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## AGENDA

### San Mateo County Transportation Authority

#### Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting

August 4, 2026, 4:30 pm

#### Primary Location:

Public Hearing Room, 5th Floor  
166 North Rollins Road  
Millbrae, CA 94030

#### Secondary Location:

904 Wharfside Road  
San Mateo, CA 94404

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**SMCTA 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:

Lauryn Ko

recognized to speak.

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.

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**Tuesday, August 4, 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 June 2, 2026 Motion

**SMCTA Board of Directors Meeting Agenda for August 6, 2026**

- 4.b. **SMCTA Board Item – 5.b. Accept Quarterly Reports for On-Call Contracts for Fiscal Year 2026 Quarter 4** Motion  
Board Action: Motion
5. **SMCTA Board Item – 11.a. Peninsula Shuttle Program Optimization and Funding Strategy Update** Informational  
Board Action: Informational
6. **SMCTA Board Item – 11.b. 101 Corridor Connect Mini-Grant Program Update** Informational  
Board Action: Informational
7. **SMCTA Board Item – 12.a. Accept Quarterly Investment Report** Motion  
Board Action: Motion
8. **SMCTA Board Item – 13.a. Legislative Update** Informational  
Board Action: Informational
9. Report of the Chair Informational
10. Report from Staff Informational
11. 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 SMCTA or the CAC.*

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

12. Date/Time of Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, September 1, 2026, at 4:30 pm  
*The meeting will be accessible via Zoom teleconference and/or in person at the San Mateo County Transit District, Public Hearing Room, 5th Floor, 166 North Rollins Road, Millbrae, CA. Please see the meeting agenda for more information.*
13. Adjourn

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

**166 North Rollins Road, Millbrae, California, 94030**

**DRAFT Minutes of June 2, 2026**

**Members Present:** Giuliano Carlini, Nheeda Enriquez, John Fox, Rich Hedges, Christopher Kao, Karen Kuklin (arrived at 5:47 pm), Sandra Lang, Gus Mattammal, Mike Swire (Vice Chair), Barbara Arietta (Chair)

**Members Absent:** Richard Garbarino

**Staff Present:** N. Arshad, A. Feng, P. Gilster, T. Huckaby, C. Liao, L. Lumina-Hsu, J. Manzi, M. Mathias, P. Skinner

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

Chair Barbara Arietta called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm and Vice Chair Mike Swire 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 May 5, 2026**

**SMCTA Board of Directors Meeting Agenda for June 3, 2026**

**4.b. SMCTA Board 5.b. – Accept Quarterly Financial Report Fiscal Year 2026 Quarter 3 Results and Financial Outlook**

**4.c. SMCTA Board 5.c. – Accept Capital Projects Quarterly Status Report for Fiscal Year 2026 Quarter 3**

**4.d. SMCTA Board Item – 5.d. Accept US 101 Express Lanes Quarterly Update on Variable Rate Bonds and Express Lanes Performance**

**4.e. SMCTA Board Item – 5.e. Programming and Allocating a Total of \$5,575,120 in Measure A Funds to the San Mateo County Transit District for its Paratransit Program and the Peninsula Traffic Congestion Relief Alliance for Commute.org's Operations and Transportation Demand Management Monitoring Program**

**4.f. SMCTA Board Item – 5.f. Establishing the Appropriations Limit Applicable to the San Mateo County Transportation Authority During Fiscal Year 2027**

**4.g. SMCTA Board Item – 5.g. Programming and Allocating a Total of \$2,461,000 in Measure A Caltrain Category Funds to the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board to be Used as Matching Funds for Three Grants Awarded through the Regional Transit Connections and Transportation Demand Management Programs, and to Fund Two Additional Local Projects**

**4.h. SMCTA Board Item – 5.h. Programming and Allocating \$1,235,193 in Measure W Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Funds for the Fiscal Years 2027 and 2028 Safe Routes to School Program**

Motion/Second: Hedges/Lang

Ayes: Carlini, Enriquez, Fox, Hedges, Kao, Lang, Mattammal, Swire, Arietta

Noes: None

Absent: Garbarino, Kuklin

**5. SMCTA Board Item – 10.a. Adopting a Budget in the Amount of \$204,361,520 for Fiscal Year 2027**

Cleo Liao, Manager, Budgets, and Taylor Huckaby, Deputy Chief, Communications, provided the presentation/presented the staff report that included the following:

- Express Lanes bond repayment update and reduced outstanding balance
- Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) budget update with revised sources and uses and small net surplus
- Marketing budget options for countywide outreach and brand awareness; recommended \$250,000 marketing investment level; campaign focused on brand awareness and public education; planned development of campaign strategy, creative approach, and performance metrics
- Annual investment authority delegation request for FY27 funds management

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

- SMCTA Phase 1 brand awareness campaign focused on name recognition and public understanding
- Success measured through pre- and post-campaign awareness surveys
- Interactive creative approaches (QR codes, transit ads, light engagement concepts)
- In-house production with limited external vendor use depending on budget
- Budget determines media scale, duration, and use of billboards and digital flights
- Multi-channel digital advertising including transit and app-based platforms
- Outreach in-person engagement handled separately by community affairs team
- Measure A allocation structure and reporting clarification between frameworks
- \$8 million unallocated funds available for future board programming or reserves

Motion/Second: Hedges/Kao

Ayes: Carlini, Enriquez, Fox, Hedges, Kao, Lang, Mattammal, Swire, Arietta

Noes: None

Absent: Garbarino, Kuklin

**6. SMCTA Board Item – 11.a. Community-Based Organization (CBO) Bench Pilot Program**

Marissa Mathias, Planning Analyst III, provided the presentation/presented the staff report that included the following:

- Seven pre-qualified CBOs selected to reflect countywide geographic and demographic diversity
- Tiered engagement model with CBO project work compensated; support for outreach, translation, and community engagement activities for projects
- Jurisdiction CBO matching process for project implementation request pairing scope delivery
- Early implementation phase following kickoff with ongoing evaluation and refinement

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

- Pilot timeline and availability to assess effectiveness within one-year framework
- Purpose as capacity-building tool for jurisdictional grant readiness and engagement support
- Opt-in use of preselected CBO bench versus independent outreach options for cities
- Funding structure and no-cost technical assistance model for participating jurisdictions
- Eligibility limited to SMCTA-funded transportation projects and jurisdictional sponsors
- Selection process, geographic representation, and application pathway for CBO participation
- Need for performance metrics and evaluation framework for program success
- Clarification of roles across CBOs, jurisdictions, and project sponsors

*Meeting recessed 5:45 pm.*

*Member Kuklin arrived at 5:47 pm.*

*Meeting returned to open session at 5:50 pm.*

**7. SMCTA Board Item – 11.b. Programming and Allocating a Total of \$20,520,000 in Measure A Caltrain Category Funds to the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board for the San Mateo County At-Grade Crossings Enhancements Project Phase 1**

Stacy Cocke, Grade Crossing and Rail Systems Delivery Director, Caltrain, provided the presentation/presented the staff report that included the following:

- Baseline and advanced crossing safety improvement measures
- Funding request, project costs, and implementation schedule

- Coordination with California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) approvals and contractor procurement
- Safety performance at high-risk crossings, including Broadway in Burlingame
- Measure A funding allocation and project delivery updates

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

- Effectiveness of recent rail crossing safety improvements and early safety outcomes
- Safety concerns at the Broadway crossing in Burlingame
- Near-term safety enhancements versus long-term grade separation projects
- Funding priorities and resource allocation for rail crossing safety projects
- Project timelines, implementation approach, and program delivery
- Ongoing monitoring and reporting of safety improvement outcomes

Motion/Second: Hedges/Lang

Ayes: Carlini, Enriquez, Fox, Hedges, Kao, Kuklin, Lang, Mattammal, Swire, Arietta

Noes: None

Absent: Garbarino

**8. SMCTA Board Item – 11.c. Programming and Allocating \$21,600,000 in Measure A Grade Separation Category Funds; Programming up to \$234,600,000 in Measure A Caltrain and Grade Separation Categories; and Programming up to \$87,000,000 in Measure W Local Safety, Pothole and Congestion Relief Improvements (Grade Separation) Category Funds for the Broadway Grade Separation Project**

Jess Manzi, Director, Project Delivery, provided the presentation/presented the staff report that included the following:

- Federal Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE) grant, \$1.1 billion program, application due next week
- 65 percent design progress, moving toward shovel ready status
- Value engineering reduced scope, removed station and shoofly tracks
- Funding package about \$320 million, Measure A, Measure W, Caltrain funds, design, and property costs
- Schedule outlook with construction expected around 2029-2032, funding dependent
- Objective, strengthen federal grant competitiveness and demonstrate readiness

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

- Federal grant timing, competitiveness and application deadline
- Project funding plan and allocation across Measure A, Measure W, Caltrain, and City of Burlingame
- Value engineering impacts including station removal and shoofly elimination
- Bicycle (bike)/pedestrian (ped) facilities and access impacts
- Right-of-way adequacy for future active transportation needs

- Design and environment review schedule length and drivers
- Scope included in federal grant versus local funding
- Coordination among project partners and funding alignment
- Preservation of future bike/ped flexibility
- Measure W funding bucket structure clarification

*Member Enriquez left at 6:23 pm.*

Motion/Second: Kao/Kuklin

Ayes: Carlini, Fox, Hedges, Kao, Kuklin, Lang, Mattammal, Swire, Arietta

Noes: None

Absent: Enriquez, Garbarino

*Member Mattammal left at 6:33 pm.*

#### **9. SMCTA Board Item – 12.a. Legislative Update**

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

Federal

- FY27 appropriations process and Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD) Bill advancement in House committee; proposed reductions to federal transit programs in House THUD Bill
- Surface transportation reauthorization draft Build America 250 Act
- Potential extension of safe surface transportation law beyond September 30 deadline
- Federal reconciliation 2.0 pause and uncertainty in funding vehicle strategy

State

- May revise budget update and improved revenue outlook with constrained new spending
- Senate Bill 125 transit capital funding not included in May revise
- California Air Resources Board (CARB) Cap and Invest amendments reducing Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) revenue by approximately \$2 billion annually
- Risk to Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP), Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP), and Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) transit funding programs
- State budget negotiation timeline through June 15 and June 30 deadlines

#### **10. Report of the Chair**

Chair Arietta presented the chair report that included the following:

- Electric bicycle (E-bike) safety concerns and collision trends in San Mateo County
- Local education, enforcement, and public awareness efforts; proposed countywide e-bike safety regulation and classification standards
- Infrastructure, safety education, and data collection opportunities

*Member Fox left at 6:54 pm.*

*Member Kao left at 6:56 pm.*

The meeting was adjourned due to the lack of quorum.

**11. Report from Staff**

**12. Member Comments/Requests**

**13. Date/Time of Next Regular Meeting:** Tuesday, July 7, 2026 at 4:30pm via Zoom and in person at the San Mateo County Transit District, Public Hearing Room, 5th Floor, Millbrae, CA 94030.

**14. Adjourn** - The meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.



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

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### **Caltrain Update**

Officials report that the Bay Area transit agencies (including the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board/Caltrain, San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District/BART, and the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency/Muni) have successfully secured a spot on the November ballot for a regional funding measure.

The Connect Bay Area Measure, authorized by the Connect Bay Area Act (Senate Bill 63), was recently certified for the election after advocates submitted over 305,000 valid signatures.

The November 2026 ballot measure aims to bridge the staggering fiscal shortfall (the "transit fiscal cliff") threatening major operators.

Here are the key details of the initiative:

- **The Revenue:** A 14-year regional transportation sales tax will generate roughly and 980 million annually. The tax is set at a half percent in Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo, and Santa Clara counties and one percent in San Francisco.
- **Agency Impact:** Approximately 63 percent of the funding is dedicated to transit operations for Caltrain, BART, Muni and Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District (AC Transit) to prevent service cuts, station closures and frequency reductions.
- **Caltrain's Specific Needs:** Caltrain currently faces an annual structural deficit of roughly \$75 million. Without this regional funding, the agency has warned it may be forced to reduce train service to once an hour, eliminate all weekend service and end weekday service by 9:00 pm.

- Near-term Bridges: To avert immediate, catastrophic service cuts while the measure goes to voters, Governor Newsom and state officials approved a \$590 million state loan package for Bay Area transit agencies in early 2026.

**How Does Caltrain Measure "RR" Funds Intersect With the Bay Area Connect Regional Measure?**

Caltrain Measure "RR" funds do not replace and are not replaced by the November 2026 Connect Bay Area Regional Measure; instead, they function as a necessary baseline. While Measure "RR" keeps the trains running at a basic operations level, the Connect Bay Area Regional Measure is designed to layer on top to close Caltrain's structural deficit and fund its expanded electrified service vision.

It would explicitly allocate an estimated \$70 million to \$75 million annually specifically to Caltrain.

Prepared By: Barbara Arietta SMCTA CAC Chair 7/24/2026