

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

**Minutes of Finance Committee Meeting /
Committee of the Whole**

October 12, 2022

Committee Members Present: M. Fraser (Committee Chair), J. Gee, R. Guilbault

Committee Members Absent: None

Other Board Members Present Constituting Committee of the Whole: R. Medina, D. Pine, J. Powell, P. Ratto

Other Board Members Absent: C. Groom, C. Stone

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

9.b.1 Call to Order

Committee Chair Marina Fraser called the meeting to order at 2:25 pm.

9.b.2 Approval of Minutes of Committee Meeting of September 7, 2022

Motion/Second: Guilbault/Pine

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

Noes: None

Absent: Groom, Stone

9.b.3 Information About Pension Prefunding Trusts

Grace Martinez, Acting Chief Financial Officer, explained that the information was in response to a request that the Board put forward at their special study session held on May 27, 2022. She provided the initial part of the presentation on the District's need for a strategy for unfunded obligations and a general concept of a pension trust.

Ms. Martinez introduced Doug Pryor, Vice President and Actuary, Bartel Associates, LLC, who provided the second part of the presentation on the benefits and financial impact of the trust.

Committee Member Rose Guilbault asked how much it cost to set up the trust and if the funds were taxed. Ms. Martinez said the cost for the OPEB (Other Post-Employment Benefits) trust is \$130,000. She said she was not sure if there were tax implications. Mr. Pryor said that the investment earnings were not taxable.

Committee Member Jeff Gee asked if the District had set up a target date to get their pension liabilities in order. Mr. Pryor noted some strategies for paying off liabilities. Committee Member Gee said one of the goals of the 115 trust should be to pay off unfunded liability so there is no future liability moving forward.

9.b.4 Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm.

An audio/video recording of this meeting is available online at <https://www.samtrans.com/about-samtrans/video-board-directors-cac>. Questions may be referred to the District Secretary's office by phone at 650-508-6242 or by email to board@samtrans.com.