

**SAN MATEO COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT (DISTRICT)
1250 SAN CARLOS AVENUE, SAN CARLOS, CALIFORNIA**

**MINUTES OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE /
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
FEBRUARY 3, 2021**

Committee Members Present: M. Fraser (Chair), C. Groom, D. Pine

Committee Members Absent: None

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

Other Board Members Absent: None

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Marina Fraser called the meeting to order at 3:39 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING OF JANUARY 6, 2021

Motion/Second: Stone/Powell

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

**3. STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE AND APPROVAL OF LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS:
SUPPORT ACA 1 AND SB 44**

Jessica Epstein, Government and Community Affairs Officer, briefly summarized the highlights of recent federal legislation, which included the swearing in of President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris, federal mask mandate, and mask-wearing on airplanes and public transit. She said on the state level, there are fewer bills than last year. She added that there is new funding for alternative-energy transportation. She said that the California Transit Association is actively pursuing an extension of the regulatory and reporting relief that the District was able to secure last year.

The Board voted to support SB 44 regarding the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and ACA 1 regarding local government financing and affordable housing, and the voter-approved threshold.

Chair Stone asked about the chance of success of ACA 1. Ms. Epstein said it was presented last year and was not successful, but said she would check with lobbyists.

Public Comment:

Mike Levinson said that PCC would be ready to support ACA 1.

Motion/Second: Groom/Stone

Ayes: Fraser, Gee, Groom, Guilbault, Medina, Pine, Powell, Ratto, Stone
Noes: None
Absent: None

4. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 3:51 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.