

**San Mateo County Transit District
1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, California**

**Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)
Meeting Minutes**

September 28, 2022

Members Present (Via Teleconference): M. Adler, S. Appenrodt, J. Baker, C. Carey, B. Gomez, A. Juarez, S. Johnston, N. Lacsamana (left at 7:29 pm), M. Lewis, A. Madrid (Vice Chair), M. Park (Chair), D. Seibert

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: A. Rivas, T. Dubost, J. Steketee, J. Epstein, S. van Hoften, D. Olmeda, J. Brook

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Meredith Park called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

CAC Secretary Jean Brook called the roll and noted that a quorum was present.

3. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

There were no comments.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes from August 31, 2022

Motion/Second: Baker/Appenrodt

Ayes: Adler, Appenrodt, Baker, Cary, Juarez, Johnston, Lacsamana, Lewis, Madrid, Park, Seibert

Noes: None

Absent: Gomez

5. Presentations

a. 2022 Legislative Review

Jessica Epstein, Manager, Government and Community Affairs, provided the presentation.

Alex Madrid, Vice Chair, asked if there was any pending legislation regarding funding for accessibility. Ms. Epstein she was not aware of any paratransit bills from the past year and said she would like to hear from them. She said within the state program, there was some paratransit funding included in the Seamless Bill.

John Baker said he was a strong advocate for teaching students to ride transit. He asked if the District is working on anything in association with its partners that would help multimodal users. Ms. Epstein said that SamTrans did not take a position on the Seamless Bill but is working closely with their partners across the region. She noted that the amount of current regional participation is unprecedented.

Nancy Lacsamana said she supported improving connections between SamTrans and other modes.

Chris Carey said he was hopeful that legislative would continue to be supportive of SamTrans' goals.

b. CAC Public Role

Shayna van Hoften, Hanson Bridgett LLP, and Ms. Epstein discussed the role of CAC members in their interactions with the public.

Mr. Madrid asked how much the CAC gets involved with paratransit. Ms. van Hoften said that the Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC) is the agency that is directly involved with paratransit and noted that Tina Dubost, Manager, Accessible Transit Services, is the staff liaison between the PCC and SamTrans.

Ms. Lacsamana asked if she could contact a member of the public as an individual. Ms. van Hoften said it was better to communicate to the member of the public through staff.

Chair Park asked how to respond if a CAC member receives correspondence from another board. Ana Rivas, Director of Bus Transportation, said to forward the communication to her and Ms. Brook for handling. She asked if the CAC was legally mandated like the PCC (Paratransit Coordinating Council) is. Ms. van Hoften said that the CAC was not legally mandated and briefly outlined the scope of the various agencies.

6. Report of the Chair

Chair Park said she had no report.

7. SamTrans Staff Update

Ms. Rivas reviewed the highlights of the staff report.

Mr. Madrid asked if there was any increase in paratransit ridership. Ms. Rivas said the increased overall ridership included paratransit and that she would contact Ms. Dubost to provide a breakout for paratransit ridership and get back to him.

8. CAC Member Comments/Requests

Michelle Lewis said she was pleased that ridership was up from last month.

Nancy Lacsamana left the meeting at 7:29 pm.

9. SamTrans Board Liaison Report

Chair Park provided a summary of the September 7 Board meeting.

10. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Chair Park said that the next meeting will be held Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at 6:30 pm via Zoom teleconference (additional location, if any, to be determined).

11. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.