

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

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

August 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: B. Esser, M. Fraser,
J. Powell

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

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

9.d.1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Peter Ratto called the meeting to order at 3:17 pm.

9.d.2. Approval of Minutes of the Legislative Committee Meeting of July 10, 2024

Motion/Second: Gee/Esser

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

Noes: None

Absent: Canepa, Chuang, Mueller

9.d.3. State and Federal Legislative Update

Jessica Epstein, Director, Government and Community Affairs, provided a summary of federal and state legislation, which included the following:

- On the federal side, she said the Senate Appropriations Committee approved the Fiscal Year 2025 Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development spending bill which included an earmark for SamTrans. She said that while the bill did include requested funding for an earmark for the SamTrans Bus Stop Improvement Plan project on the House side, we are hoping the legislators can get the funding on the House side when the Senate and House meet during conference.
- At the state level, Ms. Epstein noted that the decade-old PEPRA (Public Employees' Pension Reform Act) lawsuit was ordered to be dismissed by the 9th Circuit because the State did not have standing as plaintiff due to lack of actual harm.

- At the regional level, she said work continues on a new regional ballot measure after the demise of Senate Bill 1031. She said the MTC (Metropolitan Transportation Commission) Select Committee held its first meeting to discuss next steps towards building consensus on a 2026 regional measure. She said the advisory committee consisting of transit CEOs will be meeting August 26 to lay out a financial framework for what a bill would look like and that the District has been working closely with C/CAG (City and County Association of Governments of San Mateo County) to come up with the guidelines to put forward to MTC. She shared those guiding principles with the Board.

9.d.4. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 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.