

**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**

March 2, 2022

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

Committee Members Absent: None

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

1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Carole Groom called the meeting to order at 2:42 pm.

2. Approval of Minutes of Committee Meeting of February 2, 2022

Motion/Second: Fraser/Medina

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

3. Adoption of SamTrans Service Policy Framework

Jonathan Steketee, Manager, Bus Operations, presented the staff report.

Motion/Second: Gee/Pine

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

4. Adoption of Reimagine SamTrans Final Plan, Approval of the Associated Title VI Analysis, and Adoption of a Negative Declaration Under the California Environmental Quality Act

Christy Wegener, Director of Planning, introduced Millie Tolleson, Manager, Strategic Planning, who provided the presentation.

Committee Member Jeff Gee requested that Ms. Wegener share what the purpose of Title VI is. Ms. Tolleson said Title VI is designed to protect the low-income and minority populations. Joan Cassman, Legal Counsel, said that Title VI is a federal requirement to ensure that the affected populations are not disproportionately affected.

Chair Peter Ratto commended staff on the broad amount of work and outreach that went into the plans and their compliance with Title VI.

Director Charles Stone noted that some underprivileged riders living in more affluent areas would be negatively impacted by the changes. He encouraged schools and school districts to communicate with the District about bell schedules. He commended staff on their outreach and engagement efforts, especially given the pandemic.

Director Rose Guilbault said the inclusivity and extensive outreach was impressive. She noted that Reimagine project was needed given the ever-changing needs of the County. Director Rico Medina noted the great outreach resulting in a living document that can be adjusted as needed by the riders and the community.

Public Comment:

Adina Levin thanked staff for their outreach efforts to ensure equity of service.

Motion/Second: Stone/Guilbault

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

5. Update on Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Transit Network Management (TNM) Business Case and Fare Coordination and Integration

Carter Mau, Acting General Manager/CEO, provided the presentation.

Ms. Wegener continued providing the Fare Integration portion of the presentation.

Director Stone asked if integrated fares would increase costs to the District. Mr. Mau said that MTC is providing seed money to cover the projected cost to the various transit agencies, but they would need to determine how those costs would be covered in the long run.

Committee Member Gee asked for clarification on the business case proposal to maintain local transit agency authority. Mr. Mau said it was from the transit operators' perspective that they should have control of the fares based on locally sourced funding.

Director Josh Powell asked if more riders are expected to make multi-agency trips. Ms. Wegener said they are studying if travel behavior changes with integrated fares.

Chair Ratto said he supported regional transit services but said that the cost effects on the various agencies is a concern.

Public Comment:

Adina Levin said she was happy to see the fare integration pilot moving forward.

Gina Papan thanked Mr. Mau, staff, and the Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Committee. She said there has been more connectivity and coordination during the pandemic.

Director Stone said the District was not in a position to accept any more unfunded mandates.

6. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:44 pm.

An audio/video recording of this meeting is available online at 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.