

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

**Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)
Meeting Minutes**

May 25, 2022

Members Present (Via Teleconference): M. Adler, S. Appenrodt, J. Baker, C. Carey, B. Gomez, A. Juarez, S. Johnston, N. Lacsamana, M. Lewis, A. Madrid (Vice Chair), M. Park (Chair), D. Seibert

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: A. Rivas, T. Dubost, M. Tolleson, J. Steketee, J. Brook

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chair Meredith Park called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. She acknowledged the May 24 elementary school shooting tragedy in Uvalde, Texas.

2. Announcement of New CAC Member

a. Christopher Carey – for a term expiring April 2025

Vice Chair Park announced new member Christopher Carey. Mr. Carey noted that he was a resident of South San Francisco and was studying urban studies and planning at San Francisco State University.

3. Roll Call

CAC Secretary Jean Brook called the roll. A quorum was present.

4. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

There were no comments.

5. Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 27, 2022

Motion/Second: Lacsamana/Lewis

Ayes: Adler, Appenrodt, Baker, Carey, Gomez, Juarez, Johnston, Lacsamana, Lewis, Madrid, Park, Seibert

Noes: None

Absent: None

6. Presentation: El Camino Real Bus Speed and Reliability Study

Millie Tolleson, Manager, Strategic Planning, provided the presentation.

John Baker said he supported removal of the bus stop near his home if it meant a faster trip.

He asked if traffic demand management (TDM) made the trip faster. Ms. Tolleson said it extended the green light five to eight seconds.

Alex Madrid asked if the ECR Rapid would return and asked how it was decided which stops to improve or eliminate, specifically about the ECR Rapid. Ms. Tolleson said they were not planning to bring back the ECR Rapid, but would improve service on the regular ECR route to meet the goals of the former ECR Rapid. She said regarding the stops, they looked at multiple factors at each intersection and were actively working with cities on improvements.

Scott Johnston said he supported the proposed changes on stop removal. Ms. Tolleson said they are still taking public input into consideration.

Nancy Lacsamana asked if they had taken different times of the week into consideration when developing the interactive route map. She also asked how they would handle the transit needs of schools that may not have provided any input as to their needs. Lastly, she asked if the recommendations would be rolled out region by region. Ms. Tolleson confirmed that they had looked at weekday versus weekend use and added that they would double-check their school checklist. She said the plan would likely be implemented as a rolling wave since they are working in cooperation with multiple cities and may experience different timelines working with them on stop changes.

Vice Chair Park said that the traffic is dangerous for cyclists at the bulb-out at the intersection of Hopkins Avenue and El Camino Real in Redwood City. She said she was hopeful that the City would work with SamTrans on evaluation the area and providing a solution. She proposed having commute hours as in the South Bay on Lawrence Expressway or having a bus-only lane.

7. Report of the Chair

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Mr. Baker proposed Meredith Park as Chair and Alex Madrid as Vice Chair for the remainder of 2022.

Motion/Second: Baker/Johnston

Ayes: Adler, Appenrodt, Baker, Carey, Gomez, Juarez, Johnston, Lacsamana, Lewis, Madrid, Park, Seibert

Noes: None

Absent: None

8. SamTrans Staff Update

Ana Rivas, Director of Bus Transportation, reviewed the highlights of the staff report.

Vice Chair Madrid asked what operators do when the bus is full and there are passengers waiting for it. Ms. Rivas said if the bus is full, the operator will call radio control to locate a standby bus to arrive within five to seven minutes. She said they are currently short-staffed and sometimes riders will need to wait for the next scheduled bus. Vice Chair Madrid asked if the

operator can call the road supervisor. Ms. Rivas said the operator can call to request a supervisor to assist or transit police if needed.

9. CAC Member Comments/Requests

Chair Park noted that she would be out of town for the June and July meetings. Vice Chair Madrid volunteered to give the CAC report at the July 6 SamTrans Board meeting.

10. SamTrans Board Liaison Report

Vice Chair Park provided a summary of the May 4 Board meeting.

11. Next Meeting

Vice Chair Park said that the next meeting will be held Wednesday, June 29, 2022 at 6:30 pm via Zoom teleconference (additional location, if any, to be determined).

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm.