

**San Mateo County Transportation Authority**  
**1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, California**  
**Minutes of June 2, 2022**

**Members Present:** E. Beach, C. Groom, D. Horsley, J. Mates, R. Medina (Chair), M. Nagales,  
**(Via Teleconference)** C. Romero (Vice Chair)  
**Members Absent:** None  
**Staff Present:** C. Mau, A. Chan, J. Hurley, J. Cassman, S. van Hoften, P. Gilster, P. Skinner,  
J. Brook, D. Seamans

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Rico Medina called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

**2. Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance**

Dora Seamans, Authority Secretary, confirmed that a quorum was present. Chair Medina led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda**

Rich Hedges said that TA Director Joe Hurley had announced that he was retiring in the fall.

**4. Report of the Citizens Advisory Committee**

Chair Medina noted that the report was posted on the website.

**5. Consent Calendar**

**5.a. Adoption of 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 by Resolution No. 2022-16**

**5.b. Approval of Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of May 5, 2022**

**5.c. Acceptance of Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the Period Ending April 30, 2022**

**5.d. Acceptance of Capital Projects Quarterly Status Report for 3rd Quarter Fiscal Year 2022**

**5.e. Establishing the Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2023 – Approved by Resolution No. 2022-17**

Motion/Second: Romero/Nagales

Ayes: Beach, Groom, Horsley, Mates, Medina, Nagales, Romero

Noes: None

Absent: None

## **6. Report of the Chair**

Chair Medina said that he and Director Don Horsley had attended a groundbreaking for a multimodal trail on the Coastsides.

## **7. San Mateo County Transit District Liaison Report**

Chair Medina said that the report was posted on the website and provided a brief summary of Board actions.

## **8. Joint Powers Board Liaison Report**

Carter Mau, Acting Executive Director, noted that the report was in the packet. He said the JPB Board had passed their operating and capital budget for Fiscal Year 2023. He said the Board also decided not to renew the mask mandate.

## **9. Report of the Executive Director**

Mr. Mau said that the report was in the packet. He noted that the TA had received an award from the Northern California Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA) for the ACR/TDM (Alternative Congestion Relief/Transportation Demand Management) Plan, and commended staff for their contributions.

## **10. Finance**

### **10.a. Presentation on Current Market Conditions by Public Trust Advisors**

Connie Mobley-Ritter, Director of Treasury, introduced Tom Tight, Managing Director, and Mark Creger, Director and Senior Portfolio Manager, Public Trust Advisors, who provided the presentation.

Vice Chair Carlos Romero asked for confirmation that the TA is holding all of its investments to maturity, which Ms. Mobley-Ritter confirmed. When asked about the \$100 million bond that the TA had issued for the 101 Express Lanes, she reported that she would provide a more detailed report on that at the July 7 Board meeting.

### **10.b. Program and Allocate \$3,499,200 in Measure A Ferry Program Funds to the Port of Redwood City for the Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Review (PE/ENV) Phase for the Proposed Ferry Terminal in Redwood City – Approved by Resolution No. 2022-18**

Peter Skinner, Director, Grants and Fund Management, summarized the staff report. Don Snaman, Consultant, Port of Redwood City, introduced Bill Hurrell, Vice President, CDM Smith, who provided the presentation.

Director Mark Nagales asked regarding the last-mile transportation options for ferry service/ landside connections if there have been conversations about employees from other companies using the private employer shuttles. Mr. Skinner said that shuttles funded by the TA are mandated to be open to the public.

Director Julia Mates supported having ferry transit from Oakland to the Peninsula. She said it will be crucial to have bicycle and pedestrian access to the ferry terminal. She asked what the travel time was with the current technology. Kevin Connolly, Planning and Development Manager, San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority (WETA), said the

travel time was 55 minutes from Oakland and 50 minutes from San Francisco. He said it would be considerably longer with zero-emission vessels.

Director Emily Beach asked how ridership numbers were estimated. Mr. Hurrell said they looked at the number of employees and residents within a three to four-mile radius in San Francisco going to and from Redwood City. Director Beach asked if there was specific data on certain routes. Mr. Hurrell said they had asked employers how they felt about their employees using the service. She asked what the cost range was for a one-way ticket. Mr. Hurrell said the cost would be similar to the 2019 fare structure for Vallejo to San Francisco. He said the average one-way fare was nine dollars. Director Beach asked how much of Measure A funds would be available when the terminal is ready to be built. Mr. Skinner said that in the current arrangement in the Measure A program, the ferry category funds are divided equally between the City of South San Francisco and the City of Redwood City. He added that it is assumed that \$30 million (in 2004 dollars) would be collected over the life of Measure A for ferry projects for these two cities to divide equally. He noted that the City of South San Francisco is currently undergoing a feasibility study for a second ferry terminal.

Vice Chair Romero said he was concerned with the distance of the terminal from the proposed Redwood City terminal leading down to Menlo Park and the safety of cycling on Highway 84 two miles away. He said that shuttle service would be needed to serve these areas in the absence of improvements to the Highway 84/101 interchange. Jessica Manzi, Transportation Manager, City of Redwood City, said most of the ridership would come from nearby existing employers. She said that significant improvements to the Highway 84/US 101 interchange were planned. She said in the interim, there are additional development plans in the area that will improve the bicycle connections, such as Maple Street overpass in Redwood City.

Director Mates said she wanted developers to consider having zero-emission shuttles to address the first-last mile issues for those with disabilities.

Director Don Horsley asked where the proposed ferry terminal would be located. Mr. Snaman said it was north of Pacific Shores at the end of Seaport Boulevard.

Vice Chair Romero asked if there would be ferry service from Redwood City to Mission Bay for events such as game day, and Mr. Connolly said that the business plan assumes that the ferry would serve special events.

Motion/Second: Mates/Horsley

Ayes: Beach, Groom, Horsley, Mates, Medina, Nagales, Romero

Noes: None

Absent: None

**10.c. Public Hearing: Adoption of Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2023 – Approved by Resolution No. 2022-19**

1. Open Public Hearing

Chair Medina opened the public hearing.

2. Present Staff Report

Grace Martinez, Acting Chief Financial Officer, summarized the staff report.

### 3. Hear Public Comment

There were no comments.

### 4. Close Public Hearing

Chair Medina closed the public hearing.

### 5. Board Discussion and Action

Vice Chair Romero noted that the budget includes an assumed increase in sales tax revenues. He asked staff if the projection was too optimistic or if they were confident of an increase. Ms. Martinez said the projection was recommended by their consultant and they have been on point with their projections so far.

Motion/Second: Groom/Romero

Ayes: Beach, Groom, Horsley, Mates, Medina, Nagales, Romero

Noes: None

Absent: None

## **11. State and Federal Legislative Update**

Casey Fromson, Chief Communications Officer, provided a summary of federal and state legislation. She said the appropriations process was underway with \$5 million for the area improvement multimodal project. She said they expected to see a package come together after the June 15 deadline. She said a transportation package would only be released if it includes high-speed rail.

## **12. Requests from the Authority**

Director Mates asked Mr. Hurley if they could have the status of the 101 Express Lanes project, and specifically what the revenue impact would be of the delay installing the fiber optic cable. She also requested that he provide the Board with any statistics on the usage of the southern portion of the project. Chair Medina noted that the San Mateo County Express Lanes Joint Powers Authority had been reviewing those aspects and could provide the relevant data.

Chair Medina announced that the TA CAC recruitment would begin on June 8 and end on July 8. Directors Groom and Horsley volunteered to interview prospective candidates.

## **13. Written Communications to the Authority**

Chair Medina noted that the correspondence was available on the website.

## **14. Date/Time of Next Regular Meeting**

Chair Medina announced that the next meeting would be on Thursday, July 7, 2022, 5:00 pm in person at the SamTrans Auditorium and via Zoom teleconference.

## **15. Report of Legal Counsel**

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

## **16. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm.

An audio/video recording of this meeting is available online at [www.smcta.com](http://www.smcta.com). Questions may be referred to the Authority Secretary's office by phone at 650.508.6242 or by email to [board@smcta.com](mailto:board@smcta.com).