

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

**Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)
Meeting Minutes**

October 30, 2024

Members Present (In Person): M. Adler, S. Appenrodt, J. Baker (Vice Chair), D. Finch, A. Madrid (Chair), B. Mangiafico, M. Mautner (arrived at 6:37 pm), D. Seibert

Members Present (Via Teleconference): None

Members Absent: N. Opfell, S. Johnston

Staff Present: A. Rivas, T. Dubost, P. Gilster, A. Linehan, J. Brook

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Alex Madrid called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

CAC Secretary Jean Brook called the roll and noted that a quorum was present.

3. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

Yan Wang expressed concern for the change in the Route FCX schedule.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 25, 2024

Motion/Second: Adler/Appenrodt

Ayes: Adler, Appenrodt, Baker, Finch, Madrid, Mangiafico, Seibert

Absent: Opfell, Johnston, Mautner

5. Approval of 2025 SamTrans CAC Meeting Calendar

Motion/Second: Baker/Seibert

Ayes: Adler, Appenrodt, Baker, Finch, Madrid, Mangiafico, Seibert

Absent: Opfell, Johnston, Mautner

6. Presentations:

6.a Active 101 Project Outreach

Amy Linehan, Government and Community Affairs Officer, introduced the presentation, saying that the plan is a phased project and they are seeking feedback from community stakeholders on the most needed improvements along the corridor.

Patrick Gilster, Director, Planning and Fund Management, Transportation Authority, provided the presentation.

Ms. Linehan explained the ways to provide feedback on the website and added that they are having pop-up meetings throughout San Mateo County.

Dylan Finch asked if 56 percent of all trips for all purposes by all modes of transportation in San Mateo County referred to trips that start and end within San Mateo County or if it included trips to San Mateo County that originated in other counties. Mr. Gilster said it referred to all trips that originate in San Mateo County.

Chair Madrid asked about bus stops along the corridor. Ms. Linehan clarified that they are looking within a quarter mile surrounding US 101 regarding all active transit modes, including walking and rolling.

Chair Madrid suggested having a centralized hub for SamTrans buses in the North Bay and the South Bay. Mr. Finch said the projects that run close to US 101 provide a nice place to walk or bike.

Chair Madrid suggested improving the bus stops along the freeway.

Max Mautner said he hoped that the Board realized some of the projects were not feasible due to the widening of US 101. He said greater use of US 101 contributes to traffic violence. He said he would like to see more and safer ways to cross US 101. He said that existing overcrossings involve stairs, which is prohibitive to bikes.

Ben Mangiafico suggesting reallocating some of the space to bike lines on the Holly Street overcrossing.

Mr. Finch said he felt the most dangerous places for pedestrians and cyclists along the freeway are at the on- and off-ramps.

6.b. Same-Day Paratransit Fare Structure Change

Ana Rivas, Director, Bus Transportation, provided the presentation about the same-day paratransit service pilot program ending December 17 and the proposal to make it a permanent program. She reviewed the program's performance and ridership.

Mr. Mautner asked if the program was based on an analysis of existing fixed-route bus service. Ms. Rivas said the service was solely for existing paratransit customers. Mr. Mautner asked about people who may be transitioning to paratransit and Ms. Rivas referred to the website's Senior Mobility Guide.

Chair Madrid asked if the program traveled to San Francisco. Ms. Rivas said the program was only within San Mateo County. She said there were dedicated transfer points in both San Francisco and Santa Clara Counties.

Chair Alex Madrid left the meeting at 7:27 pm.

7. Report of the Chair

7.a. Appointment of Nominating Committee for 2025 Chair and Vice Chair

Vice Chair John Baker and Mr. Mautner volunteered to be on the committee.

8. SamTrans Staff Update

Ms. Rivas reviewed her report and noted the employees of the month. She said the average weekday ridership across all four modes increased by 10.1 percent and the total monthly ridership increased by 9.1 percent. She said that post-pandemic fixed route bus ridership recovery reached 93.9 percent. She said there was a large number of DNOs (Did Not Operate) that occurred over two days due to sickouts.

Ms. Rivas noted that staff was in the process of communicating with Serramonte Center regarding the condition of their bus stops.

Vice Chair Baker asked how the Amalgamated Transit Union negotiations were going, and Ms. Rivas said they had an upcoming mediation meeting.

9. CAC Member Comments/Requests

Vice Chair Baker requested having an agenda item on the rerouting of Route FCX, which Ms. Rivas noted and Steve Appenrodt concurred.

10. SamTrans Board Liaison Report

Vice Chair Baker provided a brief summary of the October 9 Board meeting.

Mr. Mautner and Vice Chair Baker requested to have a presentation on the regional transit measure at an upcoming CAC meeting.

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Vice Chair Baker said that the next meeting will be held Wednesday, January 29, 2025 at 6:30 pm via Zoom teleconference and in person at the San Mateo County Transit District, Bacciocco Auditorium, 2nd Floor, 1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, CA.

12. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 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 CAC Secretary's office by phone at 650-508-6223 or by email to cacsecretary@samtrans.com.