### SAMTRANS LIAISON REPORT

# Meeting of February 2, 2022

#### **BOARD ACTIONS**

- Adopted a Resolution Making Findings that the Proclaimed State of Emergency for COVID-19 Continues to Impact the Board's and Committees' Ability to Meet Safely in Person
- Approved Minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Meeting of January 5, 2022 and Special Meetings of January 26 & 29, 2022
- Accepted Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the Period Ending December 31, 2021
- Accepted the Quarterly Investment Report and Fixed Income Market Review and Outlook for the Period Ending December 31, 2021
- Awarded a Contract for North Base Bus Wash Replacement Project
- Awarded Contracts for On-call Executive Recruitment Services
- Awarded a Contract for LED Lighting Upgrade (Phase 2) at North Base and South Base
- Accepted the "Pathway Forward" Position of the San Mateo County Transit District on Caltrain Governance
- Approved a Resolution of Appreciation for Former Chair Charles Stone
- Approved a Resolution Honoring National African-American History Month
- Approved Increasing the Budget for the South Base Switchgear Replacement Project by \$5.7 Million and Amending to Increase the Fiscal Year 2022 Capital Budget by a Corresponding Amount for a Total Capital Budget of \$46,750,326
- Approved Collective Bargaining Agreements with Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 1574

#### **BOARD HIGHLIGHTS**

- Carter Mau, Acting General Manager/CEO, outlined a proposal for SamTrans'
  "Pathway Forward" position on Caltrain governance. The directors and public
  commenters, including former SamTrans board members, expressed support for the
  proposal as an expedient resolution that would guarantee the independent
  governance of the Caltrain board.
- The directors commended Director Charles Stone on his chairmanship over the past two years.

#### **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS**

## **Community Relations Committee**

### Accessible Services Update

Tina Dubost, Manager, Accessible Transit Services, noted that local disabilities activist Bob Planthold had passed away.

#### **Finance Committee**

Increase the Budget for the South Base Switchgear Replacement Project by \$5.7 Million and Amend to Increase the Fiscal Year 2022 Capital Budget by a Corresponding Amount for a Total Capital Budget of \$46,750,326

Liria Larano, Deputy Chief, Fleet and Facility Infrastructure, presented the staff report. Committee Member Jeff Gee asked if the replacement was large enough to electrify the whole fleet, and Ms. Larano said that there will be a future expansion with ten chargers to be installed next year. He asked what progress the District had made with the bus electrification infrastructure, and Ms. Larano said they were working with Stantec to get an estimate by the end of the month.

# Strategic Planning, Development, and Sustainability Committee

<u>Reimagine SamTrans: Phase Three Outreach Summary, Final Recommended Network and Draft Phasing Plan</u>

Christy Wegener, Director of Planning, and Millie Tolleson, Manager, Strategic Planning, provided the presentation. The directors acknowledged that staff had made a lot of difficult trade-offs. Directors Charles Stone and Committee Member Gee stressed the importance of early outreach to the school districts to pin down bell schedules and said that the passion for reaching out to the vulnerable populations should be incorporated into the guiding principles of Reimagine SamTrans.

## <u>SamTrans Draft Service Policy Framework</u>

Ms. Wegener and Jonathan Steketee, Manager, Bus Operations, provided the presentation. Committee Member Gee asked if the framework was a living document that can be updated, and Mr. Steketee said they planned to bring it back to the Board on an ongoing basis.

## **Legislative Committee**

#### State and Federal Legislative Update

Eve O'Toole from the District's federal lobbyist Holland and Knight LLP provided a federal update. Matt Robinson and Michael Pimentel, from state lobbyist Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange, provided an update on state legislation and outlined the proposed investments in transportation infrastructure.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

There was one Closed Session on Conference with Labor Negotiators. Following the Closed Session, the Board reconvened into open session and approved a resolution regarding collective bargaining agreements with Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 1574.