

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

**Minutes of Legislative Committee /
Committee of the Whole**

June 5, 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, B. Esser, M. Fraser, J. Powell

Other Board Members Absent: M. Chuang, R. Mueller

Staff Present: A. Chan, D. Olmeda, J. Epstein, S. van Hoften, J. Cassman, J. Brook, D. Seamans

9.d.1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Peter Ratto called the meeting to order at 3:56 pm.

9.d.2. Approval of Minutes of the Legislative Committee Meeting of May 1, 2024

Motion/Second: Medina/Esser

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

Noes: None

Absent: Chuang, Mueller

9.d.3. State and Federal Legislative Update and Approval of Legislative Proposal: Support Assembly Bill (AB) 1837 (Papan)

Jessica Epstein, Director, Government and Community Affairs, introduced Michael Pimentel, Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange, who thanked the Board for continuing with their firm to provide state legislative advocacy services. Ms. Epstein provided a summary of federal and state legislation.

On the federal side, she noted that both senators had submitted earmarks for the BSIP (Bus Stop Improvement Plan). She said the budget for Fiscal Year 2025 was lower than for Fiscal Year 2024.

At the state level, she noted that Senate Bill (SB) 1031 was not continuing but could be reintroduced and newly admitted for 2025. She said the Governor's May Revise budget showed that the deficit had increased by \$7 billion statewide. She announced that AB 817, a bill that

would have amended the Brown Act to allow greater flexibility for members of non-elected advisory committee members to attend meetings virtually, had died in the Senate.

Public Comment:

Adina Levin, Seamless Bay Area and Friends of Caltrain, said she was disappointed that AB 817 was not moving forward since being able to meet remotely helps civically active residents to participate in their local government. She said legislation around network management has the potential of adding refinements that help to address some of the concerns that people consistently have about how MTC (Metropolitan Transportation Commission) can be accountable and how there can be a regional policy body that can be accountable for that coordination.

The Board voted in favor of supporting AB 1837 (San Francisco Bay area: public transit: Regional Network Management Council) to essentially codify what currently exists with all the regional general managers working with MTC and holding operators accountable.

Motion/Second: Esser/Fraser

Ayes: Esser, Fraser, Gee, Medina, Powell, Ratto

Noes: None

Abstentions: Canepa

Absent: Chuang, Mueller

9.d.4. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:09 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.