

**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**

June 7, 2023

Committee Members Present: R. Medina, P. Ratto

Committee Members Absent: D. Canepa (Chair)

Other Board Members Present Constituting Committee of the Whole: M. Chuang, M. Fraser,
R. Mueller, J. Powell

Other Board Members Absent: J. Gee

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

8.c.1. Call to Order

Committee Member Peter Ratto called the meeting to order at 3:20 pm.

**8.c.2. Approval of Minutes of the Strategic Planning, Development, and Sustainability
Committee Meeting of April 5, 2023**

Motion/Second: Powell/Fraser

Ayes: Chuang, Fraser, Medina, Mueller, Powell, Ratto

Noes: None

Absent: Canepa, Gee

**8.c.3. Fare Programs Informational Update: Clipper Next Generation, Clipper BayPass Pilot
Program, and Redwood City / Sequoia Union High School Districts Youth Unlimited
Pass Program**

Chelsea Schultz, Principal Planner, provided the initial part of the presentation about the different phases of the fare program and how it modernizes retail and customer service through new technology.

Afelda Aguilera, Administrative Assistant to the Director of Community Schools and Partnerships, Redwood City School District, and Jackie Campos, Safe Routes to School Specialist, City of Redwood City, provided the second part of the presentation on the Youth Unlimited program. They highlighted the impact that the program has had in the community by removing financial barriers to transportation access for youth.

Director Marina Fraser, Chair Josh Powell, and Committee Member Ratto thanked the speakers for providing community feedback about the Youth Unlimited program.

Public Comment:

Adina Levin said she was pleased to hear about the success of the Youth Unlimited program.

8.c.4. Clipper START Program Update and Proposed Fare Structure Changes

Justin Horng, Senior Planner, provided the presentation on the background of the Clipper START program and the proposed fare structure changes, which included alignment with SamTrans' policies, financial impacts, and MTC (Metropolitan Transportation Commission) actions.

Chair Powell noted that SamTrans has only used up approximately 2 percent of their reimbursement. Mr. Horng said that while there was exponential growth for the first year, MTC is figuring out ways to bolster and promote the program. Chair Powell asked if SamTrans had any control over the income requirement for families. April Chan, General Manager/CEO, said it is a regional requirement made by MTC when they established the Clipper START program. Director Fraser said she felt that the income of \$60,000 for a family of four was unrealistic and spoke in support of changing income levels to reflect reality.

Public Comment:

Adina Levin said she also serves on MTC's Policy Advisory Council and said that MTC is exploring having automated sign-ups for Clipper START for users who are participating in medical or food benefit programs.

Motion/Second: Powell/Fraser

Ayes: Chuang, Fraser, Medina, Mueller, Powell, Ratto

Noes: None

Absent: Canepa, Gee

8.c.5. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:58 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.