

SamTrans Board Liaison Report

Meeting of December 6, 2023

Board Received/Actions

- Legal Counsel noted there was a closed session at the November 1 Board meeting on real property negotiations and there were no reportable actions
- Approved Minutes of the Regular Board of Directors Meeting of November 1, 2023 and the Special Meeting of November 9, 2023
- Accepted the Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the Period Ending October 31, 2023
- Accepted the Quarterly Fuel Hedge Update
- Approved a Motion to Make Appointments to the Measure W Citizens Oversight Committee
- Approved the Continuation of the Safe Harbor Transit Program
- Awarded a Contract for Aboveground and Underground Storage Tank Maintenance Services
- Authorized Amendments to the Contracts for On-call Environmental Planning, Permitting, and Support Services
- Held a public hearing on and Adopted Proposed Fare Structure Changes; Approved Associated Title VI Equity Analysis; Findings Under the California Environmental Quality Act and National Environmental Policy Act
- Adopted an Update to the SamTrans Innovative Clean Transit Plan
- Awarded Contracts to New Flyer of America, Inc. for the Purchase and Delivery of Up to 108 Heavy-Duty, Low-Floor Hydrogen Fuel Cell Electric Buses for a Total Not-to-exceed Amount of \$168,252,000, and Authorizing the Disposition of 105 of the District's 2009 Gillig Diesel Buses
- Authorized the District to Sell Two Parcels in the City of San Carlos to the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board for \$422,730
- Approved a motion for a letter to be sent to MTC (Metropolitan Transportation Commission) advising them as to the potential impact to SamTrans of the proposals to merge BART and Caltrain
- Approved a Resolution Declaring the Uncertainty of Compensation for the General Manager/CEO as of November 1, 2023

Board Highlights

April Chan, General Manager/CEO, thanked staff and Board members who had participated in the Hometown Holiday parade in Redwood City on December 2. She thanked the Board members who attended the November 29 CAC (Citizens Advisory Committee) holiday reception and thanked the CAC members for their service. She noted that MTC had reorganized the Operation Committee as the Regional Network Management Committee. She said the State has provided funding of \$5.1 billion for transit properties across the state who are facing fiscal cliffs in the next several years, with more than \$1 billion coming to the Bay Area to fund local transit operators.

Ana Rivas, Director of Bus Transportation, provided a presentation on the rollout of the Same-Day Paratransit Service for increased service and noted that 26 percent of riders surveyed note that without this type of service, they could not otherwise make their trip.

Brian Fitzpatrick, Director, Real Estate and Development, and Josh Mello, Executive Officer, Planning and Development provided a presentation on the Context of and Update on District Headquarters Replacement Project

Finance Committee

Update of Innovative Clean Transit Plan - Liria Larano, Deputy Chief, Bus Fleet and Facilities Infrastructure, provided the presentation on the plan, which included compliance deadlines, training, evaluation of zero-emission technology, cost analyses and estimates, fleet procurement, and a progress report. David Olmeda, Chief Operating Officer, Bus, noted that training of the employees will also be paramount. Director Ray Mueller asked if cost estimates fit the projected budgets for those years. April Chan, General Manager/CEO, said the cost figures were previously assumed in the District financial projections. In response to questions about battery replacement, Mr. Olmeda said the BEBs' (battery-powered electric buses) battery pack would be replaced at least once in the life of the buses.

Award of Contract for the Purchase and Delivery of Up to 108 Heavy-Duty, Low-floor Hydrogen Fuel Cell Electric Buses and Disposition of 105 2009 Gillig Diesel Buses - Kevin Yin, Director, Contracts and Procurement, presented the staff report for awarding the contract for hydrogen fuel cell buses and disposing of the diesel buses. The Board was pleased that the District had received 90 percent of the cost in grants.

Legislative Committee

State and Federal Legislative Update - Jessica Epstein, Manager, Government and Community Affairs, introduced state legislative lobbyists Michael Pimentel and Matt Robinson, Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange:

- At the state level, Mr. Robinson provided an update on recent legislation and leadership changes. Mr. Pimentel discussed finances and investments. Mr. Robinson said the Governor would release his FY 2024-2025 budget on January 10.
- At the federal level, Ms. Epstein said there would be a two-tiered continuing resolution (CR) and noted leadership updates.

Closed Session - There was a closed session with real property negotiators. Joan Cassman, Legal Counsel, said no reportable action was expected and that a report-out would be provided at the special Board meeting on December 18.