appointment of a new auditor, repayment to SamTrans, and rules for placing items on the Caltrain agenda.

Chair Dave Pine noted that he was part of the team assembling the resolution going before the JPB Board. He said that it is crucial that a sales tax measure go before the voters.

The Board members expressed their support for Chair Pine's leadership on the JPB Board in attempting to preserve Caltrain service. It was noted that Caltrain is an essential service for essential workers.

MOTION TO APPROVE SUPPORT OF SB 288:

The Board approved support for California Senate Bill 288 (Wiener), which is calling for further exemptions from lead agencies on projects to complete an Environmental Impact Report under CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act). The bill would further exempt a few types of projects, including new rapid transit bus or light rail services.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION:

No reportable action was taken.