

**SAN MATEO COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT (DISTRICT)
1250 SAN CARLOS AVENUE, SAN CARLOS, CALIFORNIA**

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JULY 10, 2019**

MEMBERS PRESENT: R. Collins, R. Guilbault, K. Matsumoto (Vice Chair), D. Pine (arrived at 2:20 pm), J. Powell, P. Ratto, C. Stone

MEMBERS ABSENT: M. Fraser, C. Groom (Chair)

STAFF PRESENT: J. Hartnett, J. Cassman, S. van Hoften, D. Olmeda, D. Hansel, A. Chan, C. Fromson, J. Brook, D. Seamans, C. Gumpal

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Acting Chair Karyl Matsumoto called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

District Secretary Dora Seamans called the roll. A quorum was present.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED CODIFIED TARIFF CHANGES

Daniel Shockley, Senior Planner, gave a presentation summarizing the fare structure and administrative changes.

Public Comment:

- Smitha Gundavajhala, San Mateo, talked about having a healthy transit system. She proposed free transit for marginalized groups and increasing subsidies for transportation network companies and taxis for transporting riders to and from remote areas.
- Annette Salgado, Skyline College Student, South San Francisco, opined that transit is not efficient and advocated to make transit free. She noted that it currently costs her \$70 per month to ride the bus to and from school.
- Socorro Aguilar, Sequoia High School Student, Half Moon Bay, said there are problems with not having the correct fare. She said she needs to take four buses from her home in Half Moon Bay to the community college she plans to attend.
- Bob Allen, Urban Habitat, said he was pleased with the postponement of the fare increase. He said that transit should be made more affordable or free of charge.

Director Rose Guilbault asked about the response to the public outreach efforts.

Mr. Shockley said there would be an alternative to change cards at the farebox.

Director Ron Collins asked how many people use change cards. Mr. Shockley said that he does not have numbers on that metric. He said that the average value of a change card is \$1.67. Director Collins asked about express bus fares. Mr. Shockley said the one-way fare would be \$4.00 and a monthly pass would be \$70.

Director Peter Ratto asked about ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) taxi vouchers. Christy Wegener, Director of Planning, answered that the voucher program was slated to launch in 2020.

Director Collins asked about the senior discount. Mr. Shockley said the rider must have a Clipper card or show ID if paying with cash.

Director Charles Stone suggested adopting a program where youth can apply for a free pass, checking in with fare cards, and rounding fares to the nearest dollar amount.

Director Josh Powell suggested having a student discount as opposed to a youth discount for age 17 and under, which would apply to college as well as high school students. Mr. Shockley said that staff was investigating this possibility. Director Powell said he also supported the rounding of fare amounts.

Acting Chair Matsumoto said that the South San Francisco's Walgreens, where Clipper cards are available, is too far from the City's elderly population. She suggested that Clipper cards be sold at the City Hall, which would be helpful for transit-dependent residents. She asked Mr. Shockley to provide the attendance figures from the public outreach efforts and asked if the town halls could be held at times that are more convenient for the public to attend.

Jim Hartnett, General Manager/CEO, said that a Clipper mobile app is coming in 2020. Director Collins asked if the Clipper application is online; Mr. Shockley said it was.

Director Stone requested an update on the express bus service, which Mr. Hartnett said they would provide.

Director Dave Pine expressed his hope that Measure W would have a positive effect on transit.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- Approved Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of June 5, 2019
- Accepted Statement of Revenues and Expenses for May 2019

Motion/Second: Guilbault/Powell

Ayes: Collins, Guilbault, Matsumoto, Pine, Powell, Ratto, Stone

Absent: Fraser, Groom

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

There was no report.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER/CEO

Mr. Hartnett noted that his written report was in the packet.

He said that the District's credit rating was at AAA level according to Standard and Poor's. He thanked Derek Hansel, Chief Financial Officer, and his team, and the public for passing Measure W.

Mr. Hartnett provided information on Faster Bay Area, a potential nine-county mega-measure. He said that JPB would be initiating procurement for general counsel and legal services at their July 11 Board meeting. Director Guilbault asked why the Board was initiating the procurement. Mr. Hartnett responded that it was requested by one of the Board members.

Director Stone asked if SamTrans can refinance its existing debt. Mr. Hansel said it cannot. He added that federal regulations prevent issued bonds from being called early.

Acting Chair Matsumoto expressed her concerns about additional sales taxes.

Director Pine talked about the Caltrain one-eighth sales tax.

Director Stone noted that other successful regional measures rely on a diversity of revenue streams.

BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS/COMMENTS

Acting Chair Matsumoto requested that staff provide the Board with hard copies of recommended Citizens Advisory Committee applicants' information.

RECESS TO COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Board meeting recessed at 2:55 pm.

RECONVENE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Vice Chair Matsumoto reconvened the Board meeting at 4:56 pm.

MATTERS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE / COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE*

Director Guilbault led the Board on voting on the following item:

MOTION:

- Appointment of Scott Johnston, Representing Multimodal Riders, to the Citizens Advisory Committee

Motion/Second: Guilbault/Stone

Ayes: Collins, Guilbault, Matsumoto, Pine, Powell, Ratto, Stone

Absent: Fraser, Groom

SUBJECTS DISCUSSED:

- Accessibility Update
- Paratransit Coordinating Council Update
- Citizens Advisory Committee Update
- Mobility Management Report: Bus Servicing and Maintenance
- Multimodal Ridership Report – May 2019

MATTERS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: FINANCE COMMITTEE / COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE*

Director Ratto led the Board in voting on the following item:

RESOLUTION:

- Award of Contract for Battery-Electric Bus Power Infrastructure – Approved by Resolution No. 2019-28

Motion/Second: Ratto/Powell

Ayes: Collins, Guilbault, Matsumoto, Pine, Powell, Ratto, Stone

Absent: Fraser, Groom

MATTERS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: STRATEGIC PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE / COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE*

Director Stone reported on the following items:

SUBJECTS DISCUSSED:

- Reimagine SamTrans Project Update
- Caltrain Business Plan Update

MATTERS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE / COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE*

Director Powell led the Board in voting on the following item:

MOTION:

- State and Federal Legislative Update and Approval of Legislative Proposals

Motion/Second: Powell/Ratto

Ayes: Collins, Guilbault, Matsumoto, Pine, Powell, Ratto, Stone

Absent: Fraser, Groom

GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT

Joan Cassman, Legal Counsel, said there was nothing to report.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Acting Chair Matsumoto noted that the correspondence was in the reading file.

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Acting Chair Matsumoto announced the time and location of the next meeting as Wednesday, August 7, 2019 at 2:00 pm, San Mateo County Transit District, Bacciocco Auditorium, 2nd Floor, 1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, CA.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 4:59 pm.

An audio/video recording of this meeting is available online at www.samtrans.com. Questions may be referred to the District Secretary's office by phone at 650-508-6242 or by email to board@samtrans.com.