

**Liaison Report (Karyl Matsumoto)**  
**Summary of San Mateo County Transit District's (District)**  
**Meeting of May 4, 2016**

**AGENDA ITEM # 7**  
**MAY 5, 2016**

The Community Relations Committee and Board

Designated May as "Older Americans Month." The proclamation was accepted by Christina Kahn, Chair, San Mateo County Commission on Aging, Scott McMullin, Vice Chair, Commission on Aging, and Michelle Makino, Program Services Manager of the Commissions and Provider Services Unit in Aging and Adult Services, San Mateo County Health System.

The winners of the Annual Student "Art Takes a Bus Ride" Contest were announced:

- First Grade – Cassie Gray-Spight, Redwood Shores Elementary
- Second Grade – Sophia Fu, Redwood Shores Elementary
- Third Grade – Andrew Wang, Foster City Elementary
- Fourth Grade – Grace Masini, Redwood Shores Elementary
- Fifth Grade – Natalie Lin, Marjorie H. Tobias Elementary
- Sixth Grade – Marcellina Chang, Fernando Rivera Intermediate

Tina Dubost, Manager, Accessible Transit Services, thanked Jim Hartnett, General Manager/CEO, for giving a paratransit presentation at the San Mateo County Commission on Aging. She distributed the new SamTrans for People with Disabilities brochure.

Mike Levinson, Chair, Paratransit Coordinating Council, said the Education Committee will be participating in a lot of outreach events over the new few months.

Average Weekday Ridership – March 2016 Compared to March 2015

Bus: 41,750, a decrease of 7.5 percent

All modes: 113,230, an increase of 2.1 percent

The Finance Committee and Board

Accepted the Statement of Revenues and Expenses for March 2016.

Accepted the Quarterly Investment Review and Fixed Income Market Review and Outlook for the Quarter Ended March 31, 2016.

Authorized Filing an Application to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) to Receive \$352,381 in Program Performance Initiative Funding and Execution of a Subsequent Funding Agreement with MTC to Receive the Federal Funds. These funds will be used to continue to help offset the cost of the price reduction of the Day Pass.

Received the Preliminary Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 Operating Budget in the amount of \$172.4 million.

Received the Preliminary FY2017 Capital Budget in the amount of \$16.2 million.

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Received a presentation on the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Triennial Goal Setting Methodology. The methodology is used for Federal FY2017-2019 and approved by the Federal Transit Administration.

Legislative Committee

Senator Jim Beall recently amended his transportation funding bill, Senate Bill X 1-1. This bill provides \$6.5 billion for improving the State's highways, roads, streets, public transit and commuter and intercity rail systems. The amended bill also doubles the allocation in the Cap and Trade's Transit and Intercity Rail programs. The amount goes from 10 percent to 20 percent and also doubles the allocation to the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program from 5 percent to 10 percent. This equates to roughly an additional \$300 million, which would be available annually for public transit projects. The bill also redirects \$550 million from High-speed Rail's Cap and Trade allocation to intercity rail and commuter projects for which Caltrain would be eligible. The last day for bills to move out of their house of origin is June 3.

The Senate Appropriations Committee approved a \$56.6 billion FY2017 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development appropriations bill. This bill provides \$16.9 billion for the U.S. Department of Transportation, \$525 million for the TIGER Grant Program, \$44 billion for Federal aid highways and \$1.7 billion to the Federal Railroad Administration. The bill also includes \$330 million for the Core Capacity Program. The House is going to take their similar appropriations bill beginning mark-up sometime the second week of May.

Planning, Development and Sustainability Committee

Received the Dumbarton Transportation Corridor Study Update (attached). The District is conducting a feasibility study of transportation alternatives in the Dumbarton Corridor to identify strategies that reduce traffic congestion and improve mobility between Alameda, San Mateo and Santa Clara counties. The study will evaluate options that address congestion on the Dumbarton Bridge (Highway 84) and its approaches. The study will also examine how to rehabilitate and repurpose the Dumbarton rail bridge for transit purposes to improve mobility.

The Board of Directors

The Board Retreat Ad Hoc Committee met to review the FY2017 budgets, the webcasting presentation, and receive an update on the Strategic Plan goals and objectives that were set at last year's Board retreat. Staff reiterated the Board's commitment to bettering and expanding core ridership through the youth and senior mobility plan, private partnerships, the Dumbarton Corridor Study and the San Francisco International Airport shuttle service. Staff also provided a six month look ahead report. The Committee is recommending the Board have a half-day retreat this year to review the results of the last year. It was recommended to look at the Board standing

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committees and evaluate if there are changes necessary to incorporate some of the things the Ad Hoc Committee is looking at.

Called for a Public Hearing at the June 1, 2016 Meeting to Consider Elimination of FLX San Carlos.



Jim Hartnett, General Manager/CEO, reported:

- The emergency procurement for the industrial waste line at North Base was installed to allow for the use of a steam rack at a cost of \$75,000. A capital project has been submitted in the amount of \$500,000 in the FY2017 Capital Budget to replace the entire line.
- On March 2 the Board adopted Resolution No. 2016-25 authorizing an emergency procurement of \$24,995 for corrective actions on the number two diesel tank spill bucket secondary fuel line. The repairs were approved by the San Mateo County Inspector and have been completed.
- Thanked Director Carole Groom for introducing him at the Commission on Disabilities meeting and attending and helping staff with the presentation.

The Board approved an amendment to the employment agreement with Mr. Hartnett.

The Board approved modifications of compensation rates for services provided by Legal Counsel.

The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Wednesday, June 1, 2016 at 2 p.m.



# Dumbarton Transportation Corridor Study

San Mateo

SamTrans Board Meeting  
May 4, 2016  
Agenda Item 10a

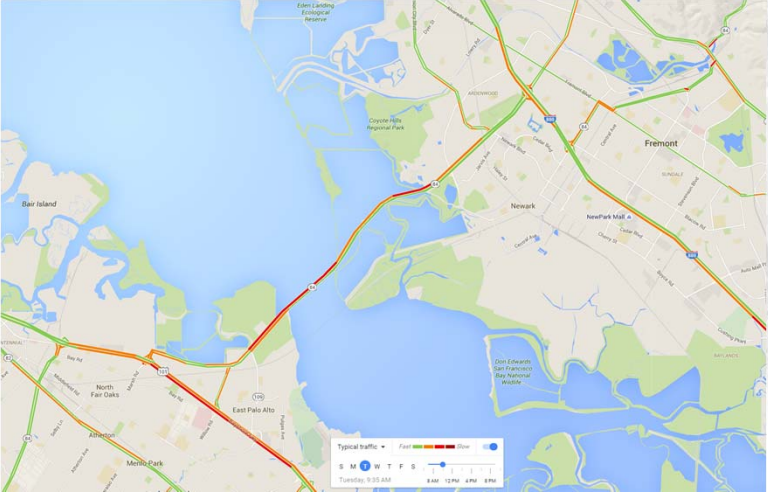

## Dumbarton Corridor



Source: Wikipedia


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## Transportation System




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## Growth Imbalance




- **Jobs-housing imbalance**
- **Major employers driving growth**
- **Congestion, lengthy and unpredictable travel times**
- **Gaps in transportation network, limited options**




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## Background




- **Dumbarton Rail Corridor Alternatives Study completed in 2011**
- **Environmental review process on hold due to high costs and lack of funding**
- **Bay Area has since experienced job growth, increased congestion and greater jobs-housing imbalance**

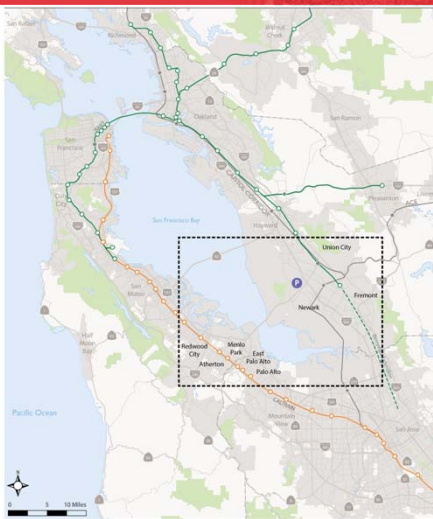


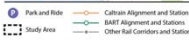
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## Transportation Study



- **SamTrans to manage Study**
- **Study partners:**
  - SMCTA
  - Alameda County Transportation Commission
  - AC Transit
  - Facebook
- **15-month schedule**





## Goals




- Study operational and capital improvements that enhance mobility
- Work with regional partners to expedite improvements
- Assess how the rail bridge may be used, and make effective use of the transportation asset




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## Scope of Work

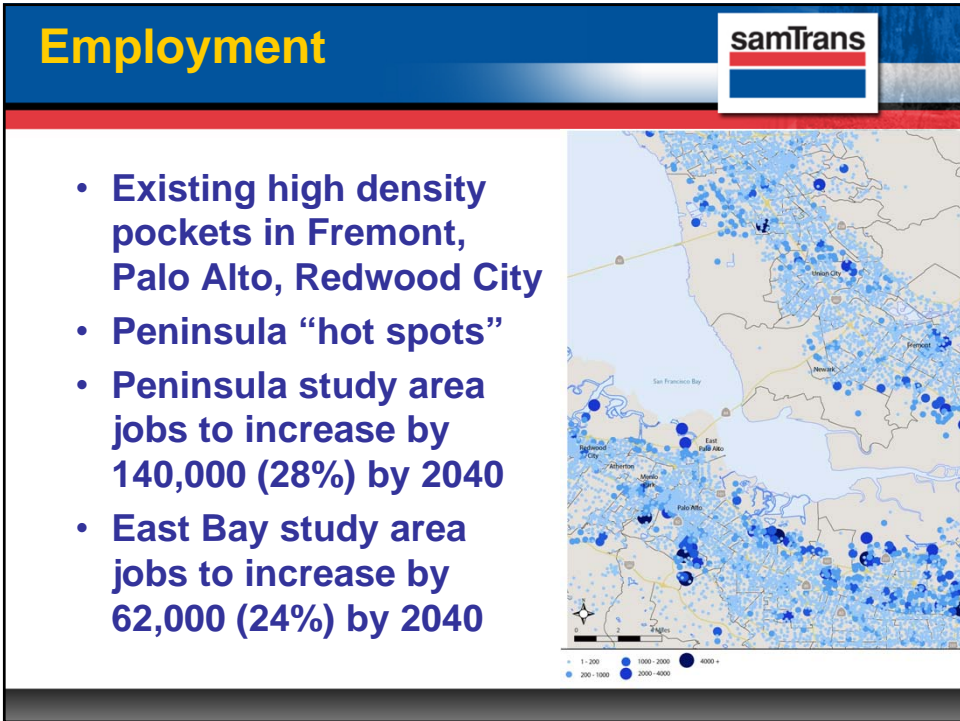
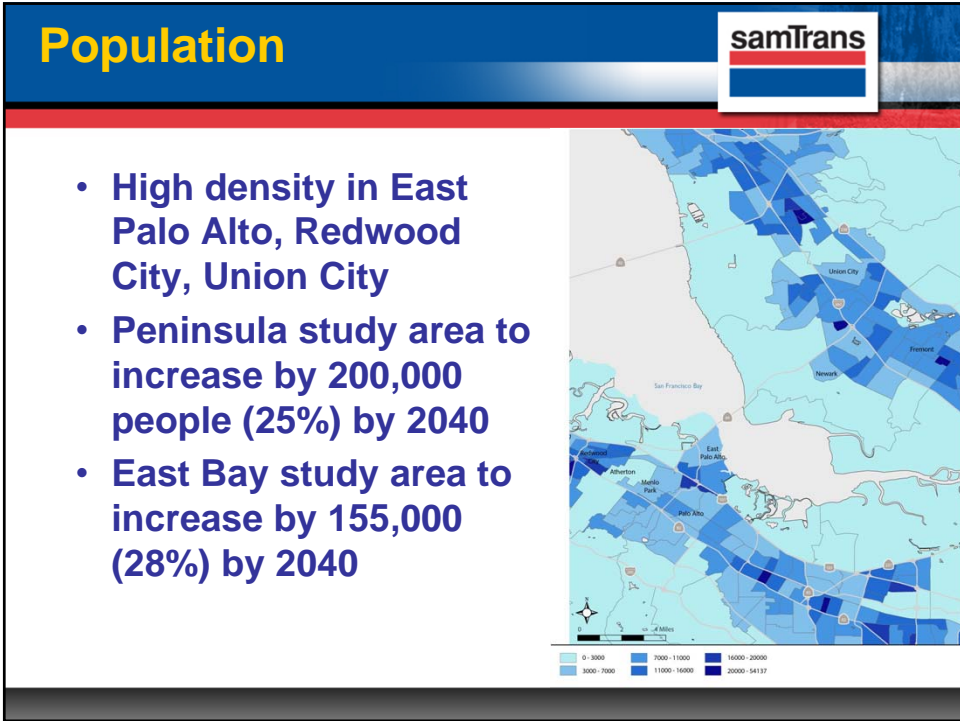


- Study mobility improvements on rail bridge, highway bridge and approach arterials
- Focus on short-term (2020) and long-term (2030) improvements and phasing



Source: Wikipedia

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## Highway Bridge, Arterials



- **Short-Term**
  - DBX Improvements
  - Queue-jumps
  - Queue warning
  - Bus-only turn lanes
  - Signal coordination/transit signal priority
  - Metering lights
  - Lane use signs
  - Variable speed limits
  - Signage/wayfinding
- **Long-Term**
  - Bus lanes
  - Added general purpose lanes
  - Auxiliary lanes
  - HOV 2+ or 3+ lanes
  - Toll/express lanes
  - Direct access ramps
  - Tolling policies
  - Autonomous vehicle lanes

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## Rail Bridge, ROW



- **Short-Term**
    - Bike-pedestrian (West Bay)
  - **Long-Term**
    - Bike-pedestrian
    - Bus Rapid Transit
    - Light Rail Transit
    - Diesel/Electric Trains
    - Personal Rapid Transit
- Separate from bridge:
- Hyperloop
  - Ferry
  - Gondola
  - Monorail

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## Outreach

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- **Outreach at major milestones:**
  - **May 2016: Existing conditions, project goals and objectives, initial alternatives**
  - **September 2016: Initial alternatives screening, alternatives carried forward**
  - **April 2017: Evaluation of alternatives carried forward, funding plan, phasing plan**
- **Two stakeholder and two public meetings per milestone (East Bay and Peninsula)**

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## Next Steps

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- **Screen initial alternatives**
- **Further study short-list alternatives (e.g., conceptual engineering, ridership modeling)**
- **Develop financial plan, consider Public Private Partnerships**
- **Recommend phasing**
- **Board update September 2016**

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# Comments / Questions

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