

**Summary of San Mateo County Transit District's
Committee and Board of Directors Meetings of
March 5, 2014**

**AGENDA ITEM # 7
MARCH 6, 2014**

The Community Relations Committee and Board

Tina Dubost, Manager, Accessible Transit Services, said the Accessibility Advisory Committee met on March 3 and received information about the new hybrid buses.

Mike Levinson, Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC) Chair, said the MV Transportation appreciation party is on April 8. The Education Committee has scheduled a presentation in April and two more are yet to be scheduled.

Peter Ratto, Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Chair, said at their February 26 meeting, the CAC received a presentation on the 2014-2018 Strategic Plan update. This is a new item for the entire CAC. The CAC also received a SamTrans Service Plan update.

Chuck Harvey, Deputy CEO, presented the Mobility Management Report: Shuttles (attached).

Average Weekday Ridership – January 2014 Compared to January 2013

Bus: 41,210, an increase of 4 percent.

All modes: 103,930, an increase of 8.7 percent.

The Finance Committee and Board

- Approved the Statement of Revenues and Expenses for January 2014
- Authorized the Filing of an Application for Transit Performance Incentive Funds to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission in the Amount of \$687,240 to Help Fund the Implementation of the SamTrans Service Plan
- Authorized the Purchase of 14 Low-floor Paratransit Minivans and 19 Paratransit Vehicles from Creative Bus Sales, Inc. for a Total Cost of \$2,566,933
- Authorized Award of Contract to NVB Equipment to Furnish Vehicle Fire Suppression System Inspection and Maintenance for a Total Estimated Cost of \$243,005 for a Five-year Term
- Authorized Award of Contract to Shaw/Yoder/Antwih, Inc. and Edelstein Gilbert Robson & Smith, LLC to Provide State Legislative Advocacy Services for a Firm-fixed Price of \$293,178 for a Five-year Term
- Authorized an Amendment to On-call Engineering Consulting Services with Gannett Fleming, Inc. in a Total Aggregate Not-to-Exceed Contract Amount of \$800,000 from \$1,750,000 to \$2,550,000

The Legislative Committee and Board

State Update

Cap and Trade is the primary focus of the budget debate. The main set of programs being considered for the funds is within transportation. The San Mateo County Transit District (District) is supportive of the proposal to fund \$50 million for rail modernization.

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The District is also supportive of the proposal for implementing sustainable communities strategies but recommends increasing the amount of funding.

There was a proposal for a new carbon tax that would replace the fuels portion of the Cap and Trade revenue. The proposal is a carbon tax on gasoline at the pump, and the initial proposal states the funds would be used to fund some tax credits and transit and transportation infrastructure and services. Funding levels could potentially be more consistent and reliable as a result.

Federal Update

The U.S. Department of Transportation announced that \$600 million will be available under the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery competitive grant program. Applications are due on April 28. Staff is working with the region to identify what San Mateo County priorities would be most competitive for the program because whatever is selected needs to have coordinated support from the region in order to be successful.

President Obama's budget proposal includes a \$302 billion reauthorization proposal that would fully fund the Highway Trust Fund with \$150 billion generated through a business tax overhaul that would tax companies on their overseas earnings. The President indicated that other revenue solutions would be viable.

Planning, Development and Sustainability Committee

- Authorized Granting a Fiberoptics Easement to the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board Over a Portion of the Dumbarton Rail Corridor
- Received an update on the progress of the SamTrans Service Plan (SSP)
 - Staff will bring comprehensive reports on a quarterly basis.
 - The SSP launch went smoothly on January 26.
 - Overall it was a very complex undertaking including a lot of changes and route designations.
 - Route ECR ridership in January is up 7.9 percent, or 22,800 additional riders.
 - Staff identified 14 issues and is continuing to look at feedback received from the public.
 - There are some issues with bus stops and running times.
 - There have been service quality issues with some routes to schools. They are difficult for the contractor to operate.
 - Changes and improvements will be made to the SSP and it will be regarded as a living document.
- Received an update to the 2014-2018 SamTrans Strategic Plan
- Received the Quarterly Capital Progress Report – 2nd Quarter Fiscal Year 2014

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Board of Directors

The Board:

- Discussed in closed session:
 - Conference with Labor Negotiator – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 1574 (Bus Operators, Mechanics, Utility Workers and Storekeeper Employees)
 - Conference with Labor Negotiator – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, Teamsters Union, Local 856 (Bus Transportation Supervisors, Dispatchers and Radio Controllers)
 - Conference with Labor Negotiator – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 1574 (Customer Service Center Employees)

Michael Scanlon, General Manager/CEO, reported:

- Nelson Arguilla was recognized as Bus Operator of the Year.
- James Esqueda was recognized as Maintenance Employee of the Year.
- South Base Operations was recognized with the Operations Base Safety Award for operating more than 102,000 miles between accidents.
- South Base Maintenance was presented the Maintenance Base Safety Award for working 60,000 hours with no lost-time injuries.
- Retired employee Corinne Goodrich was recognized for her work on the Grand Boulevard Initiative and Senior Mobility.
- More than 2,400 hours of training was invested in Human Capital in December.
- During 2013, the training program opened its doors for other transit agencies to take advantage of training at the District. This program will be extended in 2014.
- New employees Samantha Erickson, Senior Scheduler, Julie Huang, Planner, and Tracey Lin, Planner were introduced.
- Tina Dubost was promoted to Manager, Accessible Services.
- Congratulated Director Zoe Kersteen-Tucker on her appointment to the San Mateo County Planning Commission.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Wednesday, April 2, 2014 at 2 p.m.



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Mobility Management – Shuttle Performance

San Mateo March 5, 2014

Performance



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- Shuttles by Mode
- Business & Public Partners
- FY2014 Allocation & Funding
- Sponsor Support
- Call for Projects
- Ridership
- Operational Flexibility
- FLX Service
- Current Issues
- Summary



Shuttles by Mode

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Caltrain – 31 routes

- Operates in 3 counties
- Serves 19 stations

SamTrans – 8 routes

- Serves 6 stations

TA – 12 routes

- 2 serve SSF Ferry Terminal

2.7 million annual trips

8.6 million passenger “last mile”

50 million miles on Caltrain & BART

Commute.org Working Together to Improve Our San Mateo County Commute

Brisbane-Crocker Park BART Shuttle

MONDAY – FRIDAY SERVICE
EFFECTIVE: July 1, 2009
Shuttle Pass required for boarding.

We would like to thank the following entities for their financial contributions to the service:

Balboa Park BART Station



- Aircraft Technical Publishers
- Bebe
- Billie
- City of Brisbane
- Cook Software
- Cotler
- D&K Social Forwarding
- Dobby Laboratories, Inc.
- Equations Int'l of Washington, Inc.
- FedEx Trade Networks
- F&S Systems & Son, Inc.
- Intermune, Inc.
- Master Cable Products, Inc.
- New Time Garment Manufacturing
- Norman Wright Mechanical Equip.
- Pacific Gourmet
- SFO Apparel Inc.
- Shang Kee Bakery
- J&J Inc.
- Bay Area Air Quality Management District
- San Mateo County Transit District
- San Mateo County Transportation Authority - Measure 'A' Funds

Managed by:  Major Funding Provided By:   

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San Bruno, CA
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General Commute Information
• Phone: 5-1-1
• Online: www.511.org

Service Provider Information
• Shuttle Vendor: PCA
• Vendor Phone: 415-379-0274

Alliance Shuttle Information
• Shuttle Info: 650-588-1800
• Email: shuttles@commute.org

Revised: January 3, 2013

Business Partners

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Over 400 business partners participate in the “last mile” Shuttle routes

Some of the Partners:

- Genentech
- Stanford University
- Oracle
- AMD
- Life Technologies
- Intel
- Hewlett Packard
- Google
- See's Candy



Public Partners

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- BAAQMD (TFCA funding)
- C/CAG (Grant Program and TFCA funding)
- Peninsula Traffic Congestion Relief Alliance
- Several cities on the peninsula
- Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board
- San Mateo County Transportation Authority

FY2014 Allocation

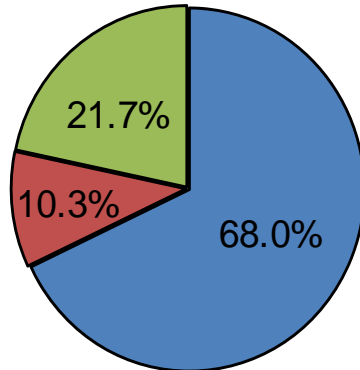
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SamTrans/BART Shuttles	\$2,610,273
TA Shuttles	\$1,392,606
Caltrain Shuttles	<u>\$4,774,107</u>
Total	\$8,776,986



SamTrans Funding

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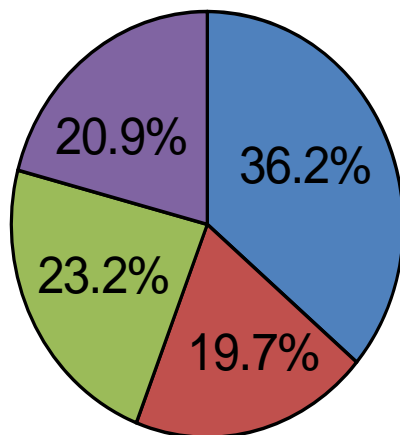


\$1,775,673 Employer
\$268,600 SamTrans
\$566,000 AB 434
\$2,610,273 Total

■ Employer
■ SamTrans
■ AB 434

JPB Funding

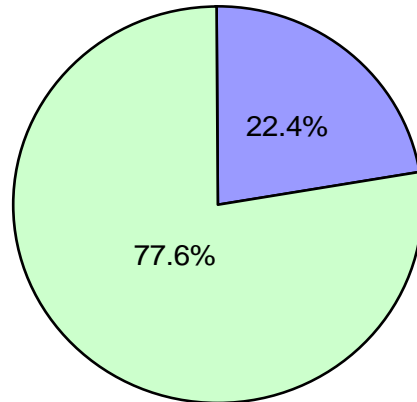
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\$1,722,634 Employer
\$941,525 Caltrain
\$1,109,948 TA Measure A
\$1,000,000 AB 434
\$4,774,107 Total

■ Employer
■ Caltrain
■ TA Measure A
■ AB 434

Sales Tax - Measure A Funding



\$311,271 Employer
\$1,081,335 TA
\$1,392,606 Total

■ Employer
■ TA

Sponsor Support



Caltrain and SamTrans shuttles depend on many funding partnerships

In spite of the recession most companies and cities that sponsor shuttles have extended their funding contracts.

Intel sponsorship of Bowers/Walsh ends March 1. Intel will modify and continue sponsorship of Mission-College route.

TA C/CAG Shuttle Joint CFP

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Call for Projects:

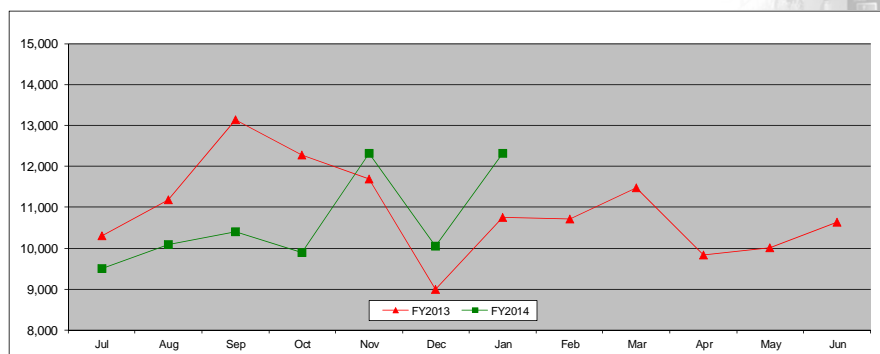
- 2-year program FY 2015 and FY 2016
- \$7 million (TA \$6 million, C/CAG \$1 million)

Criteria:

- Meets local mobility needs and/or provides access to regional transit
- 25% minimum local match
- Must be compliant with ADA
- Public agencies are eligible applicants
- Private entities/employers not eligible, but encouraged to partner with eligible applicants

Shuttle AWR

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Operational Flexibility

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- Shuttle contractors can adjust service rapidly to meet specific and/or changing needs:
 - Matching schedules to train arrival/departures
 - Matching vehicle size/capacity to meet route demand
- Shuttle operators are prepared to respond to unplanned situations, adjusting schedules, bus bridging, and supporting various Caltrain emergency operations:
 - Security
 - Mechanical issues
 - Disaster
 - Accidents

FLX Service

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FLX Pacifica

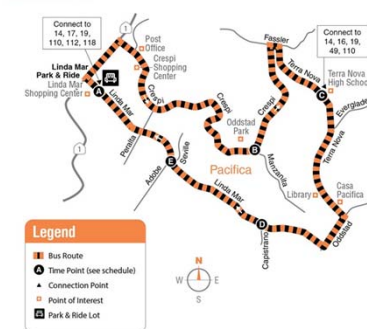
- Weekdays, every 45 minutes 7 am to 6 pm
- Follows Route 14 alignment, ½-mile deviation/trip



- One 25-foot bus, 16 passengers
- Standard SamTrans fare

FLX Pacifica

Effective Jan. 26, 2014



FLX Service

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FLX San Carlos

- Weekdays, peak-hour circulator
- Demand Response 9:30 am to 3 pm



- One 25-foot bus, 16 passengers
- Standard SamTrans fare

FLX San Carlos

Effective Jan. 26, 2014



Current Issues

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- Operator contract
 - Negotiating extended contract thru June 30, 2015
 - RFP in Summer 2014 for new contract effective July 1, 2015
- \$1 million BAAQMD grant approved for calendar year 2014, Air District is reviewing future funding guidelines
- C/CAG grant fluctuates based on license plate fees
 - High \$631,000 in FY2009
 - Low \$535,000 in FY2012
 - \$566,000 in FY 2014
 - \$585,000 in FY 2015 estimate

Summary

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- Business and Public partners are supportive of the Shuttles program
- Shuttles program leverages significant external funds
- Level of future grant funds is uncertain
- Shuttles “last mile” supports over 50 million rail system passenger miles
- RFP process, new contract July 1, 2015
- Shuttles have operational flexibility
- New FLX services are examples of managing community mobility and connecting to mainline services more effectively