

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

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

May 1, 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, D. Olmeda, 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 2:29 pm.

8.a.2. Approval of Minutes of the Community Relations Committee Meeting of April 3, 2024

Motion/Second: Chuang/Medina

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

8.a.3. Proclamation Declaring May as Older Americans Month

Committee Chair Esser summarized the proclamation, which was accepted by Irene Liana, First Executive Vice Chair of the Commission on Aging and Chair of the Transportation and Aging in Community Committee.

Motion/Second: Canepa/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, said their program coordinator for senior and veteran services is continuing to do community outreaches, and has done presentations on self-help for the elderly and the CHP (California Highway Patrol) held a safe driving seminar. She

added that they are looking into additional places where they can go to promote their services to seniors, veterans, and others.

Public Comment:

Marlon Jonathan Herrera Sanchez said executive commuter routes are necessary for San Mateo County for commuters to feel safe.

8.a.5. Citizens Advisory Committee Update

John Baker provided a summary of the April 24 CAC meeting, which included a presentation on the *Reimagine SamTrans* Phase 4 Implementation.

8.a.6. Paratransit Coordinating Council Update

Ben McMullan, PCC Chair, said they had sent out an email notice through the State Council on Developmental Disabilities to attract new members to the PCC.

8.a.7. Monthly Performance Report | March 2024

Ana Rivas, Director of Bus Transportation, provided the latest performance statistics. She reviewed the March performance statistics and recognized the employees of the month. She noted an increase in both the average weekly ridership and the total monthly ridership compared to 2023, and said that in March, they had reached 94.1 percent of pre-pandemic ridership. She noted that Ride Plus ridership went down slightly at the commencement of fare collection.

Director Josh Powell asked about looking at all ridership modes and the possibility of getting multi-trip information (multimodal) in the dashboard. David Olmeda, Chief Operating Officer, Bus, said they will look in into mode of trip origination and get that information to the Board.

Public Comment:

Marlon Jonathan Herrera Sanchez said he has observed increased ridership on the buses.

8.a.8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:43 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.