

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

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

**Minutes of May 5, 2026**

**Members Present:** Giuliano Carlini, Nheeda Enriquez, Richard Garbarino, Rich Hedges, Christopher Kao (arrived at 4:44 pm), Karen Kuklin, Sandra Lang, Mike Swire (Vice Chair), Barbara Arietta (Chair)

**Members Absent:** John Fox, Gus Mattammal

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

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

Chair Barbara Arietta called the meeting to order at 4:36 pm and Member Karen Kuklin 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 March 31, 2026**

**TA Board of Directors Meeting Agenda for May 7, 2026**

**4.b. TA Board Item 5.b. – *Accept Quarterly Investment Report***

**4.c. TA Board Item 5.c. – *Accept Quarterly Reports for On-Call Contracts for Fiscal Year 2026 Quarter 3***

**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/Second: Hedges/Garbarino

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

Noes: None

Absent: Fox, Kao, Mattammal

**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**

Patrick Gilster, Director, Planning and Fund Management, provided the presentation/presented the staff report that included the following:

- Partnership between City of San Bruno and South San Francisco
- Value engineering process and optimized project alternative
- Reduced construction impacts, right-of-way (ROW) needs, and project costs
- Additional funding needs for preliminary engineering and environmental clearance
- Updated project schedule, cost estimates, and funding split recommendation

*Member Kao arrived at 4:44 pm.*

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

- Environmental review, flooding, and hydrology impacts from roadway lowering
- Phase-level preliminary engineering (PE)/environmental (ENV) costs versus total project cost and funding scope clarification
- Project prioritization relative to Broadway grade separation
- Cost escalation assumptions and long-term funding uncertainty, including Measure A outlook
- Traffic congestion relief, freight mobility, and air quality benefits
- Bicycle(bike)/pedestrian (ped) undercrossing access maintained at Scott Street in optimized design
- Local funding contributions and transportation impact fee potential
- Broadway crossing safety performance, crash data methodology, and improvement measures

Motion/Second: Hedges/Kuklin

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

Noes: None

Absent: Fox, Mattammal

**6. TA Board Item 11.a. – Fiscal Year 2027 Preliminary Budget**

Cleo Liao, Manager, Budgets, provided the presentation/presented the staff report that included the following:

- Measure A and W sales tax as primary funding source with stable growth
- Program allocations driving majority of expenditures for transportation programs
- Interest income supporting technical assistance, corridor programs, and Measure A reauthorization work
- San Mateo County Express Lanes Joint Powers Authority (SMEL JPA) debt service and external project costs fully offset by dedicated revenues

- Measure A reauthorization planning and long-term funding strategy

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

- Staff support increase, driven by 3.5 percent labor escalation and operational allocation; no new positions
- Bike/ped funding undersubscription and city grant participation gaps
- Bicycle infrastructure design quality and safety oversight concerns
- Technical assistance design review program and third-party review option for cities
- Bank and investment fee structure tied to cash management and sweep accounts, not portfolio losses
- Investment earnings versus administrative and banking fees
- City eligibility for active transportation funding through existing plans and general plan alignment
- Measure A interest income flexibility for strategic initiatives and program support
- Corridor Connect initiative purpose and linkage to state congestion corridor funding eligibility
- Technical assistance expansion and Measure A reauthorization support as funding priorities
- Coastwide corridor planning effort from San Francisco to Santa Clara County, early-stage development

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

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

Federal

- American Public Transportation Association (APTA) legislative conference visit to Washington D.C. by Chair Marie Chuang and April Chan, meetings with congressional delegation
- Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) appropriation process underway, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD) markup May 21 and June 4
- \$3 million earmark request for Bay Trail San Francisco International Airport (SFO) Gap Closure Project
- \$105 million Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grants for United States (US) 101 and State Route (SR) 84 interchange project, funding release advocacy ongoing
- Surface transportation reauthorization expiring September 30, potential short-term extension
- Advocacy for increased funding for grade separation and highway safety projects including Broadway Grade Separation and Corridor Connect

State

- Sacramento advocacy trip by Chair Marie Chuang, San Mateo County Transit Authority (SMCTA) Chair Julia Mates, April Chan, and staff
- Focus on zero-emission bus funding and Broadway Grade Separation

- Governor May Revise budget update expected May 14
- Concerns over California Air Resources Board (CARB) proposal reducing Greenhouse Gas Reduction (GHG) Fund to \$2 billion annually
- Risk to transit funding programs including Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) and Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP)
- Monitoring Senate Bill (SB) 1087 regional planning modernization and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)-related changes

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

- State vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and GHG reduction policy alignment with proposed transportation legislation
- Concerns about bills potentially weakening Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI), VMT reduction, and climate goals
- Assembly Bill (AB) 1224, AB 2059, AB 2052, AB 2560 impacts and need for follow-up analysis
- AB 1412 road usage charge proposal and potential freight exemption implications
- AB 1557 electric bicycle (e-bike) regulation concerns and impact on mobility access and safety
- Illegal electric motorcycles (e-motos) enforcement versus e-bike policy focus
- Proposal for stronger SMCTA positions on selected state bills
- Bicycle highway funding and Active Transportation Program (ATP) program policy direction
- Highway Trust Fund long-term funding sustainability discussion
- Vehicle electrification, electric vehicles (EVs), and road usage charge fairness and implementation

## **8. Report of the Chair**

Chair Arietta presented the chair's report that included the following:

- Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (Caltrain) ridership growth and post-electrification performance
- Financial stability challenges and rising fixed operating costs; regional funding gap and risk of future service reductions
- Connect Bay Area regional sales tax measure for transit funding
- State loan support for Bay Area transit operators
- Internal cost containment and revenue generation strategies
- Potential service impacts if funding is not secured

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

- Mass transit priorities and role of active/electric vehicle/autonomous vehicle modes
- Caltrain ridership growth, electrification, and funding gaps
- Regional/state/federal transit funding strategies and ballot measures

- Legislative impacts on VMT, GHG reduction, and CAPTI alignment
- E-bike safety regulation and enforcement of illegal e-motos
- Road usage charge policy and equity considerations
- Regional planning framework and interagency coordination

#### **9. Report from Staff**

Peter Skinner, Chief Officer, Transportation Authority, provided the report that included reminders to submit Way2Go pass forms, CAC meeting location planning and Millbrae audio-visual (AV) readiness, transit access, and parking logistics.

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

- Way2Go Pass distribution, Clipper 2.0 setup questions, and activation timeline
- Willow Road project design review and availability of plans
- Bicycle facility design standards, including Class 2 versus Class 4 infrastructure and user accessibility
- Bus lane versus protected bike lane tradeoffs and multimodal design concerns
- Intersection design approaches, including roundabouts versus traditional signalized systems
- Bus stop and shelter removal concerns and transit rider comfort priorities

#### **10. Member Comments/Requests**

The Committee Members provided comments that included the following:

- Transit funding support to prevent Caltrain and Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) service cuts
- Street safety and design concerns, including roundabouts and bike/ped improvements
- Rail crossing safety and grade separation priorities
- Clearer project communication and coordination across agencies

*Member Kao left at 6:30 pm.*

#### **11. Date/Time/Location of Next Regular Meeting:** Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at 4:30pm via Zoom and in person at the San Mateo County Transit District, Public Hearing Room, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor 166 North Rollins Road, Millbrae, CA 94030, or potentially San Carlos (location to be confirmed).

#### **12. Adjourn** - The meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm.