

**San Mateo County Transportation Authority
1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, California**

**Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)
Meeting Minutes**

August 30, 2022

Members Present: I. Bucio, K. Chin, J. Fox (Vice Chair), R. Hedges, K. Kuklin, S. Lang,
(In Person) P. Ohtaki, D. Reed, M. Rendon

Members Present: B. Arietta (Chair)*, D. Bautista, J. Londer, M. Swire
(Via Teleconference)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: P. Skinner, A. Linehan, P. Gilster, J. Hurley, H. El-Guindy, K. Scribner,
J. Brook

* Vice Chair John Fox chaired the meeting in place of Chair Barbara Arietta due to the technical considerations of conducting the meeting via teleconference.

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chair John Fox called the meeting to order at 4:34 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Announcement of New CAC Members

2.a. Ivan Bucio

2.b. Mike Swire

Vice Chair Fox requested that CAC Secretary Jean Brook announce the new members.

3. Roll Call

Ms. Brook called the roll and confirmed that a quorum was present.

4. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

There were no comments.

5. Consent Calendar

5.a. Approval of Minutes of the CAC Meeting of August 2, 2022

TA Board Meeting Agenda for September 1, 2022

- 5.b. TA Board Item 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, and Authorizing Remote Teleconference Board and Committee Meetings to Continue**
- 5.c. TA Board Item 5.c Acceptance of Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the Period Ending July 31, 2022**
- 5.d. TA Board Item 5.d Acceptance of Capital Projects Quarterly Status Report for 4th Quarter Fiscal Year 2022**

Motion/Second: Hedges/Kuklin

Ayes: Arietta, Bautista, Bucio, Chin, Fox, Hedges, Kuklin, Lang, Londer, Reed, Rendon, Swire

Absent: Ohtaki

- 6. TA Board Item 5.b Approval of Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of August 4, 2022**

There were no comments.

Item 9 was taken out of order due to staff availability.

9. TA Board Item 10 State and Federal Legislative Update

Amy Linehan, Government and Community Affairs Officer, provided a summary of federal and state legislation.

Peter Ohtaki joined the meeting at 4:42 pm.

On the federal side, she noted that both the House and Senate are on recess and will return after Labor Day. She said that the House passed a package that includes appropriations for the Department of Transportation (DOT) lawmakers and the Senate Appropriations Committee released its draft Fiscal Year 2023 spending bills, including spending for the DOT. She said that the earmarks for the TA highway projects were not included in the spending bill.

On the state side, Ms. Linehan noted that the state legislative matrix included in the Board packet shows all the bills the TA took a stance on during the legislative session.

Dave Reed asked if an analysis would be done of why the TA projects did not receive the expected funding. Ms. Linehan said that the TA's request was for highway improvement and that no highway projects in California got earmarked funding since there was more of an emphasis on transit projects.

Rich Hedges asked if she could comment on the bills from Assemblymember Buffy Wicks and Senator Anna Caballero regarding housing. Ms. Linehan said that the TA has not been tracking those bills, but said she would look into them and get back to him.

Sandra Lang asked for Ms. Linehan's opinion on Senate Bill (SB) 922 regarding people being protected from the risk of residential displacement. Ms. Linehan said it was her understanding

that the form of the bill that was amended on August 4 would not cause displacement of people.

7. TA Board Item 9.a Program and Allocate \$4,263,825 in Measure A Caltrain Category Funds for Caltrain's Fiscal Years 2021-22 and 2022-23 Capital Budgets

Cleo Liao, Manager, Budgets, presented the staff report.

Mr. Reed asked why the TA was allocating 2022 funds most of the way through 2022. Ms. Liao said that based on the adoptive budget for Caltrain, there was no contribution funding from the three member agencies. She said that they were going to the Board to request approval for allocations for both Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023 for Caltrain. Peter Skinner, Director, Grants and Fund Management, noted that they had delayed taking this item to the TA CAC and Board because of the ongoing discussions regarding Caltrain governance and they wanted to have some assurance that the other two member agencies would allocate funds to Caltrain.

Motion/Second: Kuklin/Hedges

Ayes: Arietta, Bautista, Bucio, Chin, Fox, Hedges, Kuklin, Lang, Londer, Ohtaki, Reed, Rendon, Swire

Absent: None

8. TA Board Item 9.b Execution of a Cooperative Agreement with the San Mateo County Transit District for General Engineering Consulting Services through the TA's Consultant Bench

Mr. Skinner presented the staff report.

Mr. Reed asked why SamTrans' did not have the resources to do the work. Mr. Skinner responded that SamTrans has only one general engineering consultant who is already tasked with a number of other facilities-related projects, so their resources are limited to do this work. Mr. Reed asked what the target ratio between battery electric and hydrogen fuel cell buses was. Liria Larano, Deputy Chief, Fleet and Facilities Infrastructure, said that the ratio has not yet been determined but that feasibility studies were underway which they expect to complete by year's end.

Ken Chin asked how large is the fleet and Ms. Larano said they have 319 buses that need to be replaced by 2040.

Mr. Hedges asked why hydrogen fuel was chosen when electric seems preferable in light of the problems associated with hydrogen fuel cells. Ms. Larano said they have been in discussion with CTA (California Transit Association) on that topic. She said that hydrogen is comparable to diesel in terms of range, which is longer than with electric.

Vice Chair Fox said it would be helpful to see how other transit agencies are evaluating how the vehicles are doing. Mr. Skinner concurred, saying that all transit agencies in California are required to meet the mandate.

Motion/Second: Hedges/Lang

Ayes: Arietta, Bautista, Bucio, Chin, Fox, Hedges, Kuklin, Lang, Londer, Ohtaki, Reed, Rendon, Swire

Absent: None

10. Report of the Chair

Chair Arietta welcomed the new members, Mr. Bucio and Mr. Swire. She and Vice Chair Fox expressed their appreciation for outgoing TA Director Joe Hurley's leadership during his tenure at the TA.

Vice Chair Fox read the resolution of appreciation for Mr. Hurley that would be considered by the TA Board at their September 1 meeting.

11. Report From Staff

Mr. Skinner said there was no report.

12. Member Comments/Requests

The committee members welcomed the new members and expressed their appreciation of Mr. Hurley's leadership of the TA.

13. Date/Time of Next Regular Meeting

Vice Chair Fox announced that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at 4:30 pm, with teleconference or location details to be provided prior to the meeting.

TA Directors Emily Beach and Carole Groom each commended Mr. Hurley.

14. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:34 pm.

An audio/video recording of this meeting is available online at <https://www.smcta.com/about-us/board-directors/video-board-directors>. Questions may be referred to the Authority Secretary's office by phone at 650.508.6242 or by email to board@smcta.com.