

SAMTRANS LIAISON REPORT

Meeting of February 3, 2021

BOARD ACTIONS

- Approved the minutes for the Board of Directors regular meeting of January 6, 2021
- Accepted the Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the period ending December 31, 2020
- Accepted the Quarterly Investment Report and Fixed Income Market Review and Outlook for the Quarter Ended December 31, 2020
- Appointed Rico Medina as SamTrans Representative to the San Mateo County Transportation Authority
- Approved a resolution of appreciation for former Director Karyl Matsumoto
- Approved legislative proposals to support ACA 1 regarding local government financing and affordable housing, and the voter-approved threshold; and SB 44 regarding the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

- Director Rico Medina was sworn in as the San Mateo County City Selection Committee Northern judicial cities' representative for a term ending 12-31-2024.
- April Chan, Chief Officer, Planning, Grants/Transportation Authority, provided an update on the regional MTC (Metropolitan Transportation Commission) Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force.
- Director Josh Powell reported on the January 20 meeting of the Reimagine SamTrans Ad Hoc Committee

DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS FROM COMMITTEES

Community Relations Committee

Accessible Services Update

Tina Dubost, Manager, Accessible Transit Services, noted that a recent paratransit survey indicated that customers are consistently happy with the service, with a third of them reporting that they use fixed-route service in addition to the paratransit service.

Paratransit Coordinating Council Update

Director Jeff Gee and Jim Hartnett, General Manager/CEO, noted that the County Emergency Operations Center is assisting paratransit customers with ride options to get to their COVID vaccine appointments.

Mobility Management Report – COVID-19 Update

David Olmeda, Chief Operating Officer/Bus, discussed new federal and state safety requirements, including mandatory mask wearing on buses. He noted that the District has taken decisive actions to ensure the safety of its workers.

Monthly Performance Report – December 2020

Jonathan Steketee, Manager, Bus Operations, introduced the Monthly Performance Report, which combined key performance indicators and data from across multiple reports such as the Multimodal Ridership Report and the Report of the General Manager/CEO for a centralized and easy-to-read report that can better guide District decisions and monitor trends.

Finance Committee

Fuel Hedging Update

Jayden Sangha, Treasury Manager, provided the presentation and noted that the purpose of the hedging strategy is to mitigate the volatility of fuel prices.

Final Pilot Report of the California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (CUPCCAA) Pilot Program

Quoc Truong, Procurement Administrator, provided the presentation regarding SBE (small business enterprise) participation.

Legislative Committee

State and Federal Legislative Update and Approval of Legislative Proposals: Support ACA 1 and SB 44

Jessica Epstein, Government and Community Affairs Officer, briefly summarized the highlights of recent federal legislation, which included the swearing in of President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris, the federal mask mandate, and mask wearing on airplanes and public transit. She said that at the state level, there is new funding for alternative-energy transportation and that the California Transit Association is actively pursuing an extension of the regulatory and reporting relief that the District was able to secure last year. The Board voted to support SB 44 regarding the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and ACA 1 regarding local government financing and affordable housing, and the voter-approved threshold.