

**San Mateo County Transit District (District)  
1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, California**

**Minutes of Strategic Planning, Development,  
And Sustainability Committee Meeting / Committee of the Whole**

**June 1, 2022**

Committee Members Present: C. Groom (Chair), J. Gee

Committee Members Absent: D. Pine

Other Board Members Present Constituting Committee of the Whole: M. Fraser, R. Guilbault, R. Medina, J. Powell, P. Ratto, C. Stone

Other Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: C. Mau, J. Cassman, D. Olmeda, A. Chan, J. Brook, D. Seamans

**8.c.1 Call to Order**

Committee Chair Carole Groom called the meeting to order at 3:23 pm.

**8.c.2 Approval of Minutes of Committee Meeting of May 4, 2022**

Motion/Second: Stone/Fraser

Ayes: Fraser, Gee, Groom, Guilbault, Medina, Powell, Ratto, Stone

Noes: None

Absent: Pine

**8.c.3 Update on District's Participation in the Regional Institutional Pass Pilot**

Christy Wegener, Director of Planning, provided the presentation with an overview of the District's participation in the Regional Institutional Pass Pilot and the Fare Coordination and Integration Study, including fare integration objectives, vision statement, and roadmap.

Committee Member Jeff Gee asked what the time lag was for Clipper data. Ms. Wegener said the dashboard Clipper data was relatively current.

Public Comment:

Don Scatena, Director of Student Services for San Mateo County Community College District and the Middle College program, expressed his support for the Youth Unlimited program.

Alexander Melendrez expressed his support of the regional pilot program.

Adina Levin said the program was an opportunity to provide more equitable access to mobility for people.

Jeremy Levine, Policy Manager, Housing Leadership Council, said he uses transit to commute to San Mateo County from the East Bay. He said increasing accessibility to transit was a great step forward for a seamless Bay Area.

Salim said he hoped the Board would support the program.

#### **8.c.4 SamTrans Youth Unlimited Pilot Program Evaluation**

Gwen Buckley, Senior Planner, provided the presentation with a review of the pilot program that offers fee fares for qualifying low-income students, noting that the initial six-month program was extended through August. She said that they have worked very closely with the San Mateo County Office of Education to ensure that all the schools and school districts distribute passes and the survey to eligible students. Director Charles Stone asked if they had explored expanding the program. Ms. Buckley said they wanted to focus on supporting the schools and reaching out to all potentially eligible demographics.

Director Jeff Gee asked if the District had an idea of the number of students served by the program. Ms. Buckley said the pool of eligible students is approximately 30,000. She said there is a lot of opportunity to get the passes into more hands. Director Gee suggested expanding the reach of the current program before expanding the program itself. Carter Mau, General Manager/CEO, noted the proposal for free fares for youth across the state, which he said they were monitoring in terms of its impact on SamTrans.

Director Stone thanked staff for their efforts and said he looked forward to the program's continued expansion.

#### **Public Comment:**

Adina Levin, TEAMC, said that she was pleased to see the results of the program evaluation.

#### **8.c.5 Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 3:58 pm.

An audio/video recording of this meeting is available online at [www.samtrans.com](http://www.samtrans.com). Questions may be referred to the District Secretary's office by phone at 650-508-6242 or by email to [board@samtrans.com](mailto:board@samtrans.com).