**San Mateo County Transit District Liaison Report**

**Meeting of February 1, 2023**

**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 the Minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Meeting of January 4, 2023 and Special Meeting of January 19, 2023
* Accepted the Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the Period Ending December 31, 2022
* Accepted the Quarterly Investment Report and Fixed Income Market Review and Outlook
* Authorized an Amendment to the Contract with Giro, Inc. for the Purchase of Two Hastus Software Modules
* Awarded a Contract for Janitorial and Bus Stop Cleaning Services
* Approved a Resolution Honoring National African American History Month
* Approved a Resolution of Appreciation for retired Director Carole Groom
* Authorized an Agreement with Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board to Add a New Safety Position Reporting Directly to the Caltrain Executive Director

**Board Highlights**

* Joan Cassman, Legal Counsel, said there were no reportable actions from the January 19, 2023 special meeting closed session on Public Employee Performance Evaluation – Annual Goal-setting.
* Director Peter Ratto, Transportation Expert representing the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, was sworn for a new term as a continuing member. He provided a report-out on the MTC (Metropolitan Transportation Commission) session on the Regional Network Management governance structure that he had attended on January 12.
* April Chan, General Manager/CEO, said that on January 25, the California Supreme Count upheld Regional Measure 3, which will provide funding for Bay Area transportation and transit projects. Juliet Nogales-DeGuzman, Director of Human Resources, presented the special bus wrap to both commemorate this year’s Lunar New Year festivities and act as a recruiting center at the Redwood City’s Lunar New Year festival on Saturday, February 4.

**Committee Discussion Highlights**

**Community Relations Committee**

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Kate Christopherson, Senior Planner, provided an overview of the dashboard and first service update since the August 2022 implementation of Reimagine SamTrans.

Director Jeff Gee asked what the DNO (Did Not Operate) trendline looks like, and David Olmeda, Chief Operating Officer, Bus, said that they have had zero DNOs so far. Director Rose Guilbault noted that the majority of bus riders are still using cash instead of Clipper. Ms. Chan said that SamTrans would be looking at some initiatives in the future to increase the number of SamTrans riders using Clipper instead of cash. She said that one of the primary reasons for using cash is the demographics of SamTrans users, which includes a large number of unbanked and underbanked patrons. She added that staff will also work with MTC on how to make it easier for bus riders to use Clipper.

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Ana Rivas, Director of Bus Transportation, noted that the average weekday ridership across all modes including bus, paratransit, and shuttles had increased by over 24 percent compared to December 2021. Vice Chair Marina Fraser congratulated Operations on their creative response to address service delays during the recent storms, especially on State Route 92.

**Legislative Committee**

*State and Federal Legislative Update*

Jessica Epstein, Manager, Government and Community Affairs, provided an update on recent federal and state legislation. She reviewed the committee assignments at the federal and state levels. She said the Governor released his preliminary budget on January 10 and noted budget cutbacks on the horizon that would affect transportation agencies. Director David Canepa asked about the state budget deficit’s impact on operating funds. Ms. Epstein said that there is ever-increasing competition for grants for capital funding. She said with regards to operating funds, there will be discussion on how to work with the delegation on the funding needed for transit operators facing the fiscal cliff. Chair Powell had questions about the Brown Act changes and their effect on future meetings, and Ms. Cassman said she would be providing the Board with written guidance in the near future to summarize the changes.