

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

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

November 6, 2024

Committee Members Present: P. Ratto (Chair), J. Gee, R. Medina

Committee Members Absent: None

Other Board Members Present Constituting Committee of the Whole: M. Chaung, B. Esser, M. Fraser, R. Mueller, J. Powell

Other Board Members Absent: D. Canepa

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

9.d.1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Peter Ratto called the meeting to order at 3:54 pm.

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

Motion/Second: Esser/Chuang

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

Noes: None

Absent: Canepa

9.d.3. Legislative Update

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

- On the federal side, Republicans took control of the White House and Senate, and likely the House as well.
- At the state level:
 - 20 of 40 seats were up for re-election, with 11 senators and assemblymembers not returning
 - Review of the outcome of the propositions that were on the ballot

Ms. Epstein provided a presentation on the regional transit measure, corrected Slide 5 noting no hiring freeze for Muni ((San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency) but hiring selected positions only, and solicited feedback from the Directors for the different proposals and scenarios from MTC (Metropolitan Transportation Commission). Director Josh Powell requested clarification of a citizens' measure. Ms. Epstein stated it is citizens getting people to physically sign petitions. Director Brooks Esser asked about San Francisco's Proposition L. Ms. Epstein stated Proposition L is likely to pass and may be a precedent for similar legislation. Committee Member Jeff Gee said due to the long term of the proposed measure, it would not be possible to come back every few years asking for additional money. The Directors agreed that they wanted to support other transit agencies but did not want SamTrans to be in the position of being a donor agency.

Public Comment:

Adina Levin commented that agencies cannot count on the federal government and will need regional support to keep local public transit moving.

Geoff S., San Carlos, commented San Mateo County is making the same mistakes from BART's (Bay Area Rapid Transit) original planning, which delayed bringing green transportation down the Peninsula corridor for 50 years.

9.d.4. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:32 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 650-551-6108 or by email to board@samtrans.com.