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AGENDA

San Mateo County Transportation Authority

Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting

September 29, 2026, 4:30 pm

Public Hearing Room, 5th Floor
166 North Rollins Road
Millbrae, CA 94030

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SMCTA Community Advisory Committee Members: Barbara Arietta (Chair), Mike Swire (Vice Chair), Giuliano Carlini, Nheeda Enriquez, John Fox, Richard Garbarino, Rich Hedges, Karen Kuklin, Sandra Lang, Gus Mattammal

Staff Liaison:

Peter Skinner, Executive Officer, Transportation Authority

CAC Secretary:

Lauryn Ko

Each public comment is limited to three minutes or less. The CAC Chair shall have the discretion to manage the Public Comment process in a manner that achieves the purpose of public communication and assures the orderly conduct of the meeting.

Tuesday, September 29, 2026

4:30 pm

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1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance
 2. Roll Call
 3. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda
Public comment by each individual speaker shall be limited to three (3) minutes.
 4. Consent Calendar
 - 4.a. Approval of Minutes of the CAC Meeting of September 1, 2026 Motion
 5. **SMCTA Board Item – 9.a. San Mateo Countywide Transportation Plan Update** Informational
Board Action: Informational
 6. **SMCTA Board Item – 9.b. Programming and Allocating \$2,591,929 in Highway Program Funds for Three Highway Program Special Circumstance Requests for Additional Funding and Approval of a Special Circumstance Request for a Fund Swap** Motion
Board Action: Resolution
 7. **SMCTA Board Item – 10.a. Legislative Update** Informational
Board Action: Informational
 8. Report of the Chair Informational
 9. Report from Staff Informational
 10. Member Comments / Requests
Committee members may make brief statements regarding CAC-related areas of concern, ideas for improvement, or other items that will benefit or impact the SMCTA or the CAC.
 11. Date/Time of Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at 4:30 pm
The meeting will be accessible via Zoom teleconference and/or in person at the San Mateo County Transit District, Public Hearing Room, 5th Floor, 166 North Rollins Road, Millbrae, CA. Please see the meeting agenda for more information.
 12. Adjourn

Note: All items appearing on the agenda are subject to action by the CAC.

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Date and Time of Board of Directors and Community Advisory Committee Meetings

The Transportation Authority (SMCTA) Board of Directors meets regularly on the first Thursday of the month at 5:00 p.m. The SMCTA Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meets regularly on the Tuesday prior to the SMCTA Board meeting at 4:30 pm. Date, time and location of meetings may be changed as necessary. Meeting schedules for the Board and CAC are available on the SMCTA website.

Location of Meeting

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**San Mateo County Transportation Authority
Community Advisory Committee (CAC)
Regular Meeting**

166 North Rollins Road, Millbrae, California 94030

DRAFT Minutes of September 1, 2026

Members Present: Giuliano Carlini, Nheeda Enriquez (arrived at 4:32 pm), John Fox, Richard Garbarino, Rich Hedges, Sandra Lang, Gus Mattammal, Mike Swire (Vice Chair), Barbara Arietta (Chair)

Members Absent: Karen Kuklin

Staff Present: S. Atkinson, L. Ko, R. Galindo, P. Gilster, J. Manzi, P. Skinner

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Barbara Arietta called the meeting to order at 4:31 pm and Member Hedges led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Lauryn Ko, CAC Secretary, called the roll and confirmed a Committee quorum was present.

3. Request to Change Order of Business

Peter Skinner, Chief, Transportation Authority, stated the request to change order of business was to accommodate the guest speakers presenting for Item 10.a. but there were no changes to be made.

Member Enriquez arrived at 4:32 pm.

4. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda - There were none.

5. Consent Calendar

5.a. Approval of Minutes of the CAC Meeting of August 4, 2026

5.b. SMCTA Board Item – 5.b. Accept Capital Projects Quarterly Status Report for Fiscal Year 2026 Quarter 4

5.c. SMCTA Board Item – 5.c. Accept Preliminary Year-End Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026

5.d. SMCTA Board Item – 5.d. Approving and Ratifying the Fiscal Year 2027 Insurance Program

5.e. SMCTA Board Item – 5.e. Programming and Allocating \$4,100,000 in New Measure A Interest Income Funds and Awarding \$8,100,000 Under the 101 Corridor Connect Kickstart Mini-Grant Program for 11 Projects

Motion/Second: Hedges/Garbarino

Ayes: Carlini, Enriquez, Fox, Garbarino, Hedges, Lang, Mattammal, Swire, Arietta

Noes: None

Absent: Kuklin

6. SMCTA Board Item – 10.a. Peninsula Shuttle Program Optimization and Funding Strategy Update

Sue-Ellen Atkinson, Manager, Planning and Fund Management, provided the presentation that included the following:

- Increasing costs under funding deficit; fixed SMCTA and City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County contributions
- Peninsula Shuttle Strategy development and stakeholder development; workshop progression
- 23 shuttle route nominations within 13 jurisdictions/injuncted communities; evaluation criteria and program capacity; match options and funds
- Long-term and short-term funding agreement terms; vehicle procurement against operating rate; New Measure A interest income usage; project timeline

Staff provided further clarification in response to the Committee comments and questions, which included the following:

- Service level minimums, vehicle reutilization, and penalties
- Ridership criteria inclusion; set minimum matching
- Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) 10 percent interest rate earnings; flexibility to consider new service or additional service; replacement vendor contributions
- Applicants' willingness towards outlined percent matching; Commute.org support
- Sales tax rates versus total inflation
- Unfunded routes consequences and supported shuttle routes

7. SMCTA Board Item – 10.b. Programming and Allocating \$3,000,000 in Highway Program Funds for the Design Phase of the State Route (SR) 84/United States (U.S.) 101 Interchange Reimagined Project

Patrick Gilster, Director, Planning and Fund Management, and Leo Scott, President and Program Manager, Gray Bowen Scott, provided the presentation that included project schedule, design updates, funding costs and secured funding, cost control and risk mitigation, and funding.

Staff provided further clarification in response to the Committee comments and questions, which included the following:

- Elevated costs from project estimations
- Separated and protected bike lane availability and mileage
- Condemnation lawsuits; commercial and retail property; traffic congestion
- Funding requests and requirements; \$3 million availability and overall project budget
- Material movement from Union Pacific Railroad line to port

Motion/Second: Fox/Lang

Ayes: Enriquez, Fox, Garbarino, Hedges, Lang, Mattammal, Swire, Arietta

Noes: None

Abstain: Carlini

Absent: Kuklin

8. SMCTA Board Item – 11.a. Update on United States (U.S.) 101 Express Lanes Variable Rate Bonds and Express Lanes Performance

Ray Galindo, Interim Manager, Treasury, provided the presentation that included interest rate increases, inflation effects, principal payments, and insight.

Staff provided further clarification in response to the Committee comments and questions on fixed rate bonds, in which consultants have recommended variable rates, saving the San Mateo County Transit District money.

Kim Comstock, Program Director, San Mateo County Express Lanes Joint Powers Authority (SMCEL-JPA), continued the presentation that included operational rules; total express lane trips and trip type breakdown; paid toll distribution; toll revenue and expense; Northbound and Southbound AM/PM peak period speed map and heat maps by location and time; and Go Card Program participation and outreach.

Staff provided further clarification in response to the Committee comments and questions, which included the following:

- Increasing maintenance expenses
- Toll-free trip qualification and passenger indication; revenue initiatives
- California Highway Patrol (CHP) enforcement and vehicle occupancy detection; collected revenue from violations
- Trip actuals and projections comparison; as-expected performance; impacts on general purpose lanes; tracking methods and validation
- \$30,000 monthly budget for enforcement through CHP overtime
- Go Card Program qualifications
- Research to be done with non-CHP detection technology
- Slowdown areas, dynamic pricing, and onramp metering
- Lane usage increase; speed increase of eight to nine miles per hour; heat map transparency and historical analysis
- Express lanes and general lane monitoring

Member Garbarino left at 6:12 pm.

Meeting recessed at 6:13 pm.

Meeting resumed at 6:18 pm.

9. SMCTA Board Item – 12.a. Legislative Update

Peter Skinner, Chief, Transportation Authority, deferred the staff report.

10. Report of the Chair

Chair Arietta presented the chair report on Senate Bill 63.

Member Fox rejoined the meeting at 6:20 pm.

10.a. Committee Member Presentation: Mode Shift as a Strategy to Meet Measure A Goals and Measure W Core Principals

Guiliano Carlini, CAC Member; Kari Edison Watkins, Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of California (UC) Davis; and Susie Pike Cayar, Director, UC Davis Transit Research Center provided the presentation the included the following:

- Traffic congestion, vehicular damage, emissions, and public health impacts resulting from traveling in a vehicle
- Inconclusive solutions and behavior changes
- Transit needs; developing technology to improve transportation and user experience
- Bike study done in Delft and Atlanta to measure user preferences, comfort, safety, willingness, and stress levels
- Dutch transportation priorities and amenities

Guest speakers provided further clarification in response to the Committee comments and questions on inside car parking adjacent to protected bike lanes, behavioral research amongst age groups, infrastructure, low-income household vehicle usage, and autonomous vehicles.

Member Fox left at 6:51 pm.

Member Enriquez left at 7:02 pm.

The Committee no longer had a quorum of members at 7:03 pm.

11. Report from Staff

Deferred due to the lack of quorum.

12. Member Comments/Requests

Deferred due to the lack of quorum.

13. Date/Time of Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, September 29, 2026, at 4:30pm via Zoom and in person at the San Mateo County Transit District, Public Hearing Room, 5th Floor, Millbrae, CA 94030.

14. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm due to the lack of quorum.

DRAFT



Date: September 24, 2026
To: Community Advisory Committee
From: Barbara Arietta
Subject: Report of the Chair

The Pavement Condition Index (PCI) report for San Mateo County and its individual cities is released by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). The data evaluates the health of local streets on a 0-100 scale using a three-year (2022-2024) moving average.

Overall, the San Mateo County unincorporated roads scored a 74, placing them firmly in the "Good" category. Road conditions vary considerably across the county and its 20 individual cities, resulting from Hillsborough at the top with a "Very Good" score of 81 to Pacifica at the lower end with an "At Risk" score of 50.

Pavement Condition Index (PCI) Breakdown for San Mateo County and Cities

Very Good (PCI 80-99)	Hillsborough	81
Good (PCI 70-79)	Colma	78
	Daly City	78
	Foster City	78
	Atherton	76
	Burlingame	76
	Menlo Park	76
	Portola Valley	76
	South San Francisco	76
	San Mateo County	74
	Woodside	74
	Brisbane	72
	San Mateo	72

Fair (PCI 60-69)	Belmont	68
	Redwood City	68
	Half Moon Bay	64
	San Bruno	62
	East Palo Alto	60
At Risk (PCI 50-59)	San Carlos	57
	Millbrae	52
	Pacifica	50

Key Takeaway

Top Performance

Hillsborough is the only community in the county to achieve a "Very Good" average rating.

Most Improved

While still sitting at an "At Risk" level, cities like Pacifica managed to escape the "Poor" category (below 50) due to ongoing local pavement preservation adjustments.

Critical Interventions

Cities in the "Fair" and "At Risk" brackets are prioritized by local Public Works Departments because applying minor street treatments early saves significantly more money than waiting for a full road failure.

Prepared By: Barbara Arietta SMCTA CAC Chair 9/21/2026