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San Mateo County Transportation Authority

Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting

June 3, 2025, 4:30 pm

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TA Community Advisory Committee Members 2025: Barbara Arietta (Chair), Ivan Bucio, Giuliano Carlini, Nheeda Enriquez, John Fox, Rich Hedges, Karen Kuklin, Sandra Lang, Jeff Londer, Gus Mattammal, Peter Ohtaki, Mike Swire (Vice Chair)

Staff Liaison:
Peter Skinner, Executive Officer, Transportation Authority

CAC Secretary:
Lauryn Ko

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Tuesday, June 3, 2025

4:30 pm

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

3. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

Public comment by each individual speaker shall be limited to three (3) minutes.

4. Consent Calendar

4.a. Approval of Minutes of the CAC Meeting of April 29, 2025

Motion

TA Board Meeting Agenda for June 5, 2025

4.b. TA Board Item 5.a. Approval of Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of May 1, 2025 – Board Action: Motion

Motion

4.c. TA Board Item 5.b. Accept Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the Period Ending April 30, 2025 – Board Action: Motion

Motion

4.d. TA Board Item 5.c. Accept Capital Projects Quarterly Status Report for 3rd Quarter of Fiscal Year 2025 – Board Action: Motion

Motion

4.e. TA Board Item 5.d. Accept US 101 Express Lanes Quarterly Update on Variable Rate Bonds and Express Lanes Performance – Board Action: Motion

Motion

4.f. TA Board Item 5.e. Establishing the Appropriations Limit Applicable to the San Mateo County Transportation Authority During Fiscal Year 2026 – Board Action: Resolution

Motion

4.g. TA Board Item 5.f. Authorizing Funding for Matching Contributions for the El Camino Real: Fast Tracking Corridor-Wide Implementation of a Safe, Connected and Transit-Oriented Boulevard Project – Board Action: Resolution

Motion

4.h. TA Board Item 5.g. Programming and Allocating \$5,393,205 in Measure A Funds to the San Mateo County Transit District for its Paratransit Program and to the Peninsula Traffic Congestion Relief Alliance for Commute.org's Operations and Transportation Demand Management Monitoring Program – Board Action: Resolution

Motion

5. **TA Board Item 10.a.** Programming and Allocating \$13,652,753 in New Measure A Local Shuttle Program Funds for the San Mateo County Shuttle Program Call for Projects for Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027 and Programming and Allocating \$400,000 in New Measure A Oversight Funds for San Mateo County Shuttle Study – Board Action: Resolution Motion
6. **TA Board Item 10.b.** Allocation of Regional Transit Connection Funds– Board Action: Resolution Motion
7. **TA Board Item 11.a.** Public Hearing: Adopting a Budget in the Amount of \$187,105,622 for Fiscal Year 2026 – Board Action: Resolution Motion
8. **TA Board Item 12.a.** Receive Legislative Update and Approve Legislative Proposal: Senate Bill 239 (Arreguin), Assembly Bill 259 (Rubio), and Assembly Bill 810 (Irwin) – Board Action: Motion Motion
9. Report of the Chair Informational
10. Report from Staff Informational
11. Member Comments/Requests

Committee members may make brief statements regarding CAC-related areas of concern, ideas for improvement, or other items that will benefit or impact the TA or the CAC

12. Date/Time of Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, July 8, 2025, 4:30 pm

The meeting will be accessible via Zoom teleconference and/or in person at the San Mateo County Transit District, Bacciocco Auditorium, 2nd Floor, 1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, CA. Please see the meeting agenda for more information.

13. Adjourn

Information for the Public

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Date and Time of Regular Meetings and Community Advisory Committee Meetings

The Transportation Authority (TA) Board of Directors meets regularly on the first Thursday of the month at 5:00 pm. The TA Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meets regularly on the Tuesday prior to the first Thursday of the month at 4:30 pm. Date, time and location of meetings may be changed as necessary. Meeting schedules for the Board and CAC are available on the TA website.

Location of Meeting

This meeting will be held in-person at: San Mateo County Transit District, Bacciocco Auditorium, 2nd Floor, 1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, CA. Members of the public may attend in-person or participate remotely via Zoom as per the information provided at the top of the agenda.

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**San Mateo County Transportation Authority
Community Advisory Committee (CAC)
1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, California 94070
DRAFT Minutes of April 29, 2025**

Members Present: Barbara Arietta (Chair), Nheeda Enriquez, John Fox, Sandra Lang,
(In Person) Jeff Londer, Mike Swire (Vice Chair)
Members Attended Rich Hedges
via Teleconference:
Members Absent: Ivan Bucio, Giuliano Carlini, Karen Kuklin, Gus Mattammal, Peter Ohtaki
Staff Present: A. Alicic, S. Atkinson, J. Jest, L. Ko, C. Liao, J. Manzi, P. Skinner

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Barbara Arietta called the meeting to order at 4:37 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Lauryn Ko, CAC Secretary, called the roll and confirmed that a quorum was present.

3. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda - There were none.

4. Consent Calendar

4.a. Approval of Minutes of the CAC Meeting of April 1, 2025

Motion/Second: Hedges/Lang

Ayes: Arietta, Enriquez, Fox, Hedges, Lang, Londer, Swire

Noes: None

Absent: Bucio, Carlini, Kuklin, Mattammal, Ohtaki

TA Board Meeting Agenda for April 3, 2025

4.b. TA Board Item 5.a. Approval of Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of April 3, 2025

Motion/Second: Hedges/Lang

Ayes: Arietta, Enriquez, Fox, Hedges, Lang, Londer, Swire

Noes: None

Absent: Bucio, Carlini, Kuklin, Mattammal, Ohtaki

4.c. TA Board Item 5.b. Accept Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the Period Ending March 31, 2025

Motion/Second: Hedges/Lang

Ayes: Arietta, Enriquez, Fox, Hedges, Lang, Londer, Swire

Noes: None

Absent: Bucio, Carlini, Kuklin, Mattammal, Ohtaki

4.d. TA Board Item 5.c. Awarding Contracts to AppleOne, Inc.; SearchPros Staffing, LLC; and Tellus Solutions, Inc. for On-Call Temporary Staffing Services for an Aggregate Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$1,250,000 for a Five-Year Base Term, with up to Two Additional One-Year Option Terms for an Aggregate Not-To-Exceed Amount of \$500,000

Motion/Second: Hedges/Lang

Ayes: Arietta, Enriquez, Fox, Hedges, Lang, Londer, Swire

Noes: None

Absent: Bucio, Carlini, Kuklin, Mattammal, Ohtaki

4.e. TA Board Item 5.d. Authorize Funding for Regional Measure Participation Polling Activities

Staff provided further clarification in response to the Committee questions, which included the following:

- Understanding if there is support for a regional measure for the county

Motion/Second: Hedges/Lang

Ayes: Arietta, Enriquez, Fox, Hedges, Lang, Londer, Swire

Noes: None

Absent: Bucio, Carlini, Kuklin, Mattammal, Ohtaki

5. TA Board Item 10.a. San Mateo County Shuttle Program Update and Call for Projects Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027 Draft Recommendations

Sue Ellen Atkinson, Manager, Planning and Fund Management, and Julien Jest, Manager, Market Research and Development, provided the presentation that included the following:

- Funding rollover from decreased ridership
- Increasing costs for funding ridership from pre-pandemic amount of \$10- stabilization of operating cost but reduced service
- Data captured by 2024 Shuttle Survey
 - Demographics
 - Rider habits- decrease in average ridership to two to three days per week; shuttle connectivity with other modes of traffic
 - Rider satisfaction measured by overall quality, driver courtesy (highest score), cleanliness of shuttle, reliability of service, and on-time performance (lowest score)
- Opting to drive alone or use of ride share company in the presence of no shuttles
- Amount available of \$16 million from TA Measure A Local Shuttle Program Funding and \$1 million from City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo (C/CAG) Congestion Relief Plan
- Provision of commuter shuttles and community shuttles
- Call For Projects (CFP) evaluation kicked off on January 13, 2025, resulting in 23 applications from five sponsors (19 commuter shuttles and four community shuttles)
- Reduced shuttle routes requests due to increasing costs, elimination of shuttles, and decrease in ridership

- Opportunity for community colleges to receive service
- Evaluation criteria categories consisting of Equity, First/Last Mile Need, Maximize Ridership, and Bonus
- Support for funding for 23 requested shuttles
- Program accounting for significantly higher costs, fixed Measure A funds (four percent), terms of commitments/contracts (10-year contract, with two-year funding commitment)

The Committee members had a robust discussion and staff provided further clarification in response to the Committee comments and questions, which included the following:

- Unavailability of shuttles- about 65 percent of commuters would use another method other than driving
- High costs per person but reduction of Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT), providing an option for service (free service with increased costs)
- Third-party vendor operating vehicles
- Commute.org partnership with municipalities through Master Contract for operation
- Paratransit accommodation, with wheelchair access provided
- Scheduled service
- Outreach handled by partners
- Cost driven by increasing labor/operator and fuel costs
- Public interest in service for community colleges
- Previous shuttle metrics
- Employer/corporate shuttle funding and matching requirements

6. TA Board Item 11.a. Accept Quarterly Investment Report

Adela Alicic, Senior Financial Analyst, presented the staff report that included the following:

- Current investment policy of safety, liquidity, and yield
- US treasury securities and fixed income securities
- Quarterly interest income of \$7.9 million

There were no comments from the Committee.

Motion/Second: Enriquez/Londer

Ayes: Arietta, Enriquez, Fox, Hedges, Lang, Londer, Swire

Noes: None

Absent: Bucio, Carlini, Kuklin, Mattammal, Ohtaki

7. TA Board Item 11.b. Fiscal Year 2026 Preliminary Budget

Cleo Liao, Manager, Budgets, presented the staff report that included the following:

- Decrease of 0.4 percent from \$207 million for fiscal year (FY) 2025 sources budget to \$206.1 million for FY 2026
- Decrease of 13 percent from \$216.1 million for FY 2025 expenditures budget to \$187.9 million for FY 2026
- Increase of 37.5 percent from \$3.5 million for FY 2025 admin expenditures budget to \$4.8 million for FY 2026
- Call for projects between September 2025 to December 2025

The Committee members had a robust discussion and staff provided further clarification in response to the Committee comments and questions, which included the following:

- Measure W management
- ~~2015-2019~~ spike in revenues

8. TA Board Item 12.a. Receive Legislative Update

Peter Skinner, Executive Officer, Transportation Authority, presented the staff report that included the following:

- Federal:
 - House and Senate approved budget resolution reconciliation
 - No issues or cuts to transportation programs
- State:
 - Governor Newsom's budget revision
 - Supervision of Senate Bill (SB) 63, Assembly Bill (AB) 810, and AB 1014

The Committee members had a robust discussion and staff provided further clarification in response to the Committee comments and questions, which included the following:

- Observation of AB 1014
- Funding cuts

9. Report of the Chair

Barbara Arietta, Chair, presented the chair report that included the following:

- Increase in ridership, with Caltrain seeing a 48.9 percent increase
 - Improved rider experience and service
- SB 63

The Committee members had a robust discussion and staff provided further clarification in response to the Committee comments and questions, which included the following:

- Movement of SB 63 throughout the county and region
- Caltrain ridership correlation to the reduction of VMT

10. Report from Staff

Peter Skinner, Executive Officer, Transportation Authority, noted the Executive Director's report is in the agenda packet and included the following:

- Subjects for discussion to be brought to the CAC
- CAC to own preparing and scheduling presentations for topics outside of the normal agenda
- Summation of items

The Committee members had a robust discussion and staff provided further clarification in response to the Committee comments and questions, which included the following:

- Items presented as a learning experience/study session versus a discussion/consideration
- Selection process of topics

John Fox left at 6:21pm.

11. Member Comments/Requests

The Committee members had a robust discussion which included the following:

- Londer concluding term on CAC
- Previous meeting's Report of the Chair
- Reconsideration of US 101 Connector Project- Opposition by San Mateo City Council and residents at City Council meeting
 - Eminent domain and pollution concerns
 - Two-part project: safety improvement of spit lanes and Build Alternative
- Burlingame bike lanes on Trousdale
- Bike to Wherever Day on May 15, 2025

12. Date/Time of Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at 4:30pm via Zoom and in person at the San Mateo County Transit District, Bacciocco Auditorium, 2nd Floor, 1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, CA.

13. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm.



Date: May 28, 2025
To: Community Advisory Committee
From: Barbara Arietta
Subject: Report of the Chair

There are many transportation challenges that the San Mateo County Transportation Authority and other Bay Area transit agencies face in order to operate efficiently. But in the 18 years that I have been a member of the Transportation Authority's Community Advisory Committee (CAC), the last 15 of which being the Chair of same, I have concluded that the infusion of a steady stream of funding for any and all projects is of the utmost importance, and the more financial support that you can get for a project, the better the chances are that it will have a successful completion.

Money is the "bottom line." Money is the deciding factor in what projects go forward and what projects do not. Without a sustainable source of funding, budget challenges will force transportation agencies across the Bay Area to make major cuts in both projects and services.

Currently, the passage of a Regional Measure authorized by Senate Bill (SB) 63 is crucial for the future of transportation funding in the Bay Area, particularly for San Mateo, San Francisco, Alameda, Contra Costa and Santa Clara Counties, due to the potential for a dedicated funding source of major transit systems such as Caltrain.

Here's why it's so important:

1. Addresses a Dire Funding Need:
 - Major transit agencies like BART, SF Muni, Caltrain and AC Transit faces significant operating deficits of over \$700 million by 2026, potentially leading to drastic service cuts without new funding being supplied.
 - SB 63 provides a mechanism (a sales tax) to generate most needed revenue to sustain and improve these critical transit systems.
2. Enables a Regional Funding Solution:
 - The bill allows for a regional tax measure to be placed on the 2026 ballot, creating a dedicated and reliable funding sources for transit.
 - It encourages a collaborative approach requiring counties and transit operators to work together on a spending plan to allocate funds effectively.

3. Promote Financial Efficiency and Coordination:
 - SB63 mandates financial efficiency revenues for transit agencies receiving funding potentially leading to cost saving measures.
 - It requires agencies to comply with regional coordination, policies promoting better integrated and a more seamless transit experience for riders.
4. Provides an Opportunity for Voter Approval:
 - The bill allows for the tax measures to be placed on the ballot, giving voters the opportunity to decide whether to invest in the future of public transit.
 - A tax measure placed on the ballot through a citizen's initiative would only require a simple majority to pass, raising the likelihood of success.

Specific Importance for the Three Counties:

- San Francisco: Muni faces a significant funding gap and SB63 offers a potential solution through a dedicated sales tax.
- San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties:
 - These counties can opt into the Regional Measure, potentially benefiting from the funding to support services like Caltrain, which is facing its own financial challenges.
 - The Legislature has given both San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties until July 31, 2025, to opt in.
 - City Councils are presently holding City Council meetings to decide whether to support this new Regional Measure.

Prepared By: Barbara Arietta TA CAC Chair