

**SAMTRANS LIAISON REPORT**  
**Meeting of December 2, 2020**

**BOARD ACTIONS:**

- Determined that the public interest and necessity require the acquisition of certain interests in land and directed the filing of eminent domain proceedings for the Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project (Britannia Gateway li Limited Partnership— Parcel No. JPB-SM2-0312-2A,-2B,-2C,-2D)
- Approved minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of November 4, 2020
- Accepted the Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the period ending October 31, 2020
- Accepted the Capital Projects Quarterly Status Report 1st Quarter FY 2021
- Approved the continuation of the Safe Harbor Transit Ticket Program
- Approved the one-year extension of the collective bargaining agreements with Teamsters Union, Local 856
- Approved the Renewal of Delta Dental Insurance Contract
- Appointed Directors Josh Powell and Rose Guilbault for new four-year Board public member terms ending 12/31/2024
- Appointed Director Charles Stone as Board Chair and Director Peter Ratto as Vice Chair for 2021
- Approved appointments to the Measure W Citizens Oversight Committee
- Accepted the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020
- Awarded a contract to The Cities Group for Workers' Compensation Program administration services for a total amount of \$1,767,000
- Authorized an amendment to the contract with Conduent Transport Solutions, Inc., for Advanced Traveler Information System signs cellular Wi-Fi upgrade services and to increase the total contract amount by \$71,094
- Approved the San Mateo County Transit District Agency Safety Plan
- Approved the San Mateo County Transit District's rollout plan to comply with the California Air Resource Board's Innovative Clean Transit Plan

**General Board Comments**

- Director Karyl Matsumoto said that she was eager to do outreach within the City of South Francisco on the upcoming Clipper START program. Millie Tolleson, Principal Planner, said they will confirm the program start date with MTC (Metropolitan Transportation Commission).
- Director Ron Collins announced that he was retiring from the SamTrans Board, and the members thanked him for his contributions during his tenure.

## **DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS FROM COMMITTEES**

### **Community Relations Committee**

#### Quarterly Dashboard Report – July-September 2020 and Multimodal Ridership Report–October 2020

David Olmeda, Chief Operations Officer/Bus, said that ridership on essential routes is approaching 40 percent of pre-COVID levels.

Chair Charles Stone asked if SamTrans was prepared for a stricter shutdown order from the Governor. Jim Hartnett, General Manager/CEO, noted that the District safety team monitors San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara County health directives daily, adding that since transit is an essential service, the new directives do not directly affect SamTrans.

### **Strategic Planning, Development, and Sustainability Committee**

#### Approve the District's Rollout Plan to Comply with California Air Resources Board Innovative Clean Transit Regulation

Chair Stone said he was hopeful for more federal funding for the plan presented by Mr. Olmeda. Director Peter Ratto said that he supported the plan and commended its flexibility. Committee Chair Dave Pine said that storm events were the biggest threat to sea-level rise and that SamTrans should be a leader in clean transit utilization. He said he agreed that additional funding could accelerate the program.

#### Reimagine Update: Draft Service Policy Framework and Network Alternatives

The Directors received a comprehensive report from Christy Wegener, Director of Planning, and Millie Tolleson, Principal Planner, and commended its scope and clarity.

Public comment noted that equity is one of the program's core principles and expressed support for bus rapid transit.

### **Legislative Committee**

#### State and Federal Legislative Update

Casey Fromson, Director, Government and Community Affairs, noted that a potential COVID relief package is being tracked closely but may not pass before the end of the year.