

SamTrans Liaison Report

Meeting of September 7, 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 August 3, 2022
- Accepted Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the Period Ending July 31, 2022
- Accepted Capital Projects Quarterly Status Report - 4th Quarter Fiscal Year 2022
- Accepted Quarterly Fuel Hedge Update
- Awarded a Contract for the Rental, Purchase and Laundering of Work Clothing, Shop Towels, and Related Items
- Awarded a Contract for Inspection and Maintenance of the Dumbarton Rail Bridge Navigation Lighting System
- Executed an Agreement with the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (TA) to Provide Funding to Receive General Engineering Consulting Services through the TA's Consultant Bench
- Approved a Resolution Honoring Hispanic Heritage Month
- Approved a motion to reschedule the next SamTrans Board Meeting from October 5 to October 12 due to the Yom Kippur holiday
- Authorized Execution of the 2022 Amended and Restated Clipper[®] Memorandum of Understanding with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and Bay Area Transit Operators, and Related Actions
- Adopted a 4.7 Percent Overall Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Goal for Federal Fiscal Years 2023-2025 for Federal Transit Administration-assisted Contracts
- Approved Increasing the Budget for the Central Building Project by \$880,000 and Increasing the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Capital Budget by a Corresponding Amount for a Total Capital Budget of \$31,484,672

Board Highlights

- Several members of the public commented on the elimination of SamTrans Route 286. Director Charles Stone suggested that staff have an update item on the Reimagine changes. Chair Peter Ratto said that SamTrans endeavors to not cut service but that resources are limited and there is a shortage of operators. He said that based on ridership, some routes were eliminated or combined with other routes.

- April Chan, Acting Deputy General Manager/CEO, noted that at the request of Director Stone and other Board members, there would be an update on Reimagine SamTrans at the October 12 Board meeting.

Committee Discussion Highlights

Community Relations Committee

Accessible Services Update for September 7, 2022

Tina Dubost, Manager, Accessible Transit Services, said they would be promoting the District's paratransit services at the *San Mateo Daily Journal's* Senior Showcase later in the month.

Paratransit Coordinating Council Update

Mike Levinson said they are planning an appreciation event for the drivers and staff of Redi-Wheels. He said they had recently authorized a contract for the IVR (interactive voice response) system through Trapeze. He also promoted membership on the PCC.

Finance Committee

Authorize the Execution of the 2022 Amended and Restated Clipper Memorandum of Understanding

Bruce Thompson, Fare Operations Manager, provided the presentation. Director Charles Stone asked what the technology requirements and implementation costs would be. Mr. Thompson said that all of the agencies in collaboration with MTC (Metropolitan Transportation Commission) are working together to define what the system will look like. He added that there should not be any incremental associated costs because they are contractually based, and that it is still to be decided how to allocate those costs back to the agencies.

Legislative Committee

State and Federal Legislative Update

Casey Fromson, Chief Communications Officer, said on the federal side, they expect a CR (continuing resolution) and final appropriation before the end of the year. She said at the state level, that the Governor has until September 30 to sign bills. She noted that the state lobbyists would be joining the October Board meeting and the federal lobbyists would be joining the December Board meeting. Jessica Epstein, Manager, Government and Community Affairs, briefly summarized the bills that the District is currently tracking.

Closed Sessions

There were two closed sessions on existing litigation after which the Board reconvened into open session:

- The Board approved a final settlement in the amount of \$262,500 in the matter of Pamela R. Scruggs v. San Mateo County Transit District; Northern District of California Case No. 3:20-cv-07909-SK.
- The Board authorized its outside defense attorney to settle the matter of Robert Garner v. Jerry Jordan, et al.; San Mateo County Superior Court Case No. 22-CIV-00171.