

## San Mateo County Transit District Liaison Report

### Meeting of May 3, 2023

#### Board Actions

- Approved the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of April 5, 2023
- Accepted the Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the Period Ending March 31, 2023
- Accepted Quarterly Investment Report and Fixed Income Market Review and Outlook
- Approved the Authorization of the Application for and Receipt of Annual Cap and Trade Funding for Battery Electric Buses
- Approved a Resolution Recognizing Asian-American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month
- Approved a Delegation of Authority to the General Manager/CEO to Approve Designs and Plans for District Capital Projects
- Approved a Proclamation Declaring May as Older Americans Month
- Approved the Appointment of Ben Mangiafico, Representing Bus Riders, to the Citizens Advisory Committee
- Approved Award of a Contract to Jacobs Project Management Company for On-call Construction Management Services for Battery Electric Bus, Hydrogen Fuel Cell Electric Bus, and Bus Facility Infrastructure Projects for an Aggregate Total Not-to-exceed Amount of \$9 Million for a Six-year Base Term and up to Two One-year Option Terms
- Approved an Amendment to Increase the Fiscal Year 2023 Capital Budget by \$4,008,474 for the Hydrogen Fuel Cell Electric Bus Infrastructure Project for a Total Capital Budget of \$40,093,146
- Approved Award of a Contract to Plug Project Holding Co., LLC to Provide Interim Hydrogen Fueling Services for a Total Not-to-exceed Amount of \$2,588,560 for a Two-year Term and Authorizing Options for an Additional Not-to-exceed Amount of \$3,051,826
- Approved Award of a Contract to Reliable Monitoring Services dba RMS Construction for the North Base Bus Maintenance Facility Modifications for Hydrogen Fuel Cell Electric Buses for a Total Contract Amount of \$1,419,914
- Approved the Authorization to Participate in, and Delegate Authority to Request Disbursements from, the California Employers' Pension Prefunding Trust Administered by the California Public Employees' Retirement System
- Approved a Motion to Support Assembly Bill (AB) 557 (Hart)

#### Board Highlights

- Director Jeff Gee reported on behalf of the Board Nominating Committee that the public member recruitment period would be extended 30 days to increase the pool of potential candidates.
- April Chan, General Manager/CEO, noted that MTC's (Metropolitan Transportation Commission) Clipper START program would be brought to the Board at a future meeting to discuss extending the program, which offers a 50 percent fare discount to eligible riders.

## **Committee Discussion Highlights**

### **Community Relations Committee**

#### Monthly Performance Report | March 2023

Ana Rivas, Director of Bus Transportation, noted that there was only one DNO (Did Not Operate) for the month of March. She said that although the number of preventable accidents had increased, those accidents involved no injuries and were the result of vehicles making contact with immovable objects and not maintaining an adequate space cushion. She added the operator training is in place to address these preventable accidents.

### **Finance Committee**

#### Award of Contract for Interim Hydrogen Fueling Services

#### Award of Contract for the North Base Facility Modifications for FCEBs

Liria Larano, Deputy Chief, Bus Fleet and Facilities, provided the presentation on fuel cell electric buses (FCEB) and their maintenance and infrastructure. The Directors expressed concern that only one contractor had submitted a proposal for each of the contracts for the FCEB infrastructure and facility modifications. Ms. Larano said that despite extensive outreach, the market was very busy and they did not receive additional proposals. She added that both contractors had been thoroughly vetted to perform the work.

#### Approve Establishment of an Account in the California Employers' Pension Prefunding Trust Program

Doug Pryor, Actuary, Bartel Associates, LLC, provided a presentation on the 115 pension trust. In response to Directors' questions regarding the advantages of an irrevocable trust, Mr. Pryor said a revocable trust would be subject to the investment requirements of the District. He explained that if the 115 trust is not used, the money could be used for other purposes than benefits.

### **Legislative Committee**

#### State and Federal Legislative Update and Approval of Legislative Proposal: Support Assembly Bill (AB) 557 (Hart)

Jessica Epstein, Manager, Government and Community Affairs, provided an update on recent federal and state legislation. At the federal level, she said the House and Senate have been arranging appropriation committees. At the state level, she said the legislature had reconvened following their recess. Ms. Epstein noted that they are seeking Board support AB 557, which would codify AB 361 to increase the flexibility of agencies to meet remotely during designated states of emergency. She also noted that AB 817 had become a two-year bill and that there were two AV (autonomous vehicle) bills which will affect how transit agencies can incorporate AV technology and that impact collective bargaining units.