

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

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

**October 25, 2023**

**Members Present (In Person):** S. Appenrodt, J. Baker, S. Johnston, N. Lacsamana, J. Lamarre, A. Madrid (Chair), B. Mangiafico, A. Margulis, D. Seibert

**Members Present (Via Teleconference):** None

**Members Absent:** M. Adler, C. Carey (Vice Chair)

**Staff Present:** A. Rivas, B. Thompson, C. Chang, T. Dubost, J. Brook

**1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Alex Madrid called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Roll Call**

CAC Secretary Jean Brook announced new member Arden Margulis. She called the roll and noted that a quorum was present.

**3. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda**

**4. Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 27, 2023**

Motion/Second: Margulis/Baker

Ayes: Appenrodt, Baker, Johnston, Lacsamana, Lamarre, Madrid, Mangiafico, Margulis, Seibert

Absent: Adler, Carey

**5. Approval of 2024 SamTrans CAC Meeting Calendar**

Motion/Second: Johnston/Mangiafico

Ayes: Appenrodt, Baker, Johnston, Lacsamana, Lamarre, Madrid, Mangiafico, Margulis, Seibert

Absent: Adler, Carey

**6. Presentations:**

**6.a. Fare Structure Recommendations**

Bruce Thompson, Manager, Fare Program Operations, provided the presentation.

Nancy Lacsamana asked if Caltrain would be included in the Regional Transfer Program, and Mr. Thompson said yes. She asked if the first leg is SamTrans and the second leg is Muni, would the Muni ride be free, and Mr. Thompson said yes, if Muni decides to participate.

John Baker said regarding the program being offered to students who qualified for free or reduced lunches that a lot of people would be left out of the transfer program because they do not want to reveal person financial information by signing up for free or reduced lunch.

Arden Margulis asked how SamTrans coordinated with schools to promote the youth passes. Mr. Thompson said they reach out to school principals and that pass distribution is not based on qualification for free or reduced lunch. He added that they are recommending to eliminate the summer youth pass because of low participation. Mr. Margulis suggested reaching out to the schools and encouraging them to advertise the passes, and Ben Mangiafico concurred.

Ms. Lacsamana said she supported having express bus routes since traffic going to San Francisco has increased. She asked if the District had checked into other systems focusing on low-income riders. Mr. Thompson said they would have new express services that focus on equity.

Chair Madrid asked how the District calculated the numbers. Mr. Thompson said accumulators would be handled by MTC (Metropolitan Transportation Commission).

#### **6.b. 101 Corridor Connect North County Multimodal Strategy**

Martin Reyes, Principal Transportation Planner, and Charlsie Chang, Government Affairs Officer, provided the presentation.

Mr. Reyes introduced the Committee to the purpose of the TA (Transportation Authority) and provided an introduction to 101 Corridor Connect.

Ms. Chang introduced the North County multimodal strategy timeline, and discussed community engagement strategies and receiving public feedback.

Ms. Lacsamana asked how the money would get distributed and where does it come from. She asked if the project included road improvements on and off 101. Mr. Reyes said regarding the funding that there is no set-aside. He said after the TA prioritizes projects for delivery, they will apply implementation strategies and work with the cities about how they would fund the projects. He said the TA helps cities apply for local, state, and federal grant programs. Ms. Lacsamana said there were no sidewalks on Bayshore in Brisbane and wondered how to increase the priority of that project. Mr. Reyes said they would work with the City of South San Francisco to figure out how to fund the project, which might include the City applying for some of the TA's grant programs. He said regarding road improvements, that they would consider projects within a one-mile buffer. Ms. Chang noted they have a pinpoint tool for users.

Scott Johnston said there is no easy way to cross the freeway in San Carlos on a bike.

Chair Madrid said he was concerned that the information was not reaching low-income residents. Mr. Reyes said that equity was a large priority for the project and the TA had formed partnerships with community organizations to reach this population. He said they are working with their consultant to include equity criteria in their evaluation criteria.

## **7. Report of the Chair**

Chair Madrid said he had no report.

## **8. SamTrans Staff Update**

Ms. Rivas reviewed the September performance statistics and employees of the month. She noted the statistics for the Ride Plus service since its launch in May. She said they are launching a new safety campaign.

Mr. Baker commended operators for reducing DNOs (Did Not Operate).

Mr. Margulis asked if anything special had happened that had contributed to the increased number of preventable accidents. Ms. Rivas said it was difficult to pinpoint one cause, but suggested that increased traffic was a factor. She said operators have to report any contact of their vehicle, and that most of the incidents are minor.

Ms. Brook announced that the annual holiday reception would be held at 5:30 pm prior to the next meeting.

## **9. CAC Member Comments/Requests**

Mr. Johnston said he noticed the audio messaging on the buses is now saying "Please hold on."

Mr. Baker asked if there would be extra Serramonte Shopping Center service, and Ms. Rivas said she would find out.

Mr. Margulis introduced himself saying he was a junior at Menlo-Atherton High School. He said students getting passed up by the bus was concerning since they may receive detention for arriving late.

Ms. Lacsamana said there would be a survey where respondents can actively participate in a dialogue regarding having tolls on local freeways, which she said she would send to Ms. Brook to distribute to the CAC members.

## **10. SamTrans Board Liaison Report**

John Baker provided a summary of the October 4 SamTrans Board meeting.

## **11. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Chair Madrid said that the next meeting will be held Wednesday, November 29, 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.

## **12. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 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](mailto:cacsecretary@samtrans.com).