

**SAMTRANS LIAISON REPORT**

**Meeting of May 5, 2021**

Legal Counsel noted that the Board had adjourned to two Closed sessions at the end of its April 7 Board meeting on (a) Conference with Labor Negotiator - Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 and (b) Anticipated Litigation: Initiation of Litigation - Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4): One Potential Case. There were no reportable actions taken.

**BOARD ACTIONS**

- Approved the minutes for the Board of Directors regular meeting of April 7, 2021
- Accepted the Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the period ending March 31, 2021
- Accepted the Quarterly Investment Report and Fixed Income Market Review and Outlook for the Period Ending March 31, 2021
- Accepted the Quarterly Fuel Hedge Update
- Adopted the San Mateo County Transit District Energy Policy
- Awarded On-Call Contracts to Provide Printing Services
- Awarded a Contract for Paratransit Eligibility Assessment Services
- Authorized the Application for and Receipt of Annual Cap and Trade Funding for Battery Electric Buses
- Awarded a Contract for Dumbarton Rail Corridor Program Consultant Support Services
- Approved a Resolution Expressing Willingness and Desire to Contribute Funds for Fiscal Year 2021-22 Caltrain Capital Budget

**BOARD HIGHLIGHTS**

- Carter Mau, Acting General Manager/CEO, thanked staff and Board for making his transition to his new position go smoothly. He gave an update on bus service to the schools. He noted that the Office of Civil Rights is supporting a new initiative regarding the District's stand against racism and that artwork supporting the initiative would be put on the buses.
- Director Jeff Gee requested having a report from IT (Information Technology) regarding cyber-security measures to prevent hacking incidents as occurred at another agency.
- At their special meeting (revised agenda Item #16) and by resolution, the Board members supported SamTrans continuing to assist with the funding of Caltrain.

**DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS FROM COMMITTEES**

**Community Relations Committee**

Proclamation Declaring May as Older Americans Month - The proclamation was accepted by Michael Mau from the San Mateo County Commission on Aging.

Mobility Management Report – Bus Simulator - The Directors and David Olmeda, Chief Operating Officer/Bus, expressed their thanks to staff for building the project, which provides improved training for bus operators. David Harbour, Director, Bus Maintenance, noted that simulator could be modified in the future for use on electric buses.

### **Finance Committee**

Financial Reserve Policy - Derek Hansel, Chief Financial Officer, provided an overview of the policy and recommended that the District have three months' worth of reserves, which was supported by the Board.

Preliminary Fiscal Year 2022 Operating and Capital Budgets - In response to a question from Chair Charles Stone regarding the District making capital contributions to the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (JPB), Mr. Hansel said that it was decided at the JPB Finance Committee that there would be no reliance on inter-agency funding for either operations or capital.

### **Legislative Committee**

State and Federal Legislative Update and Approval of Legislative Proposals: Support AB 917 (Bloom) and AB 1499 (Daly) - Jessica Epstein, Government and Community Affairs Officer, briefly summarized the highlights of recent federal legislation. The Committee approved the minutes and voted to support Assembly Bills (AB) 339 and 1499.

SamTrans Federal Advocacy Update – May 2021 - Ms. Epstein said that they are currently tracking five different funding streams. The District's federal lobbyists provided a brief update on the federal infrastructure plan and details on the American Jobs Plan.