

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

**1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, California 94070  
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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