Liaison Report (Karyl Matsumoto) Summary of San Mateo County Transit District's (District) Meeting of January 6, 2016 AGENDA ITEM # 9 JANUARY 7, 2016

The Community Relations Committee and Board

Authorized updating the policy for Lost and Unclaimed Property. The changes include raising the threshold under which lost and unclaimed property is required to be sold at public auction from \$10 to \$100 and clarifying that the published notice of public auction does not need to include a list of the items to be auctioned.

Tina Dubost, Manager, Accessible Transit Services, said last month staff attended the Coastside Transportation Committee meeting. People are very happy to see the expanded weekend service on Route 294. In November the paratransit contractor, First Transit, went 140,000 between preventable accidents.

Mike Levinson, Chair, Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC), said the PCC received a presentation on the paratransit customer survey results. The PCC has formed a new policy advocacy legislative committee that is a modification of the advocacy and legislative committee. The committee is getting a list of issues together and will meet monthly before the PCC meeting.

John Baker, Chair, Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), said at the December 2 meeting the CAC received the paratransit customer survey presentation.

Chester Patton, Director, Bus Transportation, presented the Mobility Management Report – Fixed-Route Bus Service (attached).

Average Weekday Ridership – November 2015 Compared to November 2014 Bus: 43,210, a decrease of 1.7 percent All modes: 165,050, an increase of 1.2 percent

The Finance Committee and Board

Accepted the Statement of Revenues and Expenses for November 2015.

Authorized the Filing of Applications to the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services to Receive \$1,106,406 in State Proposition 1B Transit Security Grant Program Funds for Transportation Security Projects.

Authorized Executing a Funding Agreement with Facebook to Receive \$1 Million to Complete a Dumbarton Transportation Corridor Study and Increasing the Fiscal Year 2016 Capital Budget by \$1 Million.

Authorized Executing a Funding Agreement with Facebook to Receive \$700,000 to Serve as the Environmental Lead for a Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail Environmental Review Process Along the West Alignment of the Dumbarton Rail Corridor and Increasing the Fiscal Year 2016 Capital Budget by \$700,000.

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Authorized the Award of an Open-Market, Negotiated Contract to City Mechanical, Inc. to Provide Plumbing Maintenance Services for a Total Cost of \$294,765 for a Three-Year Base Term.

Authorized the Amendment of the Contract to Provide On-Call Real Estate Support Services by Increasing the Aggregate Not-to-Exceed Amount for the Base Six-Year Term from \$600,000 to \$1,340,000 and Increasing the Aggregate Not-to-Exceed Amount for the Two Two-Year Option Terms from \$200,000 to \$400,000.

The Legislative Committee and Board

Received the preliminary 2016 Legislative Program. The core objectives of the program are to maintain and enhance funding opportunities; seek a regulatory environment that streamlines project delivery and maximizes ability to meet demands; and reinforce and expand programs that build and incentivize public transportation ridership, bike and pedestrian improvements, and transit-oriented developments.

Through passage of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act, Congress decided to equate the benefits that transit riders receive with the tax benefit that that drivers receive up to \$255 per month. The appropriations bill also includes \$500 million for the TIGER grant program that continues to be oversubscribed. The Bay Area has not been successful in getting money from this program.

The chairman of the Transportation Committee in the Assembly came out with a transportation funding proposal that will be considered by the Legislature. This is still part of the special session on Transportation from September of last year. The proposal is very heavy on highway and streets funding. This proposal seeks to increase the excise tax on gasoline and diesel fuel sales tax.

The Board of Directors

Zoe Kersteen-Tucker was elected Chair and Rose Guilbault was elected Vice-Chair for 2016. Chair Kersteen-Tucker proposed having a standing Strategic Plan Committee and another Board retreat in 2016.

Received an update on the San Mateo County Transit District's Strategic Plan – Year One Update.

- Ridership increased 1 percent for the year
- The District's debt was reduced by an average of \$3 million per year between 2016 and 2019 and \$5 million between 2020 and 2023
- An employee survey will occur in Fiscal Year 2016
- There have been new hires in human resources to increase recruitment capacity.

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Received an update from the Board Retreat Ad-hoc Committee on the November 6 retreat.

Received an update on the operations and communication planning for Super Bowl 50.

Received an update on the Business Optimization Program.

Jim Hartnett, General Manager/CEO, reported:

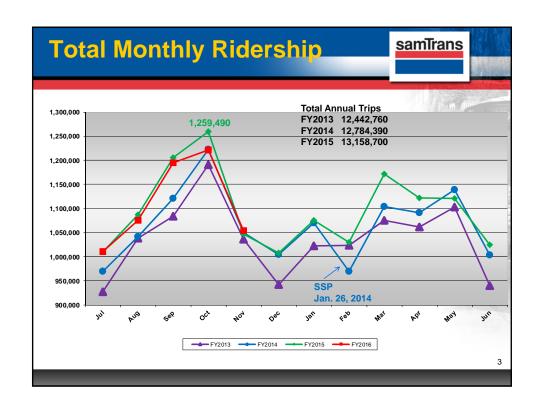
- Recognized Kathie Hollinger, Assistant Superintendent, Bus Transportation, on her upcoming retirement on January 15. Ms. Hollinger is the longest tenured employee and has been with the District since 1976.
- Recognized Chester Patton, Director, Bus Transportation, on his upcoming retirement on January 15. Mr. Patton will be retiring to Austin, Texas with his family.
- New runbook becomes effective January 10 and times have been adjusted for more efficiency.
- Investment in human capital continues with 3,000 hours of training in December.
- A new class of 13 bus operators will be graduating this week.
- Ten part-time bus operators are being promoted to full-time.
- Thanked the San Mateo Board of Supervisors for their continued support in providing funding assistance for the paratransit service.
- MV Transportation operates a number of shuttles from employer centers to Caltrain. Recently the Teamsters that operate these shuttles for MV voted to authorize a strike. Federal mediators have been brought in to help both parties find a middle ground to settle.

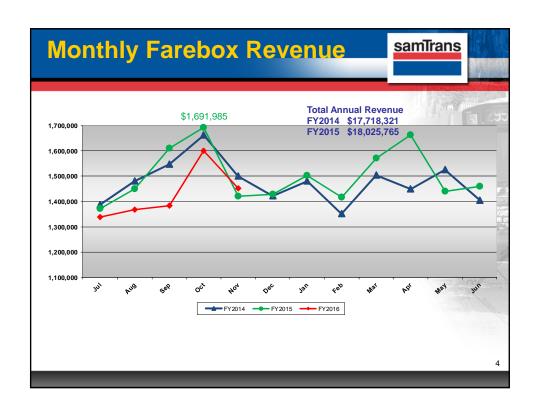
No action was taken on the existing litigation of Todd v. San Mateo County, et al.

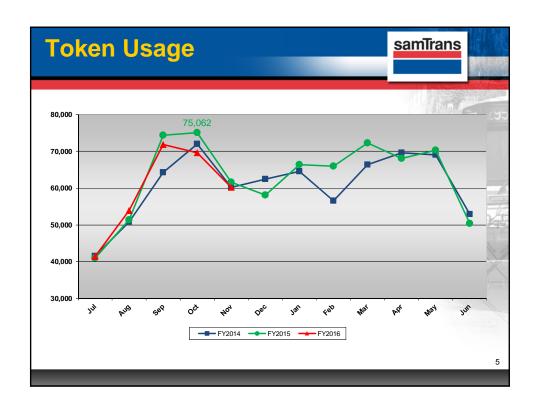
The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at 2 p.m.

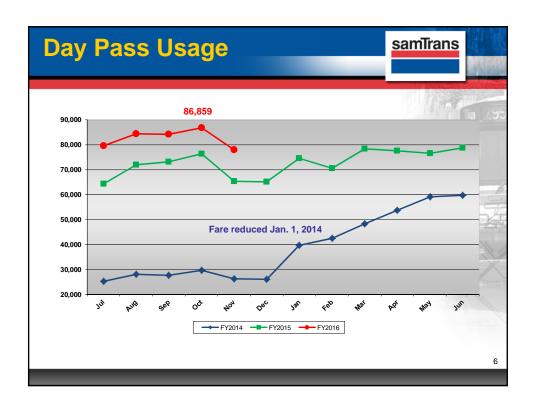


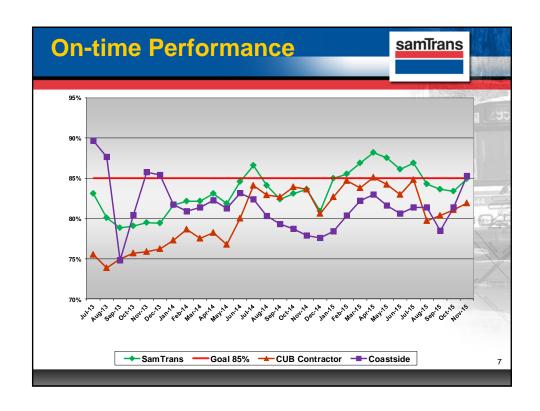


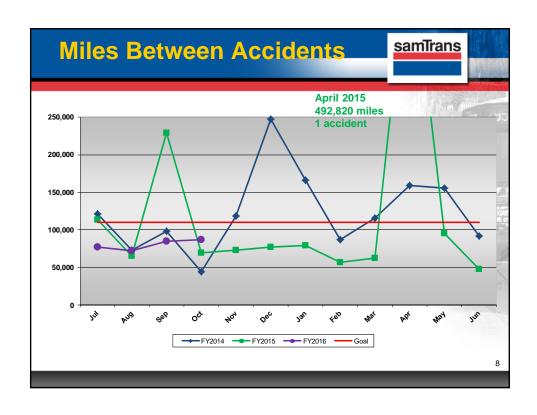


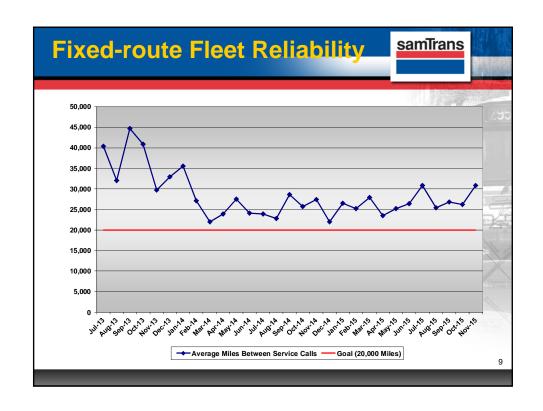


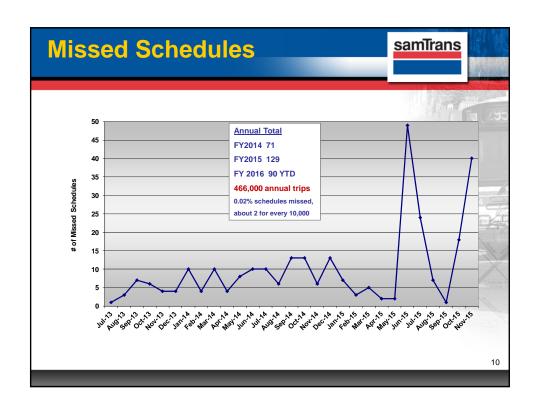


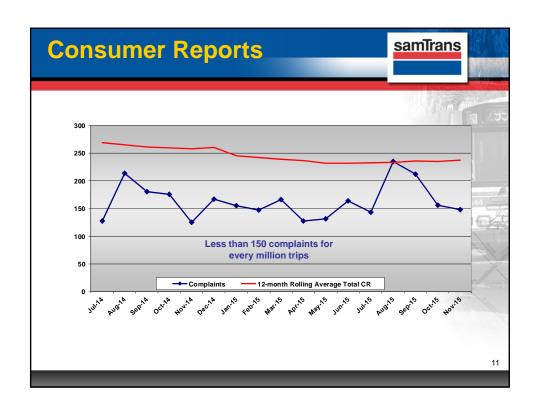












Fare Changes	_	samTrans
Fare changes effective January 10, 2016 Current Jan. 10		
Adult Local Cash Adult Local Clipper Youth ED Local Cash	\$2.00 \$1.25 \$1.00	\$2.25 \$2.05 \$1.10 \$1.10
 Youth and Eligible Discount are now combined into one category, products are not interchangeable Two children 4 years and younger ride free with one fare-paying adult Other fare media, tokens and passes, also change 		

Coastside Service

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Half Moon Bay Art & Pumpkin Festival Route 294:

- Headway reduced from 2 hours to 1 hour
- Trips increased to 504 from 181 prior year

Route 294 weekend service Jan. 10, 2016

- Increase from 18 trips/day to 32 trips
- Approximate 1 hour headways

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Summary

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- Ridership has leveled off
- Farebox revenue is declining slightly
- Service quality is high
- Fare changes effective January 10, 2016
- Increase Coastside service



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