

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

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)
MEETING MINUTES**

January 26, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT (Via Teleconference): M. Adler, S. Appenrodt, J. Baker, I. Chan, B. Gomez, A. Juarez, N. Lacsamana (left at 6:40 pm), A. Madrid, M. Park (Vice Chair), B. Randall (Chair), S. Johnston

MEMBERS ABSENT: M. Lewis

STAFF PRESENT: A. Rivas, C. Wegener, J. Steketee, J. Brook

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair John Baker called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL

CAC Secretary Jean Brook called the roll. A quorum was present.

3. REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2022 CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Chair Baker proposed Bianca Randall as Chair and Meredith Park as Vice Chair for 2022.

Motion/Second: Lacsamana/Madrid

Ayes: Adler, Appenrodt, Baker, Chan, Gomez, Juarez, Lacsamana, Madrid, Park, Randall

Noes: None

Absent: Johnston, Lewis

Chair Bianca Randall noted that she worked as a law librarian. Vice Chair Meredith Park said that she was a CPA and anticipated completing her Master's degree in transportation at San Jose State University in May.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no comments.

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 17, 2021

Motion/Second: Baker/Adler

Ayes: Adler, Appenrodt, Baker, Chan, Gomez, Juarez, Lacsamana, Madrid, Park, Randall

Noes: None

Absent: Johnston, Lewis

Nancy Lacsamana left the meeting at 6:40 pm.

6. PRESENTATION: REIMAGINE SAMTRANS UPDATE

Christy Wegener, Director of Planning, provided the presentation.

Mr. Baker asked about how Route 130 will function. Ms. Wegener provided details and said they were considering labeling the Linden Avenue route the 130-L and the Oyster Point route the 130-O. He asked about the express buses such as Route FLX and if they were doing future studies. Ms. Wegener said they are watching travel trends and adjust the routes as needed.

Alex Madrid asked about changes for Route 292, and Ms. Wegener said they are recommending extending it to Millbrae and not cutting it back. He asked about real-time signs; Ms. Wegener said they are studying what stops to prioritize. He asked what the changes would be to the ECR route; Ms. Wegener said they would not be splitting the route but would be removing some stops. She added that the District currently does not have the resources to continue the ECR Rapid service.

Vice Chair Park said that the deviation to the Cordilleras Center and the potential additional traffic on Brittan Avenue may slow down Route 295. Ms. Wegener said they were exploring to fit in the deviation to Cordilleras an hour earlier so as not to conflict with school trips. She noted that more frequent service could help move kids to various schools along that route. Jonathan Steketee, Manager, Bus Operations, said the recommendation for Route 295 was to have hourly service and add Sundays.

Bob Gomez said he was pleased with the thoroughness of the route recommendations.

7. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Randall had no report.

8. SAMTRANS STAFF UPDATE

Ana Rivas, Director of Bus Transportation, reviewed the highlights of the staff report.

Mr. Madrid asked if the operators were going to go on strike. Ms. Rivas said that the District recently came to an agreement with the union, so there would be no strike.

Scott Johnston joined the meeting at 7:15 pm.

9. CAC MEMBER COMMENTS/REQUESTS

The members congratulated the new Chair and Vice Chair.

Mr. Baker said he took the bus three times the previous week.

Allie Juarez asked if there were free rides for getting COVID tests; Ms. Rivas said free rides were only offered for COVID vaccines.

Iris Chan asked how operators are assigned breaks. Mr. Steketee said they have regularly scheduled breaks and lunches as well as restroom breaks built into the schedules. Ms. Rivas noted that operators can also choose their routes, saying that some operators want the same route each day and others want to drive a variety of routes.

Vice Chair Park said she was happy that safety and cleanliness at bus stops was being addressed as part of future infrastructure planning, citing needs at Sequoia Station.

10. SAMTRANS BOARD LIAISON REPORT

John Baker provided a summary of the December 1 and January 5 Board meetings.

11. NEXT MEETING

Chair Randall said that the next meeting will be held Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at 6:30 pm via Zoom teleconference (additional location, if any, to be determined).

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.