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

Minutes of Legislative Committee /
Committee of the Whole

February 7, 2024

Committee Members Present: P. Ratto (Chair), J. Gee, R. Medina

Committee Members Absent: None

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

Other Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: A. Chan, K. Jordan Steiner, S. van Hoften, J. Cassman, J. Brook, D. Seamans

8.d.1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Peter Ratto called the meeting to order at 4:17 pm.

8.d.2. Approval of Minutes of the Legislative Committee Meeting of January 10, 2024

Motion/Second: Esser/Medina
Ayes: Canepa, Chuang, Esser, Fraser, Gee, Medina, Mueller, Powell, Ratto
Noes: None
Absent: None

Director Ray Mueller left the meeting at 4:18 pm.

8.d.3. State and Federal Legislative Update

Jessica Epstein, Director, Government and Community Affairs provided a summary of federal and state legislation.

On the federal side, she said that Congress passed its third continuing resolution, which will expire on March 1.

On the state side, she said all two-year bills need to have passed out of the first house by January 31.

She said that Assembly Bill (AB) 817 (Pacheco) had passed out of the Assembly and into the Senate, which is a Brown Act bill that would allow remote participation by advisory committee members. She said that Senate Bill (SB) 925 (Wiener), a bill for funding highway expansion, is still in spot bill form. She said that Assemblymember Papan introduced SB 926, a counter-bill to SB 926 (Wahab), which seeks to consolidate the Bay Area's 27 transit agencies.

8.d.4. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:26 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.