

**Summary of San Mateo County Transit District's (District)  
Liaison Report – Meeting of September 3, 2014**

**AGENDA ITEM # 7 (a)  
SEPTEMBER 4, 2014**

The Community Relations Committee and Board

Tina Dubost, Manager, Accessible Transit Services, said there has been an increase in the number of people being referred to travel training the past few months. Travel training provides one-on-one training with an experienced professional who teaches how to use the bus service.

Mike Levinson, Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC) Chair, said Sandra Lang is the new chair of the advocacy and legislative committee. The PCC will have a table at the Seniors on the Move event. They also participated in an educational roundtable with the county.

Peter Ratto, Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Chair, said the CAC received an overview of the transit police and safety and security from Dave Triolo, Chief, Protective Services, at the August 27 meeting.

Chuck Harvey, Deputy CEO, provided the multimodal ridership report. Average Weekday Ridership – July 2014 Compared to July 2013  
Bus: 37,760, an increase of 3.8 percent.  
All modes: 109,850, an increase of 7.7 percent.

The Finance Committee and Board

- Accepted the Statement of Revenues and Expenses for July 2014.
- Authorized Approval of David Olmeda, Director, Maintenance, to Participate in the Masters of Science in Intermodal Transportation Management at the University of Denver

The Legislative Committee and Board

Legislative Lobbyists Mike Robson from Edelstein, Gilbert, Robson and Smith and Matt Robinson from Shaw, Yoder, Antwich provided a State update. The Legislative session ended on September 5. Over the past month approximately 900 bills were sent to the governor for consideration. The governor has until September 30 to sign or reject these bills.

The bus axle weight exemption has been signed by the governor and extended 2016. The exemption for Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013 for transit employees covered under Federal 13c has been continued for one more year.

There are two design-build bills that relate to Caltrain Modernization on the governor's desk. Senate Bill (SB) 785 allows transit operators to utilize design-build for another 10 years and reconfigures the statute, and some apprenticeship requirements were added. SB1433 is specific to transit and would extend the existing statute for two years.

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SB556 is a leftover bill from the first half of the 2013 Legislative session. This bill is sponsored by the California Professional Firefighters. In its original version it would have required all third-party contractors to government services, including transit, to have their employees and vehicles labeled as non-government employees or non-government vehicles. This bill ran into a lot of opposition at the end of the 2013 Legislation session and prior to shelving the bill the author amended the bill to apply to only emergency and safety services. The bill didn't move at all until the last few weeks of the 2014 Legislative session when the author gave the bill to another senator.

The last of the initial public workshops for Cap and Trade will be held on September 3 in Oakland. The draft guidelines will start to be released in early October on the specific programs. Another series of public workshops will then be held to get feedback on the guidelines. Caltrain is well positioned in the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program. The Formula Grant Program is 5 percent of \$25 million moving forward. SamTrans' direct cut is about \$500,000 in year one. The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) will then take the other half of the money and distribute to all the systems within the region.

### Planning, Development, and Sustainability Committee and Board

- Ellen Barton, Active Transportation Coordinator, City/County Association of Governments of San Francisco, gave an update on active transportation. Active transportation is a term generally referring to programs that promote non-motorized travel, including biking and walking. In addition to reducing traffic congestion, it promotes increased mobility, public health, and safety. Both the State and MTC administer grant programs that promote active transportation. Doug Kim followed up with an update on "Connect Redwood City." Three hundred more bikes will be coming to Redwood City. Two bike stations will be relocated in the fall. One will be at Stanford University and another one will be somewhere in the county.
- Received an update on the SamTrans Service Plan (SSP) Progress. For the first six months of the SSP total ridership is up 2.9 percent and average weekday ridership is up 2.5 percent. Routes with 15-minutes service account for 3,100 new riders each weekday. FLX Pacifica is very successful.
- Received an update on the Capital Projects Quarterly Status Report – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Fiscal Year 2014.

### Board of Directors

- Presented a Resolution of Appreciation to Outgoing Director Jerry Deal who is retiring.

Michael Scanlon, General Manager/CEO, reported:

- Jaime Gonzales was recognized for a 30-Year Safe Worker Award.
- Gary Cox, Einar Nakapaahu and Tara Singh were each recognized for a 20-Year Safe Worker Award.

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- Ana Rivas, Superintendent, Bus Transportation, has been accepted into the 2015 American Public Transportation Association (APTA) Leadership Program.
- Ms. Rivas hosted the local chapter of the Women's Transportation Seminar at North Base on August 28.
- Human capital investment continued with 3,200 hours of training in August. Additional hours were spent on other trainings, including some retraining.
- New bus operator classes will begin on September 8 with 15 new operators and November 3 with 12 new operators.
- Twenty-two bus operators and maintenance employees have completed the Federal Department of Transportation and Federal Transit Administration course on "Fatigue and Sleep Apnea Awareness for Transit Employees" during July.
- Runbook 115 started on August 15 and staff has been working with individual schools to correct any issues.
- Three members of staff attended ATPA's Multi-Modal Planning Workshop in Chicago the week of August 11.
- Two members of staff attended the Eno Mid-Manager Training Seminar in New York the week of August 18.
- John Sanderson has been hired as the new Accessibility Coordinator. Mr. Sanderson was the Director, Operations, at San Francisco Paratransit.
- Staff will commence negotiations with the top ranked Redi-Wheels contract proposal. It is expected a contract will be brought back for recommendation for award at the October meeting.
- The shuttle re-bid committee completed their preliminary review of the proposals received. Scoring has yet to be done. Site visits will be the week of September 19 and interviews will be on September 23.
- The new Senior Mobility Ambassador video was shown.
- The reading file contained Message to Customers on detours for the Pacifica FogFest and Folsom Street Fair.
- Acknowledged the letter sent to the Board on his intention to retire after starting in the business in March 1967.

The Board met in closed session on the following:

- Pending labor negotiations with the Teamsters Union. No action was taken on this matter.
- A motion is being heard in Federal court on September 9 on the matter of Ling La versus SamTrans.
- Public Employee Performance Evaluation: General Manager/CEO. Under the terms of his contract Mr. Scanlon provided a 60-day notice of intent to effect his retirement. It is reasonable to conclude the recruitment process will not be concluded during that short period of time. The Board accepted an offer from Mr. Scanlon to continue to serve until his successor is named and approved a contract amendment for that purpose.

Chair Jeff Gee appointed a committee to have the authority to make a selection of a recruiting firm. The committee consists of Director Adrienne Tissier, representing the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board, Director Karyl

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Matsumoto, representing the San Mateo County Transportation Authority, Vice Chair Shirley Harris, and himself.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Wednesday, October 1, 2014 at 2 p.m.