

## SAMTRANS LIAISON REPORT

**AGENDA ITEM #8  
OCTOBER 7, 2021**

**Meeting of October 6, 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 Regular Meeting of September 1, 2021 and Special Meeting of September 24, 2021
- Accepted Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021
- Accepted Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the Period Ending August 31, 2021
- Reaffirmed the San Mateo Transit District Investment Policy and the Paratransit Trust Fund Investment Policy, and Reauthorize Investment of Monies with the Local Agency Investment Fund
- Adopted a Revised Travel, Food and Beverage, and Relocation Expense Policy
- Approved Amendment of a Contract for Inspection, Maintenance, and Testing of Fixed-route Buses' Amerex Fire Suppression System to Extend the Term for Two Years and Increase the Total Contract Not-to-exceed Amount to \$360,588
- Approved a Proclamation Declaring the Month of October as Cybersecurity Awareness Month
- Approved Call for November 3, 2021 Public Hearing on Reimagine SamTrans-Recommended Service Changes/Preferred Network
- Approved the 2022 Board of Directors Calendar
- Approved a Resolution Honoring Hispanic Heritage Month
- Approved a Proclamation in Honor of Disabilities Awareness Month
- Authorized the Acting General Manager/CEO to Execute an Exclusive Negotiating Agreement for Development of the District's Sequoia Station Parking Garage Property

### **BOARD HIGHLIGHTS**

- Joan Cassman, Legal Counsel, announced that the Board took no reportable actions on the closed sessions on September 2 nor at the special meeting on September 24.
- Ms. Cassman summarized the impacts of the recently passed Assembly Bill (AB) 361 on continuing to hold meetings via teleconference and noted that the bill requires the Board to reconsider their decision every 30 days going forward. The Board approved the resolution on the state of emergency findings regarding COVID-19 impacts and meeting safely.
- Alicia Aguirre, Redwood City Councilmember, accepted the resolution honoring Hispanic Heritage Month presented by Chair Charles Stone.
- Carter Mau, Acting General Manager/CEO, noted the upcoming public hearing on Reimagine SamTrans at the November 3 Board meeting, and said that the Board would take final action at the December 1 meeting. He announced an upcoming public workshop on the future of autonomous vehicles on November 17. He announced that SamTrans has become a member of the Government Alliance on Race and Equity and would conduct an employee survey to collection information on racial equity awareness and perception.
- Vice Chair Peter Ratto adjourned the meeting in memory of Marilyn Golden, Senior Policy Analyst for the Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund, who passed away on September 21.

## **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS**

### **Community Relations Committee**

#### Mobility Management Report – Annual Summary

David Olmeda, Chief Operating Officer/Bus, said the ridership population that has been the most impacted from the pandemic are the commuters. In response to a question from Chair Stone about how much of the ridership decline does he think would be permanent, Mr. Olmeda responded that time would tell how permanent the commute patterns would be.

### **Strategic Planning, Development, and Sustainability Committee**

#### Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) – Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force Update

The Board expressed concern about the impact that scaling up to a regional transit network would have on the efficiency of local transit agencies. Mr. Mau acknowledged that labor agreements have specific dates and times that may not be coordinated with the actual service schedules.

#### Update on the Regional Fare Coordination and Integration Study

Christy Wegener, Director of Planning, provided a presentation along with Bill Bacon, Principal, Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and Mike Eiseman, Financial Planning Director, BART. The Board discussed the challenges of having multi-agency passes, including having APIs (application program interfaces), and the importance of achieving equity for ridership. A number of public commenters expressed their support for having multi-agency passes that could be used throughout the region.

### **Legislative Committee**

#### State and Federal Legislative Update

Casey Fromson, Acting Chief Communications Officer briefly summarized the highlights of recent federal and state legislation. She said that October 31 is the projected date for the infrastructure bill and the reconciliation package.

### **CLOSED SESSIONS**

There were two Closed Sessions: Anticipated Litigation. Initiation of Litigation (One Potential Case), and a Conference with Labor Negotiators. Ms. Cassman noted that there were no other reportable action for the Anticipated Litigation item. For the Labor Negotiations item, the Board voted to approve five agreements, the material terms of which were outlined by Pat Glenn, Legal Counsel.