

SAMTRANS LIAISON REPORT

Meeting of May 6, 2020

BOARD ACTIONS:

- Approved minutes for Board of Directors meeting of April 1, 2020
- Accepted Statement of Revenues and Expenses for March 2020
- Accepted Quarterly Investment Report and Fixed Income Market Review and Outlook for the Quarter Ended March 31, 2020
- Authorized the General Manager/CEO to Submit Applications and Execute Agreements for Financial Assistance Relating to Federal, State, and Local Declared States of Emergency
- Authorized and Directed the General Manager/CEO to Exercise Certain Emergency Powers in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

COVID-19 UPDATE:

Jim Hartnett, General Manager/CEO reviewed the latest COVID-19 guidelines based on the Governor's revised order to shelter in place until May 31, 2020.

Derek Hansel, Chief Financial Officer, provided a presentation and Carter Mau, Deputy General Manager/CEO, provided a report on how the District has responded so far to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Director Rose Guilbault asked about the future of fare collection. Mr. Mau said that social distancing would likely remain in place. He said physical barriers may need to be installed on buses.

Director Ron Collins asked if fare collection mechanism was possible with the advent of rear door entry on buses. Mr. Mau said they were looking into various options for enabling Clipper at the rear doors.

Director Josh Powell had questions about remote working at SamTrans prior to the shelter in place order, where they were answered by Mr. Mau.

Director Charles Stone expressed his concern that CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act money will not be enough to satisfy the shortfall created by the lack of demand for services.

Mr. Hartnett said that as the Governor's orders are lessened or lifted, riders would come back since SamTrans serves the transit-dependent. He added that it would be complicated to achieve social distancing with school service if staggered schedules are used.