

**San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans) Board Liaison Report
Meeting of August 5, 2026**

Report from Closed Sessions at Month Day, 2026 Board Meeting - There were no reportable actions.

- *Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1): Public Employee Performance Evaluation*
Title: General Manager/Chief Executive Officer
- *Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1): Public Employee Performance Evaluation*
Title: General Counsel

SamTrans Board of Directors Received and Approved the Following Items

- Approval of Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2026
- Accept Quarterly Report for On-Call Contracts for Fiscal Year 2026 Quarter 4
- Accept Contracts and Procurement Quarterly Report on Technology Purchases for Fiscal Year 2026 Quarter Four
- Accept Quarterly Investment Report
- Awarding a Contract to Power Engineering Construction Company to Provide Inspection and Maintenance Services for the Dumbarton Rail Bridge Navigation Lights for a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$220,900 for a Two-Year Term
- Amending the Rules of Procedure for the San Mateo County Transit District Board of Directors

Report of the Chair

Chair Chuang reported that SamTrans participated in the San Mateo County Disaster Preparedness Day and recognized staff for showcasing the Disaster Response 2 (DR2) emergency response bus.

Report of the General Manager/CEO | July 29, 2026

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

- New runbook started on Sunday August 2, which included back-to-school transit service
- On August 2, District's Ride Plus microtransit service expanded for the coast side and East Palo Alto-Belle Haven service areas
- Emergency response partnerships and Disaster Preparedness Day participation at the County's August 1 Disaster Preparedness Day.
- Bus Rodeo winner recognition and the winner's participation in the international Rodeo competition in 2027
- Clipper 2.0 implementation and data reporting updates
- Fleetwide artificial intelligence (AI) dash camera installation to support operator training and safety
- \$8 million California Energy Commission grant secured
- New Chief Financial Officer selected and to begin after Labor Day holiday

San Mateo County Sheriff's Office Transit Police Bureau – 2025 Annual Report – Lou Aquino, Lieutenant, San Mateo County Sheriff's Office, provided the presentation that included the following information:

- Overview of the Transit Police Bureau's mission, services, and organizational structure
- 2025 crime trends, enforcement activities, response times, and clearance rates
- Calls for service, arrests, and high-visibility patrol efforts
- Community service officers, K-9 unit, and Psychiatric Emergency Response Team (PERT) program updates
- Transit safety, emergency preparedness, and regional agency collaboration
- Community outreach and public safety initiatives

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

- Crime clearance rates and case disposition categories
- Transit safety enhancements, drone technology, and security cameras
- Trespassing concerns along the Caltrain right-of-way (ROW)
- Coordination with law enforcement partners and station safety improvements
- Security camera placement and enforcement trends

Onboard Bus Safety Update – Omar Brown, Acting Deputy Director, Safety, and Jessica Epstein, Director, Government and Community Affairs, provided the presentation that included the following information:

- AI dashcams, operator safety barriers, and fleet safety improvements
- Operator safety measures and efforts to reduce workplace incidents
- Passenger Code of Conduct and enforcement policy updates
- Passenger suspension process and compliance efforts
- School-oriented route safety initiatives and coordination with schools
- Student behavior management and restorative approaches
- Rider education efforts, safety presentations, and outreach
- Partnerships with school districts and the County Office of Education
- School-oriented route operations and service priorities

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

- Driver barriers and operator safety improvements
- Code of Conduct implementation and passenger suspension process
- School-oriented route coordination and school district partnerships
- Operator restroom access at school sites and safety procedures during breaks
- Bus security protocols and student safety considerations
- Incident tracking and ongoing safety improvements

- Passenger and operator safety initiatives

Community Relations Committee

Accessible Services Update – Tina Dubost, Manager, Accessible Transit Services, stated that the first Transportation and Senior Services Resource Fair was successful and highlighted upcoming outreach events.

Citizens Advisory Committee Update – David Rabinovich, CAC Member, stated that the July 29, 2026 CAC meeting was canceled due to lack of quorum.

Paratransit Advisory Council Update – Ben McMullan, PAC Chair, stated that the PAC reappointed its Chair and Vice Chair and plans to participate in the September SamTrans event.

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

- 12 preventable accidents; 69,158 miles between preventable accidents, below the 100,000-mile goal
- Safety campaign focused on school zone awareness, pedestrian safety, and defensive driving
- 36 service calls, 23,053 miles between service calls, below the 25,000-mile goal
- 82.8 percent on-time performance (OTP), below the 85 percent goal
- 8 did not operate (DNO) schedules, presenting 0.02 percent of total schedules and exceeding the 0.1 percent goal

Staff provided further clarification in response to the Board comments and questions regarding school zone speed limits and operator feedback on safety impacts, and zero-emission bus (ZEB) service reliability.

Finance Committee

Approving and Ratifying the Insurance Program for Fiscal Year 2027 – Marshall Rush, Insurance and Claims Administrator, provided the presentation that included the following information:

- Six percent increase in overall insurance premiums, from \$8.3 million to \$8.7 million
- Maintained \$99 million liability limits with \$3 million self-insured retention
- Updated property and fleet insurance values, including Millbrae Headquarters and expanded ZEB fleet
- Bus physical damage coverage increased due to fleet expansion; insurable values increased ten percent from \$194 million to \$213 million
- Decreased premiums for cyber liability and public officials/employment practices coverage
- Workers' compensation premiums increased due to payroll growth

- Continued favorable insurance market conditions for the District and insurer assessment of SamTrans' risk profile

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

- Cybersecurity insurance requirements for vendors and consultants handling District data or systems
- Flow-down insurance requirements to subcontractors through prime contractors
- Potential insurance pooling options with other transit agencies
- \$99 million liability coverage and \$3 million self-insured retention supported by favorable loss history
- Claims management and safety practices supporting competitive insurance rates

Legislative Committee

Receive Legislative Update – Ms. Epstein provided the presentation that included the following information:

Federal

- Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development appropriations progress and potential continuing resolution
- Surface Transportation Act extension and potential impact on Colma Park and Ride funding
- United States Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) priorities for short-term transportation authorization extension
- Hydrogen Hubs Program support and Alliance for Renewable Clean Hydrogen Energy Systems (ARCHES) program updates

State

- Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) funding delays and reduced revenues impacting transit programs
- Impact on Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP), Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP), and Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program (AHSC) funding programs
- SamTrans TIRCP grant application for zero-emission technology funding
- Transit funding advocacy efforts with state legislative delegation
- Senate Bill (SB) 79 applicability review for the Dumbarton Busway project
- Regional transit revenue measure approved for the November ballot

Staff provided further clarification in response to the Board comments and questions regarding the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) proposed rule implementation timeline and potential delays.

Strategic Planning, Development, and Sustainability Committee

Reimagine Dumbarton Busway Feasibility Study – Project Update – Millie Tolleson, Director, Planning, provided the presentation that included the following information:

- Dumbarton Rail Corridor improvements between East Palo Alto and Redwood City
- Dedicated bus rapid transit (BRT) corridor, ZEB service, and regional connectivity benefits
- First phase community engagement results, including survey responses, outreach events, and stakeholder feedback
- Community priorities for regional transit connections, active transportation, recreation, and public spaces
- Community considerations regarding noise, privacy, and potential development impacts
- Project design concepts, alternatives, and upcoming and public outreach timeline

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

- Community engagement with local agencies, businesses and Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committees (BPACs)
- Bus stop and corridor design options
- Future rail corridor preservation
- Autonomous transit technology evaluation and operating plans

General Counsel Report: Closed Sessions

Joan Cassman, General Counsel, stated there was nothing to report.