

**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
OCTOBER 6, 2021**

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 3:16 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

Motion/Second: Gee/Stone

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

**3. AUTHORIZATION OF AN EXCLUSIVE NEGOTIATING AGREEMENT WITH RWC SEQUOIA
STATION LLC FOR THE POTENTIAL SALE OF DISTRICT PROPERTY LOCATED AT SEQUOIA
STATION, INCLUDING A RIGHT OF ENTRY FOR PURPOSES OF CONDUCTING RELATED
DUE DILIGENCE INVESTIGATIONS**

Joan Cassman, Legal Counsel, presented the staff report.

Motion/Second: Stone/Guilbault

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

**4. METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (MTC) – BLUE RIBBON TRANSIT
RECOVERY TASK FORCE UPDATE**

April Chan, Chief Officer, Planning, Grants/Transportation Authority, provided the presentation along with Casey Fromson, Acting Chief Communications Officer.

Committee Member Jeff Gee asked if scaling up to a regional transit network would impact the nimbleness of local routes, particularly with regard to providing adequate service to schools. Ms. Chan said that there is discussion on the appropriate governance structure that would allow local transit agencies to manage community routes.

Carter Mau, Acting General Manager/CEO, said the labor agreements have specific dates and times that may not be coordinated with the actual schedules.

Chair Charles Stone asked if funding is currently available, which Ms. Chan confirmed.

5. UPDATE ON THE REGIONAL FARE COORDINATION AND INTEGRATION STUDY

Christy Wegener, Director of Planning, introduced Bill Bacon, Principal, MTC (Metropolitan Transportation Commission) and Mike Eiseman, Financial Planning Director, BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit), who provided the presentation.

Public Comment:

Raayan Mohtashemi, Seamless Bay Area, Friends of Caltrain, Resilient El Camino Real, Transportation Equity Allied Movement Coalition (TeamC), Silicon Valley Bicycle coalition, voiced his support for the ferry integration recommendations.

Adina Levin, Friends of Caltrain, Seamless Bay Area, urged the Board's support of initiatives to make the transit system more convenient for riders.

Davis Turner, Seamless Bay Area, said that Burlingame High School was successful in promoting Caltrain, which he said is used by 50 percent of students, but that there were no options for buses.

Rick Nahass, Pacific Climate Committee and Seamless Bay Area, said he supported SamTrans increasing its involvement with regional transit in the Bay Area.

Roland, San Jose, commented on Caltrain spending.

Liz Broekhuysen, Seamless Bay Area, expressed her support for fare integration as she uses SamTrans, Caltrain, and Muni (San Francisco Municipal Transportation Authority).

Director Josh Powell said he was skeptical of regional control of local transit agencies. He asked if there would be an API (application program interface) be made available to Google or other apps to offer a pass. Mr. Bacon said they do not currently have that to offer. Mr. Eiseman said they are working on third-party integration through APIs.

Vice Chair Peter Ratto said the costs of multi-agency passes to agencies need to be divided equitably.

Director Marina Fraser said it would be challenging to achieve equity for ridership and said she supported policies for making it work.

Committee Member Gee asked what would happen to the revenue earned from the GoPass or the Way2Go pass if they are replaced by an all-agency pass. Mr. Eiseman said they are working through a number of potential options for the pilot program, such as having a regional travel add-on to the existing pass structure. Mr. Bacon said the recommendations are not coming from MTC but from the various operators.

Chair Stone requested metrics for success and comparisons showing what could be done with the same amount of money.

Director Rico Medina said the return on investment was important.

6. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 4:48 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.