

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

**Measure W Citizens' Oversight Committee (COC)
Meeting Minutes**

April 22, 2024

Members Present (In Person): J. Baker, A. Brandt, R. Hedges, K. Kuklin, G. Mattammal, M. Rendon, M. Robinson, G. Terry, I. Torres, M. Wooley-Ousdahl

Members Present (Via Teleconference): None

Members Absent: R. Foust (Chair), S. Lang, J. Lind Rupp (Vice Chair), A. Madrid

Staff Present: J. Cassman, S. van Hoften, K. Jordan Steiner, A. To, C. Chang, P. Skinner, M. Tseng, J. Brook

1. Call to Order

Rich Hedges, filling in for Chair Rosanne Foust, called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Jean Brook, COC Secretary, called the roll and confirmed that a quorum was present.

3. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

There were no public comments.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 14, 2024

Motion/Second: Mattammal/Robinson

Ayes: Baker, Brandt, Hedges, Kuklin, Mattammal, Rendon, Robinson, Terry, Wooley-Ousdahl

Noes: None

Abstentions: Torres

Absent: Foust, Lang, Lind, Madrid

5. Consideration and Approval of Annual Committee Report on Use of Measure W Tax Revenues and Expenditures for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023

Peter Skinner, Executive Officer, Transportation Authority (TA), said Finance and TA staff have updated the annual report based on the audit received earlier in the year and they welcomed any feedback about what was included in the report.

Mr. Hedges asked for confirmation that \$7.5 million of Measure A and Measure W money goes into bike/ped funding every two years, which Mr. Skinner confirmed.

Gus Mattammal noted there were a few typos in the report. Mr. Skinner said to email him and

Ms. Brook and that once corrections were made, the final report would be issued in a bound format.

Motion/Second: Mattammal/Kuklin

Ayes: Baker, Brandt, Hedges, Kuklin, Mattammal, Rendon, Robinson, Terry, Torres, Wooley-Ousdahl

Noes: None

Absent: Foust, Lang, Lind, Madrid

6. Update on Measure W Citizens' Oversight Committee Membership - Recruitment for Terms Ending in 2024

Charlsie Chang, Government Affairs Officer, said regarding the current vacancy for the position of Youth and Youth Transit Riders representative that there was no update and that they are doing targeted outreach to different youth empowerment spaces such as the Latinx Youth Conferences and community colleges to recruit students under 21 years old.

Adrian Brandt suggested reaching out to high school students who are ride transit to school. Ms. Chang noted that it may be difficult for high school students to leave school to attend the COC meetings.

7. Committee Member Comments/Communications Regarding Transportation Matters

Mr. Brandt said Senate Bill (SB) 1031 (Wiener and Wahab) was a regional measure that was attempting to get a new source of revenue for transit agencies.

Mr. Mattammal said regarding SB 1031 that it authorizes the MTC (Metropolitan Transportation Commission) to give all employees a transit pass whether requested or not. He said it would require employers not in the proximity of a transit stop to give equivalent money to employees for commuting purposes.

Malcolm Robinson thanked the District for allowing remote meeting attendance for emergency circumstances. He commented on allowing Waymo in San Mateo County without appropriate testing measures.

John Baker said that he would welcome neighborhood feedback on the SamTrans Bus Stop Improvement Plan.

Mr. Brandt announced the upcoming Caltrain electrification project open house on May 11 at the San Carlos Caltrain station.

Mr. Hedges said regarding consolidation of transit agencies that his biggest concern was governance, safety, and enforcement of rules, particularly on BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit), adding that these issues affect the ridership of the other transit agencies.

8. Next Meeting: Date to Be Announced

Mr. Hedges said that staff would poll the Committee members for the date of the next meeting.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:22 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.