

**San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans) Board Liaison Report
Meeting of June 3, 2026**

SamTrans Board of Directors Received and Approved the Following Items

- Approval of Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of May 6, 2026
- Amending the Contract with the Center for Transportation and the Environment for Hydrogen Fuel Cell Electric Bus Feasibility Studies to Include Additional Technical Support Services, Extend the Contract Term by Four Years, and Increase the Contract Amount by \$1.1 Million
- Awarding a Contract to Commercial Environment Landscape to Provide Landscape and Grounds Maintenance Services for a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$593,766.84 for a Five-Year Base Term and up to Two One-Year Option Terms for an Additional Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$236,246.28
- Awarding a Contract to Wireless CCTV, LLC for Mobile Security Trailer Rentals and Monitoring Services for a Total Not-To-Exceed Amount of \$385,400 for a Two-Year Base Term, with a One-Year Option Term for an Additional \$187,200, for a Total Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$572,600

Report of the Chair

No report was presented by Chair Chuang.

Proclamation Recognizing Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) Pride

Month – Randol White, Public Information Officer, provided the presentation recognizing the District’s commitment for equality, dignity, and inclusion and the Rainbow Employee Resource Group’s contributions. The “Moving the Bay Area with Pride” campaign unifies Bay Area transit agencies and features a unified artwork and outreach toolkit designed by Cheri West, Designer, Marketing and Creative Services. SamTrans’ pride bus wrap will be featured in the San Francisco Pride Parade, which all Bay Area transit agencies participating in the parade will march together.

Report of the General Manager/CEO | May 27, 2026

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

- Welcomed the SamTrans Board of Directors (Board) to the new headquarters
- Report out from the June 1 Clipper Executive Board meeting, at Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC): Cubic Corporation (Cubic) was unable to meet the original bulk migration date of May 31, and this date has now been pushed out to June 19. Transit operators continue to have issues with the ridership data from Cubic and hence SamTrans will continue to withhold reporting such data until stabilization and financial reconciliation is sorted out.
- El Camino Real (ECR) Construction: infrastructure difficulties prevent buses from returning to ECR when construction concludes for the day and on weekends; service reassessment dependent on project progress
- Free fare on July 1 for SamTrans 50th Anniversary

- \$40 summer special for student youth pass until August 31
- Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) marketing campaign, transit coordination, and advertisement
- Bus wrapped bus for San Francisco Pride Parade on June 28 at 10:30 am
- Commendation for SamTrans staff participating in the International Rodeo in Salt Lake City on May 17

The Board provided comments regarding accident-type breakdown in safety reporting, children bus safety, and ECR construction.

Community Relations Committee

Accessible Services Update – Tina Dubost, Manager, Accessible Transit Services, stated MTC’s training session offering for regional Paratransit eligibility staff and upcoming San Mateo County Fair Senior Day outreach to promote services.

Citizens Advisory Committee Update – Dylan Finch, CAC Chair, stated the beginning of new member terms, Brown Act training, and discussion on bus stops moved for construction, the Redwood City Transit Center, transit signal priority, and the College of San Mateo (CSM) bus stop.

Paratransit Advisory Council Update – Ms. Dubost stated the upcoming presentation on the Governor’s budget and outreach plan updates.

Monthly State of Service Report | April 2026 – Ana Rivas, Director, Bus Transportation, provided the presentation that included the following information:

- 13 preventable accidents; 65,038 miles between preventable accidents
- Service and bus stop safety campaign
- 41 service call; 20,939 miles between service calls
- 52,883 miles between service calls for diesel buses and 50,455 miles between service calls for zero-emission buses
- 83.3 percent on-time performance
- 3 did not operate (DNO)

Quarterly State of Service Report | Fiscal Year 2026 Quarter 3 – Ms. Rivas provided the presentation that included the following information:

- 348 full-time operators
- Decreased from 186 DNOs to 21 DNOs, with District staff service improving by more than 95 percent
- 37.7 percent decreased systemwide preventable accidents; 96,000 miles before preventable accidents districtwide
- 81.8 percent systemwide performance; 87.8 percent for limited and express routes; challenges with owl and school routes

- 30.9 percent service call increased, resulting in 17,637 miles between service calls
- 85 percent battery electric buses year-over-year increased
- 28.4 percent customer service call increased

Finance Committee

Awarding a Contract to Universal Protection Service, LP, dba Allied Universal Security Services for Security Guard Services for a Total Not-To-Exceed Amount of \$18 Million for a Five-Year Term – Scott Kirkpatrick, Deputy Director, Safety and Security, provided the presentation on the District’s current usage of Allied Universal Security Services and the high responsiveness of firms responding to the request for proposal (RFP) during the solicitation process from interested security agencies.

Staff provided further clarification in response to the Board comments and questions regarding the incumbent provider, public access, security measures and safety, keycard readers, and wayfinding. Board requests staff to review possible additional building security protocol.

Authorizing Execution of Contracts and Amendments for Information Technology Hardware, Software, Licenses, Maintenance Services and Professional Services, and Technology-Related Products and Services, Through Piggyback Contracts and Cooperative Purchasing Programs up to an Aggregate Not-to-Exceed Limit of \$8 Million for Fiscal Year 2027 – Kevin Yin, Director, Contracts and Procurement, provided the presentation that included the authority and budget approval to execute contracts under the General Manager/CEO.

Staff provided further clarification in response to the Board comments and questions regarding cybersecurity resource requirements, quarterly reporting, piggyback contracts through cooperative procurement or pure piggyback, and vendor and contract vetting.

Receive Quarterly Financial Report Fiscal Year 2026 Quarter 3 Results and Financial Outlook

Ladi Millard-Olmeda, Interim Chief Financial Officer, provided the presentation that included the following information:

- Favorable surplus, sources, and uses; cost savings to normalize
- Operating costs overtaking revenue growth; cost management and revenue monitoring
- Year-end forecast of \$3.9 million favorable in sources, \$4.5 million favorable in uses, and \$8.5 million projected net position

Staff provided further clarification in response to the Board comments and questions regarding a conservative budget and financial projection approach.

Accept Quarterly Fuel Hedge Update for Fiscal Year 2026 Quarter 3 – Ms. Millard-Olmeda provided the presentation that included the \$1 million over budget due to rising fuel prices and continued diesel usage.

Innovative Clean Transit (ICT) Update – David Olmeda, Chief Operating Officer, Bus, provided the presentation that included the ICT rollout procurement schedule, current fleet performance, and the exploration of options for the replacement of 62 buses.

Staff provided further clarification in response to the Board comments and questions regarding the following:

- Process and history of California Air Resources Board (CARB) granting exemptions. Also discussed the reduction in Alliance for Renewable Clean Hydrogen Energy Systems (ARCHES) funding
- Procurement under funding shortages; battery electric bus procurement; zero-emission commitments
- Current hydrogen bus operations and limitations caused by the temporary hydrogen refueler’s limited capacity to fuel buses
- Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District (AC Transit) partnership opportunities for bulk and consortium purchasing
- Battery replacement, disposal, and warranty
- Unit price lock-in and dispersed purchasing during the procurement schedule; charging station availability and infrastructure investments
- Consortium fuel pricing

Legislative Committee

Receive Legislative Update and Approval of Legislative Proposal: Assembly Bill 1941

(Mark González) – Jessica Epstein, Director, Government and Community Affairs, provided the presentation that included the following information:

Federal

- House Appropriations Committee; Transportation Housing and Urban Development (THUD) funding bill release and cuts
- Earmark request reduced but includes \$800,000 requested by Congressman Kevin Mullin for flooding protection for North Base causeway
- Surface transportation reauthorization (every five years): \$580 billion for Fiscal Year (FY) 2027-2031 for highway and infrastructure funding. Congress may go past September 30 deadline. If reauthorization passes, Colma Park and Ride in Daly City would be able to be developed due to Congressman Mullin’s efforts to remove Federal interest and restrictions.

State

- Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit funding extension
- Governor’s May 2026-2027 budget proposal revision
- CARB amendments to Cap-and-Invest funding
- Assembly Bill (AB) 1941 to result in metal theft as a crime

Staff provided further clarification in response to the Board comments and questions regarding the Local Taxpayer Protection Act, which would not affect Connect Bay Area regional measure.

Adopting a Local Investment Plan for Potential “Return-to-Source” Revenues from Connect Bay Area Sales Tax Measure Authorized by Senate Bill 63

– Ms. Epstein provided the presentation that included the service protection during investment prioritization and pilot evaluation, fiscal responsibility and accountability, funding framework, and measure timeline.

Staff provided further clarification in response to the Board comments and questions regarding the allocations of Connect Bay Area Measure, capital and operating costs, reduced fare opportunities, project prioritization, ridership sustainability, and microtransit reliability.

Strategic Planning, Development, and Sustainability Committee

This Committee was cancelled for the month as there were no business items.

General Counsel Report

Introduction of Proposed Amendments of the Rules of Procedure – Joan Cassman, General Counsel, provided the presentation that included updates to the rules of procedure for maintaining practices and governance.

Staff provided further clarification in response to the Board comments and questions regarding public comment time, re-naming of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), districtwide continuity and consistency (concerning the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board and the San Mateo County Transportation Authority), separation of Committees during the Board meeting, and conflict of interest.

Closed Sessions

- Closed Session: Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Government Code § 54956.9(d)(4)) [Initiation of Litigation, Number of Potential Cases: 1]

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