

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

166 North Rollins Road, Millbrae, California, 94030

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.