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# AGENDA

## San Mateo County Transportation Authority

### Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting

March 3, 2026, 4:30 pm

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

**Primary Location:**

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San Carlos, CA 94070

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

**Staff Liaison:**

Peter Skinner, Chief Executive Officer, Transportation Authority

**CAC Secretary:**

Alice Feng

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**Tuesday, March 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  
*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 February 3, 2026 Motion

**TA Board of Directors Meeting Agenda for March 5, 2026**

- 4.b. **TA Board Item 5.b.** - Accept Capital Projects Quarterly Status Report for Fiscal Year 2026 Quarter 2  
Board Action: Motion Motion
- 4.c. **TA Board Item 5.c.** - Accept Quarterly Report for On-Call Contracts for Fiscal Year 2026 Quarter 2  
Board Action: Motion Motion
- 4.d. **TA Board Item 5.d.** - Authorizing Submittal of an Allocation Request for \$48,000,000 in Regional Measure 3 Funding for State Route 84/US 101 Interchange Reimagined Project  
Board Action: Resolution Motion
- 4.e. **TA Board Item 5.e.** - Adopting the 101 Corridor Connect: US 101 San Mateo County Crossings Improvement Implementation Plan (Active 101)  
Board Action: Resolution Motion
- 4.f. **TA Board Item 5.f.** - Adopting the South County Multimodal Strategy and Allocating \$5,600,000 in New Measure A Interest Income Funds for Implementation of 101 Corridor Connect Programs and the Highway 1 Coastal Connect Plan  
Board Action: Resolution Motion

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

5. **TA Board Item 10.a.** - Accept US 101 Express Lanes Semi-Annual Update on Variable Rate Bonds and Express Lanes Performance  
Board Action: Motion Motion
6. **TA Board Item 10.b.** - Peninsula Shuttle Program Optimization and Funding Strategy - Update  
Board Action: Informational Informational
7. **TA Board Item 10.c.** - Project Updates: US 101 Managed Lanes North of Interstate 380 and US 101/State Route 92 Direct Connector  
Board Action: Informational Informational
8. **TA Board Item 11.a.** - Awarding Contracts to AECOM Technical Services, Inc.; HDR Engineering, Inc.; Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.; Mark Thomas & Company, Inc.; and William R. Gray and Company, dba Gray-Bowen-Scott, for On-Call General Engineering Consultant Services for an Aggregate Not-To-Exceed Amount of \$70 Million for a Five-Year Base Term, with up to Two Additional One-Year Option Terms for an Additional \$15 Million Each, for an Aggregate Not-To-Exceed Amount of \$100 Million  
Board Action: Resolution Motion
9. **TA Board Item 12.a.** - Legislative Update  
Board Action: Informational Informational
10. Report of the Chair Informational
11. Report from Staff Informational
12. 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.*
13. Date/Time of Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, March 31, 2026, at 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.*
14. Adjourn

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### **Date and Time of Regular and Community Advisory Committee Meetings**

The Transportation Authority (TA) Board of Directors meets regularly on the first Thursday of the month at 5:00 p.m. The TA Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meets regularly on the Tuesday prior to the TA Board meeting 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**

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**San Mateo County Transportation Authority  
Community Advisory Committee (CAC)**

**1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, California 94070  
2405 Kalaniana'ole Ave PH 9, Hilo, Hawaii 96720**

**DRAFT Minutes of February 3, 2026**

**Members Present:** Giuliano Carlini, Nheeda Enriquez (arrived 4:45 pm), John Fox, Richard Garbarino, Christopher Kao, Karen Kuklin, Sandra Lang, Mike Swire (Vice Chair), Barbara Arietta (Chair)

**Members Attended via Teleconference:** Rich Hedges

**Members Absent:** Gus Mattammal

**Staff Present:** S. Atkinson, A. Feng, P. Gilster, S. Hoftman, T. Huckaby, A. Linehan, J. Manzi, P. Skinner

**1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Barbara Arietta called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Roll Call**

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

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

**4. Election of 2026 Chair and Vice Chair**

Member Sandra Lang nominated Barbara Arietta for Chair. There were no further nominations.

Motion: Lang/Hedges

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

Noes: None

Absent: Enriquez, Mattammal

Member Rich Hedges nominated Mike Swire for Vice Chair. There were no further nominations.

Motion: Hedges/Arietta

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

Noes: None

Absent: Enriquez, Mattammal

**5. Consent Calendar**

**5.a. Approval of Minutes of the CAC Meeting of January 6, 2026**

**TA Board of Directors Meeting Agenda for February 5, 2026**

**5.b. TA Board Item 6.b. – Receive Quarterly Financial Report Fiscal Year 2026 Quarter 2 Results and Financial Outlook**

**5.c. TA Board Item 6.c. – Accept Quarterly Investment Report**

**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**

Motion/Second: Kao/Swire

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

Noes: None

Absent: Enriquez, Mattammal

Chair Arietta stated Item 12.a. will be heard prior to Item 6.

*Member Enriquez arrived at 4:45 pm*

**6. TA Board Item – 11.a. 101 Corridor Connect: Draft South County Multimodal Strategy**

Sue-Ellen Atkinson, Manager, Planning and Funding Management, provided the presentation/presented the staff report that included the following:

- Engaged 1,700 participants via pop-ups, focus groups, online surveys
- Key concerns: congestion, transit access/reliability, bike/pedestrian safety, limited options
- Top 20 projects prioritized using program goals and key corridors
- Implementation plan identifies funding sources: federal, state, Measure A and W

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

- Mini grants funded by Measures A and W, interest earnings do not affect bonds
- Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) in early stage; focus on outputs like vehicle miles traveled (VMT), greenhouse gas, and safety
- Regional priorities differ, congestion is universal
- Top 20 projects remain priorities; scoring based on future development areas
- Strategy focuses within one mile of Highway 101 to reduce congestion
- Projects have flexible funding; not tied to specific mitigation
- Federal bridge loan separate from program
- Push for quick-build infrastructure alongside long-term projects
- Transit backbone limited in South County; many bicycle projects

- Transportation Authority (TA) encouraged to drive systemic change and align projects with measure goals
- Transparency in scoring and metrics

*Member Garabino left at 5:59 pm*

Item 9 was heard before Item 6.

**7. TA Board Item – 11.b. Countywide Transportation Plan Update**

Patrick Gilster, Director, Planning and Funding Management, and Kaki Cheung, City/County Association of Governments (C/CAG) of San Mateo County, provided the presentation/presented the staff report that included the following:

- Creates a vision for the future of transportation in San Mateo County
- Outcomes: Anticipate changes, advance equity, strategize funding, and measure progress
- Roadway concerns- traffic congestion, weekend congestion and emergency access
- SamTrans ridership is back to 100 percent pre-pandemic levels

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

- Bike mode share clarification
- Promote countywide mode shift and e-bike incentives with C/CAG support
- Lack of connections between San Mateo County and Santa Clara County
- Autonomous Vehicles have potential to increase safety, improve mobility and reduce congestion if managed properly

**8. TA Board Item – 11.c. Brand Refresh Update**

Taylor Huckaby, Deputy Chief, Communications, provided the presentation/presented the staff report that included the following:

- Goals: consistency, recognition, approachability, value
- Modern, flat logotype, accessible and scalable
- Developed through stakeholder feedback and iterations

Staff provided further clarification in response to the Committee comments and questions, which included support for the new logo, community awareness, brand storytelling, and distinct, modern design.

**9. TA Board Item – 11.d. 101 Corridor Connect: US 101 San Mateo County Crossings Improvement Implementation Plan (Active 101) Update**

Ms. Atkinson provided the presentation/presented the staff report that included the following:

- Focuses on a quarter-mile corridor around freeway; adds 27 miles of bike and pedestrian infrastructure; enhances high-injury segments and 16 crossings

- Six priority projects have conceptual designs and community input
- Goals: safety, connectivity, sustainability, inclusivity

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

- Nine overcrossings that are not being addressed
- Ways to expand scope- set aside funds, quick builds and have people contact California State Department of Transportation (Caltrans) with maintenance requests on State facilities.

*Member Lang left at 6:07 pm.*

*Member Fox left at 6:21 pm.*

#### **10. TA Board Item – 12.a. Legislative Update**

Nicole Arshad, Government Affairs Specialist, provided the presentation/presented the staff report that included the following:

Federal

- Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 appropriations passed, temporary shutdown resolved
- 11 of 12 bills passed; United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) pending State
- FY 2026 budget: \$2.9 billion deficit, balanced budget due June 15
- Cap-and-Invest reauthorized
- \$590 million Bay Area Transit Loan agreed
- 2026 bill deadlines: January 23 requests, February 20 introductions

Staff provided further clarification in response to questions on federal funding approvals for local transportation projects.

#### **11. Report of the Chair**

Chair Arietta reported on Tamien Station, financial “Fiscal Cliff”, regional funding measure, service changes, ridership growth, performance, and safety and maintenance.

#### **12. Report from Staff**

Mr. Gilster noted that there was no report.

##### **12.a. Brown Act Refresher**

Shayna van Hoften, Legal Counsel, provided the presentation/presented the staff report that included the following:

- Purpose of the Brown Act, public notification, quorum requirements, teleconferencing options, and Senate Bill 707 updates to the Brown Act
- CAC advises board, cannot set policy

- Reviewed Brown Act violations including serial meetings and non-agenda item discussions

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

- Quorum: majority needed; 7 members required for action, 6 members meet quorum but can only receive information
- Avoid discussing public business outside meetings
- Public comments are one-way; members do not engage unless topic is agendaized
- Recommendations recorded in reports and minutes with context
- Board of Directors' feedback guides staff; aligned items may go on consent

### **13. Member Comments/Requests**

The Committee Members provided comments that included the following:

- CAC governance concerns
- Bike lane preservation and safety advocacy
- Pedestrian and cyclist safety accountability
- Support for active transportation funding
- Regional transit and Dumbarton Rail interest

*Member Kao left at 7:38 pm*

**14. Date/Time of Next Regular Meeting:** Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 4:30 pm via Zoom and in person at the San Mateo County Transit District, Bacciocco Auditorium, 2nd Floor, 1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, CA.

**15. Adjourn** - The meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.



**Date:** February 22, 2026  
**To:** Community Advisory Committee  
**From:** Barbara Arietta  
**Subject:** Report of the Chair

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As of early 2026, the Caltrain Downtown Transit Extension (The Portal Project) to the Salesforce Transit Center is advancing, with the Transbay Joint Powers Authority completing 30 percent design and aiming for 2035 revenue service.

The project received a major boost with federal funding, and the cost estimate was revised down to approximately \$7.6 billion. It is presently in the engineering phase for Federal Transit Administration grant funding.

Key Updates Regarding Project:

- **Funding and Costs:** The estimated cost was lowered by roughly \$650 million to \$7.6 billion in mid-2025. The project is relying on significant federal funding, including potential money from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill.
- **Timeline:** The anticipated revenue service date is 2035, pending full funding, with construction aiming to connect the current Fourth and King station to the downtown Salesforce Transit Center.
- **Perfect Status:** The project (often called The Portal), as previously stated, has completed 30 percent design and is in the Federal Transit Administration Capital Investment Grants Program Engineering Phase. The project has already cleared necessary environmental requests National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)/ California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
- **Future Scope:** The project will create a three-platform, six-track train station for compatibility with future California High Speed Rail.

This Portal Project (also known as the downtown rail extension) will fully realize investments in the Salesforce Transit Center, including the underground train box.

This project will bring Caltrain from its current northern terminal at Fourth and King Streets into the heart of downtown San Francisco. The Portal will also serve as a critical element of the first phase of the California High Speed Rail Project, thereby linking the Bay Area to the Central Valley and Southern California.

The Portal is also planned for compatibility with potential future rail expansion across the Bay.

Eight Bay Area counties and the State of California connect to the Salesforce Transit Center through numerous transit systems, including: Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District (AC Transit), Golden Gate Transit, Greyhound, San Francisco (SF) Muni, San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans), Western Contra Costa Transit Authority (WestCAT) and National Rail Passenger Corporation (Amtrak).

In the future, The Portal project will bring Caltrain and California High Speed Rail to the Salesforce Transit Center.

The Salesforce Transit Center is located south of Mission Street between Second and Beale Streets in downtown San Francisco.

Prepared By:                      Barbara Arietta                      TA CAC Chair                      2/22/2026