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# Agenda

# Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting

# **San Mateo County Transit District**

Bacciocco Auditorium, 2nd Floor 1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, CA

April 30, 2025, 6:30 pm

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CAC Secretary: Jean Brook

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**SamTrans Citizens Advisory Committee Members 2025**: Mary Adler, Steve Appenrodt, John Baker, Hana Estalilla, Dylan Finch, Scott Johnston, Alex Madrid (Chair), Ben Mangiafico, Max Mautner (Vice Chair), David Rabinovich, Denise Seibert

**Staff Liaison:** Ana Rivas, Director, Bus Transportation

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# Wednesday, April 30, 2025

6:30 pm

- 1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

Comments by each individual speaker shall be limited to three (3) minutes. Items raised that require a response will be deferred for staff reply.

- 4. Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 26, 2025
- 5. Presentation: Dumbarton Busway Feasibility Study Cassie Halls, Major Corridors Manager, Planning
- 6. Report of the Chair
- 7. SamTrans Staff Update
- 8. CAC Member Comments/Requests
- 9. SamTrans Board Liaison Report
- 10. Date and Time of Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 28, 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.
- 11. Adjourn

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

# Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting Minutes

# DRAFT March 26, 2025

Members Present (In Person): M. Adler, S. Appenrodt, J. Baker (arrived at 6:34 pm), H. Estalilla, D. Rabinovich, D. Seibert, M. Mautner (Vice Chair), A. Madrid (Chair)

Members Absent: D. Finch, S. Johnston, B. Mangiafico

Staff Present: J. Brook, T. Dubost, A. Rivas, A. Vasudeo

# 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

Geoff Smith, Democratic Socialists of America, commented on the Dumbarton Corridor Project.

Wen commented on reinstating the stops along Mission Street for Route FCX.

Ophélie Vico commented on the lack of bus stops on the Coastside.

### 4. Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 26, 2025

Motion/Second: Mautner/Appenrodt

Ayes: Adler, Appenrodt, Baker, Estalilla, Rabinovich, Seibert, Mautner, Madrid

Absent: Finch, Johnston, Mangiafico

## 5. Presentation: SamTrans Youth Engagement

Ana Vasudeo, Manager, Government and Community Affairs, provided the presentation, which included the following:

- School Liaison connects with schools and community organizations that serve youth, and County Office of Education; promotes SamTrans information and youth-serving programs
- Youth Unlimited passes for socioeconomically disadvantaged students distribution and usage gauged by annual surveys, more outreach needed to English language learner families
- Qualifications include: eligible for free or reduced meals, homelessness, foster youth, migrant youth, parents did not graduate from high school, other criteria

- Annual School Bell Schedule survey, outreach to community colleges
- Coordinate with Safe Routes to School partners
- Free bus service for school field trips schools must submit request 20 days prior to travel date
- Summer Youth Pass
- Outreach at schools, tabling at community and school events, and youth summits
- Potential issues: bus too crowded, safety while riding, bell schedule mismatch, changes to pick-up/drop-off locations, late buses

The Committee had a discussion and staff provided further clarification in response to the Committee comments and questions, which included the following:

- Accommodating regular school bell schedules, but not alternate schedules; must follow posted/printed route schedule
- Free/reduced meal qualification irrelevant now that all students in California receive free meals
- Free school-oriented routes
- Additional discounts for Youth Unlimited and Summer Youth Pass holders
- Promoting youth passes at beginning of school year hold events including parents of younger students to allay their hesitation to let their children ride the bus
- Tracking of the number of passes distributed but not how often the passes are used

# **Public Comment**

Noor Rizvi commented on changes to eligibility requirements for Youth Unlimited passes for low-income students.

**6.** Report of the Chair – There was none.

# 7. SamTrans Staff Update

Ana Rivas, Director, Bus Transportation, reviewed her report, which included the following:

- Average weekday ridership increased by 13.1 percent across all four modes
- Post-pandemic ridership increased by 97.1 percent
- New Ride Plus app launched January 20
- Youth Unlimited pass used increased by 35 percent
- Key performance indicators
- Safety campaign
- Employees of the month

# 8. CAC Member Comments/Requests

- Presentations on Route FCX, Coastside fixed route service, free bus passes for all youth
- Process for CAC to indicate their support of issues to the Board
- Flyers on buses or social media posts to invite public to comment at CAC meetings
- Rollout of zero-emission buses/phase out of diesel buses
- Effects of VTA (Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority) buses on SamTrans service

# 9. SamTrans Board Liaison Report – There was none.

Vice Chair Mautner volunteered to act as CAC liaison and virtually attend SamTrans Board meetings.

# 10. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Wednesday, April 30, 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.

# 11. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.

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