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San Mateo County Transportation Authority

Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting

March 31, 2026, 4:30 pm

Bacciocco Auditorium, 2nd Floor

1250 San Carlos Avenue

San Carlos, CA 94070

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Each public comment is limited to three minutes or less. The CAC Chair shall have the discretion to manage the Public Comment process in a manner that achieves the purpose of public communication and assures the orderly conduct of the meeting.

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

Staff Liaison:
Peter Skinner, Executive Officer, Transportation Authority

CAC Secretary:
Alice Feng

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Tuesday, March 31, 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 April 2, 2026

5. **TA Board Item ~~10.a.11.a.~~ – San Mateo County 101 Express Lanes Initial Performance Study** Informational
Board Action: Informational
6. **TA Board Item ~~11.a.12.a.~~ – Legislative Update** Informational
Board Action: Informational
7. **TA Board Item ~~11.b. 12.b.~~ – Connect Bay Area Local Investment Plan Update** Informational
Board Action: Informational
8. Report of the Chair Informational
9. Report from Staff Informational
10. 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.
11. Date/Time of Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, May 5, 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.
12. 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

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
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. van Hoften, 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 Garbarino 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: March 26, 2026
To: Community Advisory Committee
From: Barbara Arietta
Subject: Report of the Chair

What Traffic Problems In San Mateo County Are Currently Drawing The Most Focus?

I have not only read a number of articles over the past year concerning traffic impacts, but I have also heard equally as much, several statements from San Mateo County residents about which traffic problems in San Mateo County they are currently most focused on.

The number one answer I've been told is chronic highway congestion, specifically regarding the United States (US) 101 Express Lanes and the impact of traffic "cut throughs" in residential neighborhoods. But there are also congestion problems in mid county and also on the coastside.

I would like to briefly share some information about these concerns from the public, so that all may be aware of what the public's current needs and wants are, as recommendations are made to the Board of Directors (Board) of the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (TA).

Key Traffic Concerns of San Mateo County Residents (as of March 2026):

- **US 101 Expansion and Express Lanes:**
There is significant public debate and advocacy regarding the extension of express lanes north of Interstate 380. Residents and transit advocates have expressed concerns that these lanes may not actually reduce congestion for those in non-express lanes and could increase air pollution in adjacent lower income neighborhoods.
- **Residential Speeding and "Short Cuts":**
Residents are increasingly vocal about drivers using local residential streets to avoid highway gridlock. This has led to heavy demand for a neighborhood traffic management program which implements traffic-calming measures like speed bumps and ovals to protect local streets.

- **Safety of E-Bikes and Micro Mobility:**
Following recent high-profile fatalities involving e-bikes and electric motorcycles, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors is currently considering new ordinances to regulate these devices, a move that has drawn intense public scrutiny.
- **Coastside Bottlenecks:**
In the Midcoast, the Moss Beach State Route (SR)-1 Congestion and Safety Improvements Project is a very major point of interest. Public workshops are scheduled for Spring/Summer 2026 to gather feedback on intersection modifications aimed at improving flow between Montara and Half Moon Bay.
- **Multimodal Integration:**
Transit users are currently being asked for feedback on the Central El Camino Real Multimodal Plan. The SamTrans Online Survey is open through March 31, 2026 focusing on improving safety for pedestrians and bicyclists along this major corridor.

These are only a few of the traffic challenges in San Mateo County, but they are some of the current major concerns of residents, north to south and from ocean shore to bay shore.

Prepared By: Barbara Arietta TA CAC Chair 3/24/2026