

**SAMTRANS LIAISON REPORT**

**Meeting of March 3, 2021**

**BOARD ACTIONS**

- Approved the minutes for the Board of Directors regular meeting of February 3, 2021
- Accepted the Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the period ending January 31, 2021
- Accepted the Capital Projects Quarterly Status Report 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter FY 2021
- Authorized filing annual claim with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for Transportation Development Act, State Transit Assistance, and Regional Measure 2 Funds
- Awarded a Contract to Group 4 Architecture, Research + Planning, Inc. for On-Call General Engineering Consultant, Design Services for a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$3,000,000 for a Seven-Year Term
- Authorized Amendments to the On-Call Program Management Oversight Services Agreements with CPM Associates, Inc. and Jacobs Project Management Company to Increase the Maximum Aggregate Not-to Exceed Amount by \$465,000
- Authorized the Filing of Applications for Federal Transit Administration Formula and Surface Transportation Program Funding for SamTrans Capital and Operating Projects, Committing the Necessary Local Match for the Projects and Assuring Completion of the Projects

**BOARD HIGHLIGHTS**

- Jim Hartnett, General Manager/CEO introduced the recipients of the annual operator and maintenance awards:
  - Josh Santos was presented with the award for Mechanic of the Year 2020 by David Harbour, Director of Bus Maintenance.
  - Jesus Madrid was presented with the award for Operator of the Year 2020 by Ana Rivas, Director of Bus Transportation.
- In response to the recent violence against the Asian community, Director Jeff Gee proposed that the Board consider including a resolution at the April meeting making a statement about the District's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

**DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS FROM COMMITTEES**

**Community Relations Committee**

Accessible Services Update

Tina Dubost, Manager, Accessible Transit Services, announced that Senior Focus at Sutter Health is closing, which represented approximately 5 percent of paratransit ridership.

Citizens Advisory Committee Update

Director Gee requested that the SamTrans CAC help manage rider expectations regarding school service once the schools reopen. Carter Mau, Deputy General Manager/CEO, said that the District was meeting and working closely with the County Superintendent's office to provide the best service and prioritize service to underserved communities.

### **Strategic Planning, Development, and Sustainability Committee**

#### *SamTrans Adaptation and Resilience Plan Study Findings and Recommendations*

Amelia Timbers, Principal Planner, Sustainability, provided a presentation on the study findings. Director Dave Pine said he strongly supported climate analysis as an active approach to track sea level rise. Director Gee said that the City of Redwood City recently approved setting aside funding to study sea level rise.

### **Legislative Committee**

#### *State and Federal Legislative Update*

Jessica Epstein, Government and Community Affairs Officer, briefly summarized the highlights of recent federal legislation, which included approval of President Biden's pandemic rescue plan. She said on the state side that more than 2,500 bills were introduced that focus heavily on pandemic relief and response. She noted that there are several items in the budget trailer bill relating to the Transportation Development Act (TDA).