

SAMTRANS LIAISON REPORT
Meeting of December 1, 2021

BOARD ACTIONS

- Approved Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of November 3, 2021
- Accepted Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the Period Ending October 31, 2021
- Accepted Capital Projects Quarterly Status Report for 1st Quarter FY 2022
- Accepted Quarterly Fuel Hedge Update
- Approved Continuation of the Safe Harbor Transit Ticket Program
- Awarded a Contract to Provide Financial Audit Services
- Awarded a Contract with Hobbs Investments, Inc. dba Am-Tran to Provide Mail Courier Services
- Awarded a Contract to Furnish and Service Shop Supplies
- Approved a Motion to Make Appointments to the Measure W Citizens Oversight Committee

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

- Carter Mau, General Manager/CEO, gave a summary of the purpose of the Safe Harbor Transit Ticket Program.
- Mr. Mau noted that 90 percent of employees were fully vaccinated and that testing protocols were in place for unvaccinated employees with the potential for disciplinary action for noncompliance.
- Nate Kramer, Executive Officer, Civil Rights, Employee Relations/Labor Relations and Human Resources, shared a visual analysis and heat map showing where employees live, their retention rate, and how far they live from the workplace.
- Mr. Mau said that SamTrans had started a Business Intelligence Unit to analyze data used for making District business decisions, which the Board Members supported.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS

Community Relations Committee

Motion to Make Appointments to the Measure W Citizens Oversight Committee

Amy Linehan, Public Affairs Specialist, said the COC was recommending five members for new terms. She provided background on the committee and an overview of the recruitment process.

Accessible Services Update

Tina Dubost, Manager, Accessible Transit Services, said the updated Senior Mobility Guides were now available in several languages other than English.

Paratransit Coordinating Council Update

Mike Levinson, Chair, PCC Policy/Advocacy/Legislative Committee, said the PCC was continuing to respond to MTC (Metropolitan Transportation Commission) on their service plan to fill in service gaps.

Mobility Management Report – ADA Paratransit Services

David Olmeda, Chief Operating Officer, Bus provided the presentation. Committee Chair Rose Guilbault asked what his prediction was on when paratransit ridership would return to normal capacity. Mr. Olmeda said that vaccinations and masking help

increase capacity. He noted that there would likely be a flattening rather than growth in ridership for the remainder of the 2022 fiscal year. Joan Cassman, Legal Counsel, said the paratransit service started prior to it being required by the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act). She said historically, SamTrans has provided paratransit countywide and has gone above and beyond what is required.

Monthly Performance Report – October 2021

Ana Rivas, Director of Bus Transportation, said the report was in the packet and provided a summary of the latest key performance indicators. She noted that the District had reduced the number of preventable accidents.

Legislative Committee

State and Federal Legislative Update

Casey Fromson, Acting Chief Communications Officer, noted that on November 15, President Biden signed the infrastructure bill into law. She said the Build Back Better Act passed the House on November 19, but not yet for the Senate. She said that a CR (continuing resolution) runs through December 3, which may be extended if passed. She noted that state's ineligibility for federal funding for public transportation agencies due to ongoing litigation and said that it is hoped that the federal government will free up the flow of grants while the litigation is still pending. She said the state was in recess until January 3 and it could have a surplus of \$14 billion with the possibility of having a transportation package.

CLOSED SESSION

There was one Closed Session on Conference with Labor Negotiators. Ms. Cassman announced that there were no anticipated actions following the Closed Session and the Board adjourned the regular meeting.