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AGENDA

San Mateo County Transportation Authority

Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting

February 3, 2026, 4:30 pm

Primary Location:

Bacciocco Auditorium, 2nd Floor
1250 San Carlos Avenue
San Carlos, CA 94070

Alternate Location:

2405 Kalanianaʻole Ave PH 9
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

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TA Community Advisory Committee Members: Barbara Arietta, Giuliano Carlini, Nheeda Enriquez, John Fox, Richard Garbarino, Rich Hedges, Christopher Kao, Karen Kuklin, Sandra Lang, Gus Mattammal, Mike Swire

Staff Liaison:

Peter Skinner, Chief Officer, Transportation Authority

CAC Secretary:

Alice Feng

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Tuesday, February 3, 2026

4:30 pm

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| 1. | Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance | |
| 2. | Roll Call | |
| 3. | Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda
<i>Public comment by each individual speaker shall be limited to three (3) minutes.</i> | |
| 4. | Election of 2026 Chair and Vice Chair | Motion |
| 5. | Consent Calendar | |
| 5.a. | Approval of Minutes of the CAC Meeting of January 6, 2026 | Motion |

TA Board of Directors Meeting Agenda for February 5, 2026

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| 5.b. | TA Board Item 6.b. – Receive Quarterly Financial Report Fiscal Year 2026 Quarter 2 Results and Financial Outlook
Board Action: Motion | Motion |
| 5.c. | TA Board Item 6.c. – Accept Quarterly Investment Report
Board Action: Motion | Motion |
| 5.d. | TA Board Item 6.d. – Updating the Strategic Plan 2025-29 to Revise the Grade Separation Program Policies and Near-Term Funding Strategy, and to Limit Allocations for Cost Increases for Competitive Program Projects
Board Action: Resolution | Motion |
| 6. | TA Board Item 11.a. – 101 Corridor Connect: Draft South County Multimodal Strategy
Board Action: Informational | Informational |
| 7. | TA Board Item 11.b. – Countywide Transportation Plan Update
Board Action: Informational | Informational |

Note: All items appearing on the agenda are subject to action by the CAC.

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| 8. | <i>TA Board Item 11.c. – Brand Refresh Update</i>
Board Action: Informational | Informational |
| 9. | <i>TA Board Item 11.d. – 101 Corridor Connect: US 101 San Mateo County Crossings Improvement Implementation Plan (Active 101) Update</i>
Board Action: Informational | Informational |
| 10. | <i>TA Board Item 12.a. – Legislative Update</i>
Board Action: Informational | Informational |
| 11. | Report of the Chair | Informational |
| 12. | Report from Staff | Informational |
| | 12.a. Brown Act Refresher | Informational |
| 13. | Member Comments / Requests
<i>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.</i> | |
| 14. | Date/Time of Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 4:30 pm
<i>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.</i> | |
| 15. | Adjourn | |

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Date and Time of Regular and Community Advisory Committee Meetings

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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 January 6, 2026**

Members Present: Nheeda Enriquez (arrived at 4:55 pm), John Fox, Richard Garbarino, Rich Hedges, Christopher Kao, Karen Kuklin, Sandra Lang, Gus Mattammal (arrived at 4:50 pm), M. Swire (Vice Chair), B. Arietta (Chair)

Members Absent: Giuliano Carlini

Staff Present: N. Arshad, A. Feng, P. Gilster, L. Ko, J. Manzi, M. Petrik, P. Skinner

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Barbara Arietta called the meeting to order at 4:29 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Roll Call

Alice Feng, CAC Secretary, called the roll and confirmed a Committee quorum was present.

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

3. Consent Calendar

4.a. Approval of Minutes of the CAC Meeting of December 2, 2025

TA Board of Directors Meeting Agenda for January 8, 2026

4.b. TA Board Item 8.b. – Adopting the Grand Boulevard Initiative Action Plan

4.c. TA Board Item 8.c. – Adopt 2026 Legislative Program

Sandra Lang commented on the Item 4b's resolution and the thorough documentation and use of data featured in the Executive Director's report from the Transportation Authority's (TA) Board of Directors Meeting packet.

Motion/Second: Garbarino/Hedges

Ayes: Fox, Garbarino, Hedges, Kao, Kuklin, Lang, Swire, Arietta

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Carlini, Enriquez, Mattammal

Item 6 was heard before Item 5.

4. Discussion on Senate Bill 707 – Advisory Body Meeting Requirements

Shayna Hoften, Legal Counsel, and Isaac Shapiro, Attorney, led a discussion that included the following:

- Current remote participation rules
- New optional pathway for fully remote meetings
- CAC ineligible to use Senate Bill (SB) 707 fully remote meeting option under current its structure
- Option to recharacterize CAC recommendations for remote flexibility

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

- SB 707's impact on remote participation and CAC recommendations
- Effects on CAC recommendations and decision-making
- Options to continue primarily in-person meetings with limited remote participation
- Member input on in-person meetings

Motion to continue meeting in person/Second: Hedges/Lang

Ayes: Enriquez, Fox, Garbarino, Hedges, Kao, Kuklin, Lang, Mattammal, Swire, Arietta

Noes: None

Absent: Carlini

Member Gus Mattammal arrived at 4:50 pm.

Member Nheeda Enriquez arrived at 4:55 pm.

5. TA Board Item 13.a. – Consider Amending the \$10,000,000 Allocation in Original Measure A Funds to the San Mateo County Transit District for Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027 Member Agency Contributions to Caltrain to Remove Conditions

Peter Skinner, Chief, Transportation Authority, provided the staff report that included the following:

- Partner agency contribution changes
- Caltrain request to remove the funding condition
- Unconditional allocation to avoid project delays and additional costs

Staff provided further clarifications on funding reciprocity, Measure A funding sources, Caltrain member agency roles, and Santa Clara County's \$10 million confirmed contribution.

Motion/Second: Hedges/Lang

Ayes: Fox, Garbarino, Hedges, Kao, Kuklin, Lang, Swire, Arietta

Noes: None

Absent: Carlini, Enriquez, Mattammal

6. TA Board Item 14.a. – Programming and Allocating \$189,934,617 in Measure A and Measure W Highway Program Funds for 17 Highway Projects; Supporting Requests for \$1,516,000 in Local Project Partnership Programs funds for City of Half Moon Bay’s Highway 1: Main Street to Kehoe Avenue Project and \$3,000,000 in Regional Measure 3 Funds for City of San Mateo’s Fashion Island/19th Avenue Separated Bikeway Project

Marissa Mathias, Planning Analyst, provided the staff report that included the following:

- Board supported full funding with some conditional allocations, which includes East Palo Alto, San Carlos, Half Moon Bay, and San Mateo projects to address project-specific requirements for funding gaps

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

- No changes to funding details under the Highway Call for Projects recommendations
- \$3 million Regional Measure (RM) 3 request for the San Mateo Project to close a funding gap
- San Carlos Project conditional funding requirements

Motion/Second: Kuklin/Hedges

Ayes: Enriquez, Fox, Garbarino, Hedges, Kao, Kuklin, Lang, Mattammal, Swire, Arietta

Noes: None

Absent: Carlini

Meeting recessed at 5:16 pm.

Meeting returned to open session at 5:22 pm.

7. TA Board Item 14.b. – Proposed Updates to the Grade Separation Program Policies and Near-Term Funding Strategy

Jessica Manzi, Director, Project Delivery, provided the presentation that included the following:

- Status and funding needs of remaining pipeline projects (Broadway, Linden-Scott, Ravenswood)
- Related efforts, including at-grade crossing improvements and Caltrain corridor strategies
- Ad Hoc Committee process and policy development approach
- Key policy considerations affecting project delivery and funding capacity

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

- Uncertainty about future state funding and eligibility
- Equity considerations in project evaluation
- Coordination and planning challenges for crossings in southern San Mateo County
- Caltrain cost-sharing and role in managing overruns
- Corridor and safety strategies alignment

- Single project prioritization due to limited funds
- Long-term funding constraints and safety concerns

8. TA Board Item 15.a. – Legislative Update

Nicole Arshad, Public Affairs Specialist, provided the staff report that included the following:
Federal

- Government operating under a continuing resolution through January 30, 2026
- Ongoing Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-2027 appropriations with unresolved funding gaps
- Potential shutdown risk if funding is not extended
- Upcoming surface transportation reauthorization and funding uncertainty

State

- Legislature reconvened with upcoming bill deadlines
- Governor's budget release and projected deficit
- Transportation leadership and committee updates
- SB 125 Transit Transformation Task Force report and funding concerns

9. Report of the Chair

Barbara Arietta, Chair, presented the chair report that included funding stability, congestion and connectivity, safety, service gaps, and equity.

10.a. Appointment of Nominating Committee for 2026 Chair and Vice Chair

The nomination process for the 2026 Chair and Vice Chair was postponed, and interested candidates must email the Authority Secretary in advance to be considered for nomination next month.

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

- Nominations should come from those who submit names in advance
- Floor nominations and nomination procedures
- Eligibility: Chair – two or more years, Vice Chair – one or more years, max three consecutive terms

Member Rich Hedges left at 6:14 pm.

Member John Fox left at 6:18 pm.

10. Report from Staff

Ms. Manzi stated no additional reports.

11. Member Comments/Requests

The Committee Members provided comments that included the following:

- TA Item 19.a.: Establishing Community Advisory Committee Appointment Procedures; concerns about fewer slots and strict representation rules and potential political influence in appointments

12. Date/Time of Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, February 3, 2026 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 6:33 pm.

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Date: January 29, 2026
To: Community Advisory Committee
From: Barbara Arietta
Subject: Report of the Chair

In 2026, Caltrain is implementing a new, and faster all electric service schedule starting January 31, featuring fifteen minute peak service and restored Tamien station access. However, the agency faces a major \$33 million budget deficit for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026, relying on a potential 2026 regional tax measure (Senate Bill 63) to avoid severe service cuts.

Key Caltrain Updates:

- **Tamien Station:** Electric train service is officially restored.
- **Financial “Fiscal Cliff”:** Caltrain projects a \$33 million deficit in FY26 and \$58 million in 2027.
- **Funding Measure:** A crucial regional funding measure is scheduled for the November 2026 ballot to prevent potential drastic cuts, including eliminating weekend service and closing over one-third of stations.
- **Service Changes:** The Clipper discount has been eliminated as of January 1, 2026, aligning prices for all fare payment methods, including Monthly Passes.
- **Ridership Growth:** Weekend ridership has surged to over 165 percent of pre-pandemic levels helping to offset some revenue losses.

Operational Upgrades:

- **Performance:** Following electrification, on time performance has improved significantly with 95.3 percent reported in July 2025.
- **Safety and Maintenance:** The FY26 \$34.8 million capital budget prioritizes grade crossing upgrades and system repairs.

Prepared By: Barbara Arietta

TA CAC Chair

1/29/2026