

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

**Minutes of Legislative Committee /
Committee of the Whole**

July 12, 2023

Committee Members Present: R. Medina

Committee Members Absent: R. Mueller (Chair)

Other Board Members Present Constituting Committee of the Whole: D. Canepa, M. Fraser, J. Gee, J. Powell, P. Ratto

Other Board Members Absent: M. Chuang

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

8.d.1. Call to Order

Committee Member Rico Medina called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm.

8.d.2. Approval of Minutes of the Legislative Committee Meeting of June 7, 2023

Motion/Second: Canepa/Gee

Ayes: Canepa, Fraser, Gee, Medina, Powell, Ratto

Noes: None

Absent: Chuang, Mueller

8.d.3. State and Federal Legislative Update

Jessica Epstein, Manager, Government and Community Affairs, provided an update on recent federal and state legislation.

At the federal level, she said that the House and Senate are thick in the annual appropriations process.

At the state level, she said that on July 10, the Governor signed the final budget deal with the infrastructure streamlining packages, restoring \$4 billion in support for Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025. She noted that there were several leadership changes as of June 30.

Ms. Epstein said that SamTrans is watching the Wiener bridge toll bill, which would generate revenue for transit agencies, with priority going to agencies attempting to avoid the fiscal cliff and only 10 percent going to the remaining agencies. She added that the Hart bill regarding power blackouts did not pass out of Committee.

Director Jeff Gee asked why the Hart bill did not pass and Ms. Epstein said she would get more details and get back to him.

Director David Canepa noted that one of his concerns as Chair of the Legislative Committee of MTC (Metropolitan Transportation Commission) was how transit operators such as SamTrans who are operating at high efficiency are rewarded.

8.d.4. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:24 pm.

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