

**SAMTRANS LIAISON REPORT**

**Meeting of June 2, 2021**

**REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSIONS AT MAY 5 BOARD MEETING** - Joan Cassman, Legal Counsel, noted that there were two closed sessions. The first item for Threat to Public Services or Facilities was not heard that day and was agendized for the June 2 Board closed session. The second item on Anticipated Litigation: Initiation of Litigation - Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4): One Potential Case had no reportable action taken.

**BOARD ACTIONS**

- Approved the minutes for the Board of Directors regular and special meetings of May 5, 2021
- Accepted the Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the period ending April 30, 2021
- Accepted the Capital Projects Quarterly Status Report 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter FY 2021
- Approved the Execution of Contracts for Information Technology Licenses, Maintenance Services and Professional Services
- Approved the Execution of Contracts for Technology-related Products and Services Through Piggybacking Contracts and Cooperative Purchasing Programs
- Approved the Authorization to Execute Master Agreement and Program Supplements for State-funded Transit Projects
- Approved the Authorization to File Claims and Receive Funds for Lifeline Transportation Program Projects, and to Enter into Agreements with City Project Sponsors for Pass-through Projects
- Adopted the Financial Reserve Policy
- Approved a Resolution in Recognition of LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender & Queer+) Pride Month
- Adopted the Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget in the Amount of \$199,389,100 and Fiscal Year 2022 Capital Budget in the Amount of \$41,050,326
- Awarded a Contract to New Flyer of America, Inc. for the Purchase of Seven Battery Electric Buses through a Commonwealth of Virginia Cooperative Procurement Contract and Increasing the Fiscal Year 2021 Capital Budget by \$8,802,841 for a Total Capital Budget of \$20,701,363

**BOARD HIGHLIGHTS**

- The Board agreed to agendize an item about preserving the ability to join future in-person meetings remotely.
- Carter Mau, Acting General Manager/CEO, noted that SamTrans was assisting VTA (Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority) by providing bus service in Santa Clara County in the wake of the May 26 VTA shooting so that families of employees can attend funeral services. He noted that SamTrans was also offering grief counseling services for its employees.

## **DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS FROM COMMITTEES**

### **Community Relations Committee**

*Monthly Performance Report – April 2021* - Chair Charles Stone said that the increases in performance were a very positive sign of service recovery.

### **Finance Committee**

*Adoption of Fiscal Year 2022 Operating and Capital Budgets* - Committee Member Jeff Gee asked if SamTrans would have the \$5 million to contribute to the capital budget. Derek Hansel, Chief Financial Officer, said that funding would flow directly from the TA to Caltrain without passing through the District. He said operating contributions/funding passes from the District to the JPB (Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board).

*Award of Contract for the Purchase of Seven Battery Electric Buses Through a Commonwealth of Virginia Cooperative Purchasing Contract and Increase the Fiscal Year 2021 Capital Budget by \$8,802,841 for a Total Capital Budget of \$20,701,363* - Committee Member Gee asked what happens to the charging infrastructure as mobile technology evolves. David Olmeda, Chief Operating Officer/Bus, noted that the automotive industry and many bus manufacturers have begun developing and standardizing their charging infrastructure.

Director Dave Pine asked what due diligence was done on the supplier. Mr. Olmeda said their team looks at performance, training, finances, existing products, and customer support.

### **Legislative Committee**

*State and Federal Legislative* - Jessica Epstein, Government and Community Affairs Officer, briefly summarized the highlights of recent federal legislation and said that she expected significant support for infrastructure funding.

**CLOSED SESSIONS** - there were four closed sessions (1) Threat to Public Services or Facilities – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(a), (2) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1): Alice Cutino v. San Mateo County Transit District, Case No. 19-CIV-01788, (3), Conference with Real Property Negotiators – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8, and (4) Conference with Labor Negotiators – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Ms. Cassman said no reportable actions for three items (agenda items 16 a, b, and d). For agenda Item 16 c, the Board authorized the Quitclaim and Release of Rights to Universal Paragon Corporation for Certain Unused Easements in the City and County of San Francisco and the City of Brisbane in Exchange for Rights for the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board to Access the Caltrain Rail Corridor Through Property Owned by Universal Paragon Corporation.

The meeting was adjourned in the memory of the passing of the nine VTA (Santa Clara County Valley Transportation Authority) employees and former Assistant District Secretary Cindy M. Gumpal.