

**Liaison Report (Karyl Matsumoto)
Summary of San Mateo County Transit District's (District)
Meeting of November 4, 2015**

**AGENDA ITEM # 7 (b)
NOVEMBER 5, 2015**

The Community Relations Committee and Board

Tina Dubost, Manager, Accessible Transit Services, said staff recently attended a regional eligibility workshop. On behalf of the chair of the Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC) she distributed the PCC's annual work plan and announced the PCC will have a table at the Seniors on the Move event on November 10.

John Baker, Chair, Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), said the CAC received a presentation on the customer complaint process. The CAC was very impressed the District receives only 20 complaints for every 100,000 rides. Mr. Baker said staff reported Route 294 had a 179 percent increase in ridership over the Half Moon Bay Pumpkin Festival weekend.

Average Weekday Ridership – September 2015 Compared to September 2014

Bus: 47,920, a decrease of 0.8 percent

All modes: 123,200, an increase of 0.9 percent

The Finance Committee and Board

Accepted the Statement of Revenues and Expenses for September 2015.

Accepted the Quarterly Investment Review and Fixed Income Market for the Period Ending September 20, 2015.

Authorized Entering into Memoranda of Understanding with San Mateo County Human Services Agency, City of Menlo Park, and City of Daly City to Pass Through Funding to Implement Three Lifeline Transportation Program Projects in San Mateo County and File Claims to Receive a Total of \$1,263,804 in State Transit Assistance Funds.

Authorized Acceptance of a Total of \$2,850,468 in Lifeline Transportation Program Grants and File Claims to Receive the Funds from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. The funds will be used for operating support of Route 17 and SamCoast, the replacement of the articulated bus fleet, and help fund the expansion of Route 122.

Authorized Award of Contract to Vista Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired to Provide Travel Training Services to Visually Impaired Customers for a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$221,730 for a Five-Year Term.

Authorized Award of Contract to Kimball Midwest for the Furnishing and Servicing of Shop Supplies and Related Items for a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$354,504 for a Five-Year Term.

Authorized Award of Contract to Peterson Hydraulics, Inc. for the Purchase and Installation of Two New Bus Roof Access Scaffold Systems for a Total Cost of \$122,122.

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Authorized Award of Contracts to Provide On-Call Real Estate Support Services for a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$600,000 for a Six-Year Term.

Due to an irregularity in the contract with the lowest bidder, Interstate Grading and Paving, Inc., for the San Carlos Transit Center Project Parking Lot, the Board authorized the General Manager/CEO to conduct additional due diligence concerning contract award and to execute a contract on behalf of the District with the responsive and responsible bidder that submitted the lowest bid for this work. Due to timing of the completion of the San Carlos Transit Center Project Parking Lot the award of contract could not be delayed to a future meeting.

The Legislative Committee and Board

On October 29 the president signed into law the Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2015 which extends Federal transportation funding through November 20 to prevent a Highway Trust Fund shutdown. The previous funding authorization was set to expire on October 29. The bill includes language for a positive train control (PTC) deadline extension giving railways until December 31, 2018 to complete PTC implementation. The PTC provision also allows for an additional two years of leniency for operators that meet certain benchmarks. The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) will track each railroad's progress to make a determination about which railways will have three years to comply and which will get five years. The legislation also states that railways have 90 days after the bill is signed into law to submit a revised plan that describes the schedule and sequence for implementing PTC.

On October 29 the DOT announced this year's TIGER awards. Staff submitted a grant application for the South San Francisco Caltrain Station Improvements Project and assisted the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County with their application for funds for the U.S. Highway 101/Willow Road Project. Unfortunately, neither project received funding. In fact, no Northern California projects were funded. Overall there were 672 applicants and only 39 grant recipients in this round. The DOT awarded nearly \$500 million in funds this cycle.

Two bills were signed by the governor at the end of the session. Senate Bill 705 would authorize the county of San Mateo to submit a ballot measure that would seek additional sales tax for transportation programs that would exceed the existing 2 percent limit placed on local jurisdictions enacting local sales tax measures. Assembly Bill 1250, addresses bus axle weight limits, provides a permanent exemption for buses on the streets today and establishes a path forward for a gradual reduction for future bus procurements, and allows the industry time to develop technologies and solutions that would reduce the weight limits for buses in the future to address concerns cities have and the impact on the local streets and roads.

The Board of Directors

- Approved the 2016 Board of Directors Meeting Calendar.

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- Authorized Adoption of Revised Codified Tariff, Adoption of Findings for a Statutory Exemption Under the California Environmental Quality Act and Approval of Association Title VI Equity Analysis.
 - The revised Codified Tariff for fixed-route:
 - Increases cash fares a maximum of 25 cents in 2016 and 25 cents in 2019
 - Increases the prices of the Day Pass, tokens and Monthly Pass to correspond to the increased cash fare
 - Establishes an approximate 10 percent discount for using Clipper cash value; expands youth discounts by pricing youth the same as Eligible Discount (ED), expanding the age of Youth from 17 years to 18 years old and allows two children (age 4 and younger) instead of one to ride free with a fare-paying adult
 - Eliminates the premium fare for express service into San Francisco
 - Reduces the \$5 premium fare for express service out of San Francisco, so that all service out of San Francisco is \$4
 - Increases the cost of the WaytoGo Pass by \$5 to 130 per participant, with minimum participation level of \$13,000 in 2019
 - Introduces a new ED paper token, priced the same as Youth tokens to be phased in.
 - For paratransit:
 - Rares will be increases a maximum of 50 cents in 2016 and 2019 for full fare customers only.
 - Lifeline paratransit fares would remain unchanged.

Jim Hartnett, General Manager/CEO, reported:

- Staff provided emergency assistance at a fire at a living assistance home in Burlingame by transporting 150 residents to various locations throughout the County.
- SamTrans will be providing a bus bridge on Saturday, November 7 between the Broadway Caltrain Station and the Hayward Park Caltrain Station. A new bridge is being installed in San Mateo and trains will not be able to operate in the area that day.
- The maintenance department continues to outperform the miles between road calls standards.
- There were 720 hours of training in September.
- Staff continues to review changes to the next runbook in January.
- Followed-up that all the dirt piles have been removed from the property north of Holly Street.
- The District has formed a partnership with KOIT 96.5 radio and the Shops at Tanforan for the Stuff the Bus campaign with canned goods for Second Harvest on November 27.

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A Board workshop will be held on Friday, November 6, 2015 at 9 a.m. at Mavericks Event Center in Half Moon Bay.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Wednesday, December 2, 2015 at 2 p.m.