

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

**Minutes of Community Relations Committee Meeting /  
Committee of the Whole**

**March 6, 2024**

Committee Members Present: B. Esser (Chair), R. Mueller, P. Ratto

Committee Members Absent: None

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

Other Board Members Absent: None

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

**8.a.1. Call to Order**

Committee Chair Brooks Esser called the meeting to order at 2:26 pm.

**8.a.2. Approval of Minutes of the Community Relations Committee Meeting of February 7, 2024**

Motion/Second: Chuang/Medina

Ayes: Canepa, Chuang, Esser, Fraser, Gee, Medina, Mueller, Powell, Ratto

Noes: None

Absent: None

**8.a.3. Appointment of Member, Representing Multimodal Riders, to the Citizens Advisory Committee**

The Board approved the appointment of Dylan Finch to the Citizens Advisory Committee, representing Multimodal Riders, for a partial term expiring April 30, 2025.

Motion/Second: Medina/Gee

Ayes: Canepa, Chuang, Esser, Fraser, Gee, Medina, Mueller, Powell, Ratto

Noes: None

Absent: None

**8.a.4. Accessible Services Update**

Tina Dubost, Manager, Accessible Services, thanked the Board for adjourning the meeting in memory of paratransit advocate Mike Levinson.

#### **8.a.6. Paratransit Coordinating Council Update**

Ben McMullan, PCC Chair, noted with sadness the passing of Mike Levinson. He said the PCC would be conducting a presentation to the Commission on Disabilities on paratransit services.

#### **8.a.7. Quarterly Report | Quarter 2 Fiscal Year 2024**

Jonathan Steketee, Manager, Operations Planning, provided the presentation on the performance statistics from October through December of 2023. He noted that ridership was up 16.2 percent compared to the same quarter last year. He said ridership recovery was at 91 percent in December, which puts the District at the top in the Bay Area, the top 7 percent in California, and in the top 8 percent nationwide for similar-sized populations.

##### Public Comment:

Aleta Dupree said she supported getting more people to use Clipper and expressed appreciation for practicing equity for all.

#### **8.a.8. Monthly Performance Report | January 2024**

Ana Rivas, Director of Bus Transportation, provided the latest performance statistics, noting that they were ahead of their goal for miles between preventable accidents for the month.

##### Public Comment:

Marlon Jonathan Herrera Sanchez said he enjoyed and felt safe riding SamTrans buses. He encouraged non-riders to try riding transit.

Harland Harris, resident of the Navigation Center shelter in Redwood City, complimented bus operators and requested access to day passes and monthly passes for shelter residents.

#### **8.a.5. Citizens Advisory Committee Update**

John Baker provided a summary of the February 28 CAC meeting, which included presentations on the SamTrans Rider Code of Conduct and the Public Comment Process Policy and how people may be affected by the proposed service changes.

##### Public Comment:

Adina Levin said members of TEAMC (Transportation Equity Allied Movement Coalition) had expressed concern over the threshold for making service changes without bringing them before the Board, noted that she had made a similar comment at the February 28 SamTrans CAC meeting, and asked for the threshold to be reconsidered.

#### **8.a.9. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 2:47 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](mailto:board@samtrans.com).