

SAMTRANS LIAISON REPORT
Meeting of November 3, 2021

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 Meeting of October 6, 2021
- Accepted Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the Period Ending September 30, 2021
- Awarded a Contract for Physical Inventory Services
- Awarded a Contract for Overhead and Mechanical Doors Scheduled Maintenance Services
- Awarded a Contract for Furnishing Renewable Diesel (R99), Ultra-low Sulfur Diesel Fuel, and Fueling Services
- Approved Shuttle Study Recommendations
- Accepted the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021
- Accepted the Quarterly Investment Report and Fixed Income Market Review and Outlook

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

- Reimagine SamTrans Recommended Service Changes/Preferred Network public hearing - Christy Wegener, Director of Planning, provided the presentation. There was much public comment in both English and in Spanish generally supporting the changes, including representatives of the Spanish-speaking community from Nuestra Casa in East Palo Alto whose comments were interpreted into English. Director Rico Medina said he wanted to assure riders that the plans will be adapted to suit changing needs. Vice Chair Peter Ratto concurred that the Reimagine process was a demand-based system that continually responds to service needs.
- Chair Charles Stone said that SamTrans was working on a pilot program to provide free bus passes to students in San Mateo County for those students eligible for free or reduced price lunches.
- Carter Mau, Acting General Manager/CEO, noted that the September ridership numbers are up to 63 percent of pre-pandemic levels and that 81 percent of employees have completed their COVID vaccinations. He provided a presentation on SamTrans' efforts to recruit and hire additional operators.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS

Community Relations Committee

Paratransit Coordinating Council Update

Ben McMullan, PCC Chair, said the PCC has delivered feedback on the MTC (Metropolitan Transportation Commission) coordinated plan.

Finance Committee

Quarterly Investment Report and Fixed Income Market Review and Outlook

Monique Spyke, Managing Director, PFM Asset Management LLC, provided a detailed presentation on the report.

Legislative Committee

State and Federal Legislative Update

Casey Fromson, Acting Chief Communications Officer, said there is chance to have a vote this week on the infrastructure package. She said the Build Back Better package would still need to be passed by the Senate and that the CR (continuing resolution) and appropriations bill were postponed until December 3.

CLOSED SESSIONS

There were two Closed Sessions: Anticipated Litigation. Initiation of Litigation (One Potential Case), and a Conference with Labor Negotiators. Ms. Cassman announced that there were no anticipated actions following the Closed Sessions and the Board adjourned the regular meeting.