

SamTrans Liaison Report

Meeting of August 3, 2022

Board Actions

- Adopted a Resolution Making Findings that the Proclaimed State of Emergency for COVID-19 Continues to Impact the Board's and Committees' Ability to Meet Safely in Person, and Authorizing Remote Teleconference Board and Committee Meetings to Continue
- Approved Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of July 6, 2022
- Accepted Quarterly Investment Report and Fixed Income Market Review and Outlook
- Reaffirmed the San Mateo County Transit District Investment Policy and the Paratransit Trust Fund Investment Policy, and Reauthorized Investment of Monies with the Local Agency Investment Fund
- Awarded a Contract for Repair and Maintenance Services of Power Equipment
- Awarded a Contract to Brink's, Inc., for Armored Car Cash Collection Services
- Approved an Authorization to Receive \$7 Million in Funds from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission as Part of the Caltrain Right of Way Repayment

Board Highlights

- Chair Peter Ratto announced that Item #8.b.4 Information About Pension Prefunding Trusts was being removed from the agenda to be heard at a later meeting.
- In response to public comments regarding the elimination of some bus routes serving Portola Valley and Foster City, Chair Ratto noted that printable schedules were available on the website and the route changes were based on extensive community and rider outreach.
- Carter Mau, Acting General Manager/CEO, noted that the District conducted extensive outreach in various communities to plan the latest iteration of Reimagine SamTrans. He said upon the start of the new runbook on August 7, the District is anticipating they will receive both positive and negative feedback as riders learn to navigate the changes in the system. He announced that free fares were being offered from August 7 through 20. Mr. Mau commended the wholesale effort on the part of the entire agency to implement the service changes as smoothly as possible.

Committee Discussion Highlights

Community Relations Committee

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Jonathan Steketee, Manager, Operations Planning, provided a summary of June performance and noted that ridership is now 73 percent of pre-pandemic levels.

Legislative Committee

State and Federal Legislative Update

Jessica Epstein, Manager, Government and Community Affairs, provided a brief summary the highlights of recent federal and state legislation. She said on the federal side, the Senate is working to come to an agreement on the reconciliation bill. She said on the state side, the Governor signed a multi-billion-dollar transportation funding package as part of the budget and that they were exploring opportunities for increased funding for existing programs and funding of potential new programs. She added that most of the bills that they have been tracking are at the end of their cycle.

Closed Session

There was a closed session on anticipated litigation. Joan Cassman, Legal Counsel, noted that since no reportable actions were expected, the meeting could be adjourned and a report-out provided at the next regular board meeting.