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AGENDA

San Mateo County Transportation Authority

Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting

May 5, 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, Chief Officer, Transportation Authority

CAC Secretary:
Alice Feng

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Tuesday, May 5, 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 March 31, 2026 Motion

TA Board of Directors Meeting Agenda for May 7, 2026

- 4.b. **TA Board Item 5.b. – Accept Quarterly Investment Report** Motion
Board Action: Motion
- 4.c. **TA Board Item 5.c. – Accept Quarterly Reports for On-Call Contracts for Fiscal Year 2026 Quarter 3** Motion
Board Action: Motion
- 4.d. **TA Board Item 5.d. – Increasing the Allocation of New Measure A Local Shuttle Program Funds for the Skyline College Daly City Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) Express Shuttle from \$304,136 to \$608,272 in the Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027 Shuttle Program** Motion
Board Action: Resolution
5. **TA Board Item 10.a. - Programming and Allocating \$2,804,490 in Measure A Grade Separation Category and \$860,625 in Measure A Caltrain Category Funds for the South Linden Avenue/Scott Street Grade Separation Project’s Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Clearance Phase** Motion
Board Action: Resolution
6. **TA Board Item 11.a. – Fiscal Year 2027 Preliminary Budget** Board Informational
Action: Informational
7. **TA Board Item 12.a. – Legislative Update** Informational
Board Action: Informational

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

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| 8. | Report of the Chair | Informational |
| 9. | Report from Staff | Informational |
| 10. | 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> | |
| 11. | Date/Time/Location of Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at 4:30 pm
<i>The meeting will be accessible via Zoom teleconference and in person at the San Mateo County Transit District, Public Hearing Room, 5th Floor 166 North Rollins Road, Millbrae, CA 94030. Please see the meeting agenda for more information.</i> | |
| 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

DRAFT Minutes of March 31, 2026

Members Present: Giuliano Carlini (arrived at 4:50 pm), Nheeda Enriquez (arrived at 5:10 pm), John Fox, Richard Garbarino, Christopher Kao (arrived at 4:50 pm), Karen Kuklin, Sandra Lang, Gus Mattammal, Mike Swire (Vice Chair), Barbara Arietta (Chair)

Members Absent: Rich Hedges

Staff Present: N. Arshad, A. Feng, P. Gilster, J. Manzi, P. Skinner

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Barbara Arietta called the meeting to order at 4:34 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. Consent Calendar

4.a. Approval of Minutes of the CAC Meeting of February 3, 2026

Motion/Second: Garbarino/Lang

Ayes: Fox, Garbarino, Kuklin, Lang, Mattammal, Swire, Arietta

Noes: None

Absent: Carlini, Enriquez, Hedges, Kao

TA Board of Directors Meeting Agenda for April 2, 2026

5. TA Board Item 10.a. – San Mateo County 101 Express Lanes Initial Performance Study

Jessica Manzi, Director, Project Delivery, Kim Comstock, San Mateo County 101 Express Lane Program Director, and Liz Justison, 101 Express Lanes Policy Program Manager, provided the presentation/presented the staff report that included the following:

- Methodology, data sources, and study limitations including pandemic impacts and self-reported data
- Overall improvements in congestion, speeds, and travel time reliability
- Carpooling, transit use, and person throughput trends with noted data limitations
- Dynamic pricing and real-time data for lane management
- Congestion hotspots and next steps for continued monitoring and analysis

Members Carlini and Kao arrived at 4:50 pm.

Member Garbarino left at 4:54 pm.

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

- Study reliability and methodology concerns, including pre-post data and potential cherry-picking of results
- Express lane enforcement by California Highway Patrol (CHP), citation rates, overtime pay, and need for improved verification technology
- Transit usage measurement improvements using direct provider data and Clipper Card information to access occupancy and future demand
- Travel time and congestion analysis; improvements on worst-case days and variable results across other days
- Post-pandemic shifts in vehicle versus transit usage impacting projections
- Safety data limitations due to insufficient comparable data, with plans for future analysis

Member Enriquez arrived at 5:10 pm.

Member Mattammal left at 5:26 pm.

Meeting recessed at 5:40 pm.

Meeting resumed at 5:46 pm.

6. TA Board Item 11.a.– Legislative Update

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

Federal

- State of the Union had few new policies and no major budget priorities
- Fiscal Year (FY) skinny budget guides Congress on appropriations
- House and Senate accepting earmark requests
- Federal funding must pass by September 30, or a short-term extension may be needed
- SMCTA staff submitted earmark requests for advocacy in April
- \$3 million requested for San Bruno-Millbrae San Francisco International Airport (SFO) Bay Trail Gap Closure

State

- May revision updates and June 15 budget deadline
- Potential reductions in transit funding programs
- Legislative advocacy to protect transit funding
- Key bills: Assembly Bill (AB) 1557 on electric bicycle (e-bike) safety, AB 2560 on Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI) goals

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

- No state budget surplus; limited flexible funds; legislative negotiations ongoing
- Support for multimodal transportation and mode shift from cars to transit, biking, and walking
- CAPTI codification to guide climate-friendly transportation funding
- E-bike legislation and safety, including speed/wattage limits and manufacturer accountability
- Traffic safety and enforcement bills, including super speeder and illegal parking measures

7. TA Board Item 11.b. – Connect Bay Area Local Investment Plan Update

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

- Potential November ballot measure to fund Bay Area transit; sales tax proposal to stabilize transit and prevent service cuts
- San Mateo County could receive ongoing local transit funding
- San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans) facing future budget deficits
- Local Investment Plan being developed with community input
- Public outreach and survey underway to guide funding priorities

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

- Measure only eligible for November 2026 ballot
- Funding to support both new and existing transit services
- Transit highlighted as essential for dependent riders
- Broad community input guiding funding priorities
- Focus on service reliability and frequency
- Concerns about fare enforcement and efficiency
- Potential major service cuts if measure fails
- Funding allocation set by the Local Investment Plan, proportional to ridership

Member Fox left at 6:19 pm.

8. Report of the Chair

Chair Arietta presented the chair report that included the following:

- Key traffic concerns in San Mateo County as of March 2026
- United States (US) 101 express lane expansion raised concerns about congestion and equity impacts
- Residential cut-through traffic and speeding increased demand for traffic calming measures
- E-bike and micromobility safety remains a major concern with potential new regulations

- Midcoast State Route (SR) 1 congestion improvements are a key focus with public outreach planned
- El Camino Real Multimodal Plan is seeking input to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety

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

- Perceived congestion often exceeds reported improvements
- Targeted regulation needed for e-bikes versus e-motorcycles
- Cut-through traffic contributes to safety and congestion issues
- Infrastructure and local government responsiveness affect traffic patterns
- Mass transit is a critical factor in overall transportation
- Cut-through traffic causes significant delays across multiple communities
- Turn restrictions and signal timing can mitigate cut-through traffic

Member Enriquez left at 6:36 pm.

9. Report from Staff

Peter Skinner, Chief Officer, Transportation Authority, provided the presentation/presented the staff report that included the following:

- June CAC Meeting to be held at new Millbrae building
- SamTrans monthly passes offered to CAC members via Clipper Card

10. Member Comments/Requests

The Committee Members provided comments that included the following:

- Public outreach and community engagement
- Multimodal and bike infrastructure improvements
- Air pollution and environmental equity
- Traffic safety and cut-through traffic mitigation
- Learning from best practices locally and internationally
- City accountability and infrastructure hazards

11. Date/Time of Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, May 5, 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.

12. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.



Date: April 30, 2026
To: Community Advisory Committee
From: Barbara Arietta
Subject: Report of the Chair

Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (Caltrain) reports that its ridership rose 47 percent in 2025 compared with the previous year, saying it is the fastest growing transit agency in the United States. This accomplishment was helped by faster and more frequent service after the electrification of its trains.

However, transit officials report that rising high fixed costs, tied to maintaining the electric infrastructure, mean new funding will be needed to avoid cuts that affect tens of thousands of riders and businesses along the Peninsula corridor.

Caltrain reports that the rail system currently carries the equivalent of three lanes of traffic on United States (US) 101 in California each day. Officials warn that service reductions would add roughly 36,000 daily car trips and increase pollution by about 220 metric tons of carbon dioxide per day.

Current efforts to save Caltrain from major service cuts and station closures, which face a \$75 million annual deficit, focus on a November 2026 sales tax measure (Connect Bay Area), authorized by Senate Bill (SB) 63, alongside a temporary \$590 million state loan.

Efforts include gathering 200,000 signatures for the tax, which would fund transit for 14 years.

Key Efforts To Secure Funding and Avoid Cuts:

Regional Sales Tax Measure (Connect Bay Area):

A coalition of advocates pushing a ballot measure for November 2026 to add a half-cent sales tax in Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo and Santa Clara counties, and a full-cent tax in San Francisco to support transit, including Caltrain.

State Loan Intervention:

Governor Newsom approved a \$540 million loan to Caltrain, Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART), Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District (AC Transit) and San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) to bridge operational deficits for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, preventing immediate, severe service restrictions.

Internal Cost Reduction:

Caltrain has begun implementing expense reductions, including full-time equivalent (FTE) staff freezes, reducing professional service contracts and increasing revenue from advertising, real estate, and fiber-optic cable leasing.

Funding Advocacy:

State Senator Scott Weiner and local officials are advocating for long-term regional tax solutions to stop a "death spiral" of severe cuts and rider loss.

Description of Current Efforts Include:

Funding Initiatives:

Regional revenue measures, transit funding campaign, legislative and community-led fund raising.

Revenue Expansion:

Monetizing assets, increasing commercial revenue, pursuing state and federal support.

Alternatives Actions:

Service optimization, cost-cutting initiatives, emergency financing structural funding proposal.

Potential Consequences of Failed Efforts:

If new funding fails, Caltrain faces a "worst-case scenario" involving the closure of over one-third of its stations, the elimination of all weekend services, the reduction of train frequency from every 15 minutes to hourly only and the ending of weeknight service after 9 pm.

Prepared By: Barbara Arietta TA CAC Chair 4/29/2026