

**San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans) Board Liaison Report
Meeting of February 4, 2026**

Report from Closed Sessions at January 7, 2026 Board Meeting

- Closed Session: Conference with Legal Counsel Anticipated Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)
Initiation of Litigation: One Case
- Closed Session: Conference with Real Property Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 Property: Parcel Nos. 015-180-200, 015-180-110 (Southeast portion of Belle Aire Island, South San Francisco)
Agency negotiator: Janni Baugh, Acting Director of Real Estate
Negotiating parties: ELCAM Co. and Bay Investment Co.
Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment

Joan Cassman, General Counsel, stated there were no reportable actions.

SamTrans Board of Directors Received and Approved the Following Items

- Approval of Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of January 7, 2026
- Accept Quarterly Investment Report
- Bus Stop Improvement Program (BSIP) Amenity Refresh Project (including Safety and Security Improvements) – Adoption of New Standards
- Adopting the San Mateo County Transit District's 2025 Title VI Program

Report of the Chair - Proclamation Declaring February as National African American (Black) History Month

– Tasha Bartholomew, Director, Communications, presented the proclamation that included the recognition of the history, contributions, and the culture of the African American community during February. From a 2024 triennial survey, eight percent of SamTrans' riders were African American. SamTrans commemorates National African American (Black) History Month through a bus wrap, employee-held events, and social media highlights showcasing employees.

Report of the General Manager/CEO

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

- Black History Month, Lunar New Year, and SamTrans 50th Anniversary bus wraps
- Super Bowl preparation: SamTrans transit connections with Bay Area transit agencies for service continuity, also shared SamTrans' participation in human trafficking prevention by having placards on buses, and website updates to inform customers of available service
- Clipper 2.0 issues, including back-end software issues and deployment of patches and troubleshooting by Cubic and Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)
- Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) Board workshop on February 12 to determine level of service adjustments and station cuts to accommodate costs should a regional funding measure does not come to fruition.

Monthly Headquarters Construction Status Update – Kris McGee, Managing Principal at Urban Hive Development, and Joshua Mello, Chief Planning Officer, provided the presentation that included the following information:

- Day 2 construction initiated and closeout of Day 1 items
- Tenant leasing, vehicle parking, and purchasing of the building items to come back later for board review and approval
- SamTrans' partial rent paid to landlord at the new HQ from December 22

Staff provided further clarification in response to the following Board comments and questions regarding tenant lease progress and June 1 headquarters move-in.

SamTrans 50th Anniversary Activities – Ms. Bartholomew and Taylor Huckaby, Deputy Chief, Communications, provided the presentation that included marketing events, promotions, stakeholder recognition, a bus wrap, a time capsule, and community events to celebrate SamTrans' 50th Anniversary throughout the year.

Staff provided further clarification in response to the following Board comments and questions regarding the project budget, in-house creative services, leveraged partnerships, memorabilia, and revenue sources to offset costs.

Community Relations Committee

Accessible Services Update – Tina Dubost, Manager, Accessible Services, stated the availability of a physical and online Senior Mobility Guide, in addition to a mobility resource center, where users can learn more about available transit options.

Citizens Advisory Committee Update – Dylan Finch, newly elected CAC Chair, stated Ben Mangiafico elected as Vice Chair and CAC's adoption of remote member participation under Senate Bill (SB) 707.

The Committee commented on the aid of remote member participation to increase accessibility and availability to students and Coastside participants and applicants.

Paratransit Advisory Council Update – Ben McMullan, PAC Chair, stated the PAC is creating an outreach plan and presentations on paratransit best practices.

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

- Weekday ridership 2.6 percent decrease and monthly ridership 0.7 percent decrease
- Microtransit 39.6 percent increase, with 35.8 percent increase for year-over-year
- Youth pass usage 0.3 percent decrease
- 1.5 service calls per 25,000 miles
- 81.3 percent on-time performance (OTP)
- 0.02 percent trip did not operate (DNO)

- 1.26 accidents per 100,000 miles
- Navigation of construction zone on El Camino Real in Burlingame

Staff provided further clarification in response to the following Board comments and questions regarding the service interruptions and adjustments surrounding the five-year construction on El Camino Real in Burlingame and the distinction of miles between ride calls reported for zero-emissions buses and diesel fleets.

Finance Committee

Authorizing the Purchase of up to 31 Non-Revenue Support Vehicles Through State of California, Department of General Services Contracts for a Total Not-To-Exceed Amount of \$1,338,500 and the Disposition of up to 25 Surplus Support Vehicles – Kevin Yin, Director, Contracts and Procurement, and David Harbour, Director, Maintenance, provided the presentation that included the lower pricing for State-sold vehicles compared to local dealerships, locally provided vehicle maintenance, sales tax collection, and cooperative contract advantages.

Staff provided further clarification in response to the following Board comments and questions regarding vehicle-purchasing and county sales tax recovery, auctioning services, and availability-dictated pricing.

Authorizing an Amendment to On-Call Construction Management Services Contract to Increase the Amount by \$9 Million – Mr. Yin and Zhiming Fan, Director, Bus Infrastructure and Capital Projects, provided the presentation, which included the following implications and budget impacts of not amending the contract and work directive funding sources.

Legislative Committee

Legislative Update – Jessica Epstein, Director, Government and Community Affairs, provided the presentation that included the following information:

Federal

- Mini-bus passed by House and State, funding removed for Homeland Security; \$250,000 earmarks, obtained by Congressman Kevin Mullin, in final language for bus stop improvements
- Department of Transportation (DOT) Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 budget changes: \$1.3 billion increase for Federal Highway Administration (FHA), \$165 million decrease for Federal Transportation Administration (FTA), \$87 million decrease for Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)

State

- Governor Gavin Newsom budget published proposed FY26-27; decrease from \$18 billion to \$2.9 billion deficit, with revisions in May and will need to pass by June 15
- Senate Bill (SB) 125 fundingCap-and-Invest amounts lower than expected revenue, 71 percent of projected amounts

- State bridge loan agreement for 12-year repayment term for several transit properties in the Bay Area
- \$1 billion hydrogen fueling funding cut from Alliance for Renewable Clean Hydrogen Energy Systems (ARCHES); Impact to SamTrans is loss of \$33 million, working on how to restore that funding from the State
- SB 79 (Wiener): creates upzoning around transit stations; staff to serve on California Transit Association (CTA) Committee to revise SB 908

Strategic Planning, Development, and Sustainability Committee

Adopting a New Transit Oriented Development and Property Disposition Policy; and Declaring Certain Properties Exempt Surplus Land Under the Surplus Land Act Pursuant to Government Code Section 54221(f)(1)(S) and Section 54221(b)(1) and Authorizing Related Actions – Mr.

Mello and Charla Gomez, Manager, Transit-Oriented Development, provided the presentation that included the following information:

- TOD policy revision to address concerns raised by Board and incorporated Surplus Land Act (SLA) portfolio exemption to streamline and accelerate development
- TOD policy goals based on findings from prior development locations
- SLA portfolio exemption of 25 percent for affordable housing to be distributed across all District-owned developable sites, instead of 25 percent overall
- California Department of Housing and Community Development preliminary approval and adoption process of SLA portfolio exemption
- Colma BART Station parking and San Carlos headquarters studied to determine what is feasible for each site
- Reuse of existing parking structure with plans to demolish office for low-density or high-density developments

Ray Hodges, Director, County of San Mateo's Department of Housing, extended support and shared County initiatives for affordable housing development.

Staff provided further clarification in response to the following Board comments and questions regarding resolution language surrounding affordability, annual rent increase, Request for Proposals (RFP) development with the County of San Mateo Department of Housing, and density-revenue maximization.

General Counsel Report: Closed Sessions

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Ms. Cassman stated any action taken will be reported at the next regular SamTrans Board of Directors Meeting.