

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

**Minutes of Legislative Committee /  
Committee of the Whole**

**May 4, 2022**

Committee Members Present: R. Medina (Chair), C. Groom, C. Stone (left at 3:45 pm)

Committee Members Absent: None

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

Other Board Members Absent: D. Pine

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

**8.d.1 Call to Order**

Committee Chair Rico Medina called the meeting to order at 3:41 pm.

**8.d.2 Approval of Minutes of Committee Meeting of April 6, 2022**

Motion/Second: Groom/Powell

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

Noes: None

Absent: Pine

**8.d.3 State and Federal Legislative Update**

Casey Fromson, Chief Communications Officer, briefly summarized the highlights of recent federal and state legislation. She said the federal appropriations process is underway. She said that SamTrans would be applying for programs such as the low- and no-emissions bus program.

She said that a \$20 billion transportation package has just been released by the California Senate, which does not include funding for high-speed rail and the free fare program. She said that the May revise is coming out the following week would have more projections on the available budget surplus.

*Director Charles Stone left the meeting at 3:45 pm.*

Jessica Epstein, Manager, Government and Community Affairs, summarized bills that the District is currently following.

Committee Member Carole Groom asked why they were looking at a possibly changing fares since Reimagine SamTrans opted to keep fares stable. Ms. Epstein said that a proposed state bill would likely mandate that all transportation agencies provide free fares to everyone under 25 for a five-year pilot, adding that she did not know if it would require SamTrans to change its fare structure.

#### **8.d.4 Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 3:51 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).