

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

**MINUTES OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE /  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
JULY 7, 2021**

Committee Members Present: M. Fraser (Chair), R. Medina

Committee Members Absent: C. Groom

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

Other Board Members Absent: None

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chair Marina Fraser called the meeting to order at 3:29 pm.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING OF JUNE 2, 2021**

Motion/Second: Ratto/Powell

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

Noes: None

Absent: Groom

**3. STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Jessica Epstein, Government and Community Affairs Officer, briefly summarized the highlights of recent federal and state legislation. She said that President Biden and a bipartisan group of senators announced that they had reached a deal on a \$1.2 trillion infrastructure framework, but that the President had said he would only sign it in conjunction with a larger Democratic spending bill. She said that the Surface Transportation Reauthorization is set to expire in September and the House has passed the new Invest in America Act. She said it remains to be seen whether the Surface Transportation Act and the infrastructure bill will be blended together and move forward at the Senate level.

At the state level, Ms. Epstein said that the Senate and Assembly approved a \$263 billion budget. She noted that it includes \$2.5 billion for transit and inner city rail capacity programs, which is subject to additional legislation specifying how the funding will be allocated, and \$2.7 billion for zero-emission vehicle and infrastructure. She added that the Governor signed AB 149, which includes statutory relief measures for transit agencies that were enacted during the pandemic and extends them to 2022-23.

#### **4. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 3:36 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).