

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

166 North Rollins Road, Millbrae, California 94030

Minutes of August 4, 2026

Members Present: Giuliano Carlini, Nheeda Enriquez, John Fox, Christopher Kao, Karen Kuklin, Sandra Lang, Mike Swire (Vice Chair), Barbara Arietta (Chair)

Members Attended via Teleconference: R. Hedges

Members Absent: R. Gabarino, G. Mattammal

Staff Present: S. Atkinson, R. Galindo, P. Gilster, L. Ko, P. Skinner

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Barbara Arietta called the meeting to order at 4:34 pm and Member Swire led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Lauryn Ko, 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 June 2, 2026

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/Second: Lang/Kuklin

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

Noes: None

Absent: Garbarino, Mattammal

5. SMCTA Board Item – 11.a. Peninsula Shuttle Program Optimization and Funding Strategy Update

Sue-Ellen Atkinson, Manager, Planning and Fund Management, provided the presentation that included the current program structure, program challenges, project updates, stakeholder workshop feedback, funding availability and local matching, program needs analysis findings, and evaluation criteria.

Staff provided further clarification in response to the Committee comments and questions, which included employer funding, service considerations, historical ridership, funding coverage, evaluation criteria breakdown, increasing costs, local mobility to key destinations, shuttle and bus differences, age demographics, and community college shuttle service.

6. SMCTA Board Item – 11.b. 101 Corridor Connect Mini-Grant Program Update

Ms. Atkinson provided the presentation that included priority projects, available funding, applications, project timeline, submitted project proposals, and draft funding recommendations.

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

- San Carlos and Belmont Old County Road individual project applications; \$500,000 allocation for each project
- Early design stages to determine necessary features; improvement of multimodal corridor safety
- Bike lanes; Grand Boulevard Initiative; necessary infrastructure updates, with existing conditions

The meeting recessed at 5:44 pm.

The meeting returned to open session at 5:51 pm.

7. SMCTA Board Item – 12.a. Accept Quarterly Investment Report

Ray Gallindo, Interim Manager, Treasury, provided the presentation that included managed and liquid portfolio quarterly balances; liquid portfolio pool composition; Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) interest earnings for portfolio and liquid budget and actuals; FY26 investment source, portfolio investment allocations, and compliancy with Board-approved policy.

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

- County pool liquid portfolio composition, with different agencies under same regulations
- FY26 portfolio closeout allocations; programed and allocated funds for reimbursement, with two-thirds allocated; four-year reimbursement lag
- Interest usage; early bonding at other transit agencies; staff and project fund allocation

Member Hedges left at 6:04 pm.

- Fund management and investment oversight

Motion/Second: Lang/Swire

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

Noes: None

Absent: Hedges, Garbarino, Mattammal

8. SMCTA Board Item – 13.a. Legislative Update

Mr. Skinner presented the staff report that included the following:

Federal

- Transition to quarterly reports due to staffing constraints; Mr. Skinner to report out highlights
- Congress August recess
- Surface Transportation Assistance Act September 30 expiration; possible continuing resolution

State

- Senate Bill 63 (Connect Bay Area) November ballot qualification; unaffected by Proposition 43

Staff provided further clarification in response to the Committee comments and questions on safe street projects and project elimination in San Mateo County.

9. Report of the Chair

Chair Arietta presented the chair report that included Caltrain \$1 youth fares and Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) ridership, Connect Bay Area Measure status, and revenue initiatives to prevent service cuts.

10. Report from Staff

Mr. Skinner noted the Executive Director's report was in the agenda packet and presented the report that included the following:

- SMCTA website refresh and solicited Committee and Board of Directors' feedback
- Corridor Connect Mini Grants outreach in Foster City and San Mateo

Staff provided further clarification in response to the Committee comments and questions on the Hillsdale Boulevard Interchange Improvements Project.

Member Fox left at 6:25pm.

11. Member Comments/Requests

The Committee Members provided comments that included the following:

- Report of the SMCTA CAC Chair
- Board Item 10
- Cyclist and pedestrian incidences
- Connect Bay Area
- Liaison reports at the SMCTA Board meeting; mailing list and reminders
- Infrastructure bike ride in East Palo Alto and multi-agency collaboration
- Senate Bill 79 notable projects
- SamTrans 50th Anniversary celebration
- New York City Transit Museum importance

12. Date/Time of Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, September 1, 2026, at 4:30pm via Zoom and in person at the San Mateo County Transit District, Public Hearing Room, 5th Floor, Millbrae, CA 94030.

13. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 6:39 pm.