

**San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans) Board Liaison Report
Meeting of April 2, 2025**

SamTrans Board of Directors Received and Approved the Following Items:

- Approval of Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2025
- Accept Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the Period Ending February 28, 2025
- Awarding a Contract to Auction Exchange, Inc. DBA BAR NONE AUCTION for Auction Services for a Total Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$402,230.00 for a Five-Year Term
- Modifying the Project Description for the New Building 200 Project and Adopting an Addendum to the Negative Declaration
- Authorizing an Amendment to On-Call General Engineering Consultant Design Services Contract to Increase the Amount by \$4.7 Million
- Implementation of Caltrain Governance MOU: Authorizing the General Manager/CEO to Execute a Quitclaim Deed in Favor of the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board to Release Interests in Real Property Acquired as Part of the SFO BART Extension Project
- Receive Legislative Update and Approve Legislative Proposal Senate Bill 752 (Richardson)

Report of the Chair

Chair Gee reported having three ad hoc committee meetings: March 25th CIP (Capital Improvement Program), March 26th Innovative Clean Transit (ICT), and March 28th Governance MOU. In addition, he reported out that the Board will meet on April 9th for a Board Workshop.

Report of the General Manager/CEO

April Chan, General Manager/CEO, provided a report which included the following:

- Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) funding for Clipper START when the program is to be made permanent. Pilot program is ending 6/30/25.
- Updating the Board on the Clipper 2.0 roll-out
- Foster City bus service – that staff is working on some analysis before staff comes back on potential adjustments.
- National Transit Employee Appreciation Day celebrations at the North & South bases
- Women’s History Month events
- Response guidelines sent to staff for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) or law enforcement activity

Presentation of Awards for Bus Operator and Maintenance Employee of the Year 2024

Ms. Chan provided the presentation that included the following information:

- Elbert Marshall recognized as Bus Operator Employee of the Year 2024
- Uilou Vaka recognized as Maintenance Employee of the Year 2024

Presentation of Safety Award

Ms. Chan provided the presentation that included the following information:

- North Base Maintenance and Utilities Team recognized for having zero reportable California Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA) in 2024.

Monthly New Headquarters Construction Status Update

Kris McGee, Managing Principal at Urban Hive Development, and Joshua Mello, Executive Officer of Planning and Development, provided the presentation that included the following information:

- Pricing and schedule risk mitigation through preparation and pricing cap provided by contractor
- Revised drawings were reviewed with City of Millbrae and staff will resubmit drawings for permitting
- Reviewed risk register items and mitigation efforts
- SamTrans to procure contractors for non-tenant improvements

The Board Members had a robust discussion and staff provided further clarification in response to the Board comments and questions, which included project currently on budget and on schedule.

Community Relations Committee

Accessible Services Update – Tina Dubost, Manager, Accessible Services, stated that the San Mateo County Senior Mobility Guide was updated, published, and distributed.

Citizens Advisory Committee Update – Max Mautner, CAC member, stated updates for the Dumbarton Corridor electrification, FCX bus stops, and extension of services to other counties.

Paratransit Advisory Council Update – Deferred.

Monthly State of Service Report | February 2025 – Ana Rivas, Director, Bus Transportation, provided the presentation that included the following information:

- Increase in weekday travel (six percent), youth ridership (14.3 percent)
- Reached 89.9 percent of pre-pandemic ridership, with ridership recovery rate year to date at 96.2 percent

Finance Committee

Authorizing an Amendment to On-Call General Engineering Consultant Design Services Contract to Increase the Amount by \$4.7 Million – Kevin Yin, Director, Contracts and Procurement, and Hubert Chan, Director, Facilities Maintenance, provided the presentation that included the following information:

- Consultant services amendment to increase by \$4.7 million to complete time sensitive projects, including design and design services during construction (DSDC) for building 200.

Implementation of Caltrain Governance MOU: Authorizing the General Manager/CEO to Execute a Quitclaim Deed in Favor of the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board to Release Interests in Real Property Acquired as Part of the SFO BART Extension Project – Joan Cassman, General Counsel, provided the presentation that included the following information:

- Release parcels along right-of-way from Southern San Bruno through Millbrae to Caltrain as per the Caltrain Governance MOU
- Property not part of original 1991 purchase and SamTrans became co-owner with JPB using property from the original 1991 purchase

The Committee Members had a robust discussion and staff provided further clarification in response to the committee comments and questions regarding ownership interest transfer to JPB.

Legislative Committee

Receive Legislative Update and Approve Legislative Proposal Senate Bill 752 (Richardson) – Jessica Epstein, Director, Government and Community Affairs, provided the presentation that included the following information:

Federal:

- Earmarks from Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 eliminated
- Pursuit of earmark for bus stop improvements
- Currently no grants cancelled or undone for the District

State:

- No opposition for the SamTrans-sponsored job order contracting bill
- Brown Act bills update
- Senate Bill (SB) 752 extension
- Assembly Bill 1070: prevention of compensation for Board meeting attendance unless public transit is taken; Board members must include transit riders and transit union representatives. Will continue to monitor bill.

Ms. Epstein continued the presentation, which included the following:

- SB 63 – Discussed details of the Regional Ballot Measure. SB 63 provides for flexibility so San Mateo and San Francisco Counties can/may run separate measures and will create a new Transportation Revenue Measure District (TRMD) to oversee measure
- Amount of funds needed for Caltrain and BART will be determined by the Transit Operations Financial Responsibility Plan (T-FRIP) process (for BART) or Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) negotiations process (for Caltrain)
- Measure set at 1/2 cent tax for most counties named in the legislation, with San Francisco up to 1 cent tax

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- Leading agency, as to who at the County should decide the opt-in

- Threshold of voters needed to pass the bill will likely need to be measured through polling of ¼ or ½ cent tax measure
- Current Measure A funding insufficient to address Caltrain's deficit, and may require more funding to go to Caltrain and possibly BART when the measure is re-authorized, instead of to capital projects
- Included in the legislation is financial accountability for each agency to increase ridership and to map out cost saving plans
- Audit evaluation to determine deficit for each agency is crucial for San Mateo County to determine if it has sufficient financial information to opt-in
- Citizens initiative's short timeline to ballot – there needs to be collection of signatures for such a measure to move forward. It is estimated that the collection of signatures occurs in early 2026, leading to a short timeframe for the measure to go to the ballot box.

Strategic Planning, Development, and Sustainability Committee

- **Introducing the Central El Camino Real Multimodal Plan** – Millie Tolleson, Director, Planning, and Cassie Halls, Manager, Major Corridor Programs, provided the presentation, which included an update on what the plan is, and how the planning process will proceed. Cassie also informed the Board that the cities of San Mateo, Belmont, San Carlos and Redwood City will provide support.
- Cassie also provided a community engagement timeline