

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

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

July 26, 2023

Members Present (In Person): M. Adler, J. Baker (arrived at 6:32 pm), C. Carey (Vice Chair), N. Lacsamana, J. Lamarre, A. Madrid (Chair), B. Mangiafico, D. Seibert

Members Present (Via Teleconference): B. Gomez (left at 7:13 pm), S. Johnston

Members Absent: S. Appenrodt, A. Juarez

Staff Present: T. Dubost, D. Harbour, L. Larano, K. Longa, J. Brook

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Alex Madrid 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.

John Baker arrived at 6:32 pm.

3. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

Marlon said that certain homeless riders have been disruptive on Routes 292, 397, ECR and requested that the CAC recommend to the Board that social workers ride on those buses for safety reasons.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes from June 28, 2023

Motion/Second: Baker/Adler

Ayes: Adler, Baker, Carey, Gomez, Johnston, Lacsamana, Lamarre, Madrid, Mangiafico, Seibert

Absent: Appenrodt, Juarez

5. Presentation: SamTrans Emission Zero Program Update (Vehicles and Infrastructure)

Liria Larano, Deputy Chief, Bus Fleet/Facilities and Dave Harbour, Director, Maintenance, provided the presentation.

Scott Johnston asked how many buses are articulated and Mr. Harbour 55 in their fleet. He asked how much heavier the battery-electric buses(BEBs) are. Mr. Harbour said they are

heavier, but he did not have the exact vehicle weigh, but the gross vehicle weight is a bit higher for the fuel cell electric buses (FCEBs) and BEBs versus diesel.

Mary Adler asked if they had considered advocating for dedicated bus lanes, such as on El Camino Real. Mr. Harbour said he would pass the question on to Operations Planning.

John Baker asked if the BEBs or FCEBs would be articulated. Mr. Harbour said articulated BEBS and FCEBs are available, but the diesel articulated buses are not slated for replacement until 2034. He added that justification would need to be provided to increase the current articulated fleet size. Mr. Baker asked about the total infrastructure costs, and Ms. Larano gave a ballpark figure of \$30 to 35 million. She said there was a design component and a time component to build the infrastructure. Mr. Baker asked if SamTrans used a joint procurement system with other agencies. Mr. Harbour said they take advantage of piggybacking off existing contracts with other public agencies such as the State of Virginia.

Bob Gomez left at 7:13 pm.

Nancy Lacsamana asked what the most important safety concerns for the staff were. Mr. Harbour said the safety standards are evolving. He noted personal protective equipment, and slowing down to do the maintenance work safely. Ms. Lacsamana asked if the District would consider leasing charging space to other companies to recoup the cost of fueling. Ms. Larano said for the hydrogen fuel cell, it might be a possibility.

Ben Mangiafico asked if they were considering using trolley buses as they do in San Francisco. Mr. Harbour said infrastructure would be the biggest challenge for that.

Chair Madrid asked how they mitigate issues with chargers going forward. He said one of the difficulties is the timing of charging the buses. He said they planned to purchase a charge management system.

Public Comment:

Marlon expressed concerns that the electric bus rollout would negatively impact service on popular routes and asked the CAC to recommend to the Board that the diesel buses not be fully retired until the new electric buses have been in service for at least 10 years.

6. Report of the Chair

Chair Madrid said he had no report.

7. SamTrans Staff Update

Tina Dubost, Manager, Accessible Transit Services, reviewed the June performance statistics and employees of the month. She said there were only eight DNOs in June, which is 98 percent less than in June of 2022.

She said the number of preventable accidents had increased, and that they were conducting ongoing safety campaigns.

8. CAC Member Comments/Requests

Ms. Lacsamana said she had attended a mobility hub meeting, whose main goal is having a safe, convenient infrastructure for transit riders in the San Mateo area.

Mr. Baker said regarding Route 292 if it were possible to route it into the rear of the Millbrae Station instead of the front.

9. SamTrans Board Liaison Report

John Baker provided a summary of the July 12 SamTrans Board meeting.

10. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Chair Madrid said that the next meeting will be held Wednesday, August 30, 2023 at 6:30 pm via Zoom teleconference and in person at the San Mateo County Transit District, Bacciocco Auditorium, 2nd Floor, 1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, CA.

11. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 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 CAC Secretary's office by phone at 650-508-6223 or by email to cacsecretary@samtrans.com.