

SamTrans Board Liaison Report

Meeting of June 5, 2024

Board Received/Actions

- Approved Minutes of the Board of Directors Regular and Special Meetings of May 1, 2024
- Accepted the Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the Period Ending April 30, 2024
- Accepted the Quarterly Fuel Hedge Update
- Authorized the Execution of a Master Agreement and Program Supplements with the California Department of Transportation for State-funded Transit Projects
- Awarded a Contract to NVB Equipment to Provide Vehicle Fire Suppression System Inspection and Maintenance Services for a Total Estimated Not-to-exceed Amount of \$659,800 for a Five-year Term
- Awarded a Contract to Holland & Knight LLP for a Total Not-to-exceed Amount of \$512,000 for Federal Legislative Advocacy Services for Five Years
- Awarding a Contract to Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange, Inc. for a Total Not-to-exceed Amount of \$602,465 for State Legislative Advocacy Services for Five Years
- Approved a Proclamation Recognizing Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month and Reaffirming a Commitment to Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging
- Awarded a Contract to Trapeze Software Group, Inc. for the Purchase, Configuration, Implementation, Subscription, and Maintenance of Trapeze Enterprise Asset Management System for a Not-to-exceed Amount of \$7,995,520 for a Ten-year Base Term, and Authorizing Exercise of Five One-year Option Terms for an Additional Not-to-exceed Amount of \$2,925,466
- Approved Legislative Proposal: Support Assembly Bill (AB) 1837 (Papan)
- Approved a Resolution Declaring the Uncertainty of Compensation of Administrative Employees as of the Pay Period Including July 1, 2024

Board Highlights

April Chan, General Manager/CEO, provided the following highlights under her General Manager's report:

- Senate Bill (SB) 1031, which would put a transportation funding measure on the ballot, is no longer going forward. Because fiscal cliffs for a number of transit agencies are still happening, Senators Wiener and Wahab are regrouping to continue work with MTC (Metropolitan Transportation Commission), along with the transit agencies on the need for funding and how to proceed forward.
- The Governor's May Revise Budget does not significantly impact SamTrans. Ms. Chan discussed some of the impacts of the Governor's budget on the TA and Caltrain.

- On May 31, Republic Urban Properties, the real estate developer of the new headquarters building in Millbrae sold its interest to Swift Real Estate Partners. Swift Real Estate Partners has a good reputation as a project partner. Design work has resumed and will continue, and the District is still working towards a late 2025 schedule for the new headquarters.
- The District is working with MTC on Regional Measure 3 (RM3) to secure funding for the Dumbarton Corridor. There will be an item on this topic at the July 10 Board meeting.
- Announced two new bus wraps commemorating Pride Month and Juneteenth. Li Kong (Ko), from Creative Services, designed the Pride wrap and Kalief Porter-Brown, a transit instructor, designed the Juneteenth wrap.

Community Relations Committee

Monthly Performance Report | April 2024 - Jonathan Steketee, Manager, Operations Planning, provided the latest performance statistics and employees of the month. He said ridership recovery is currently at 98.7 percent of pre-pandemic levels. He said there was an increase in usage of the Youth Unlimited pass. He said Ride Plus is averaging 99 rides per day.

Finance Committee

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Dave Harbour, Director, Maintenance, provided the presentation and Kevin Yin, Director, Contracts and Procurement, shared the solicitation process for the contract.

There was robust discussion with Directors expressing concerns over the integration process and how staff would transition to the new software and the drawbacks of customization. Ms. Chan summarized the due diligence process. Natalie Chi, Project Manager, Maintenance, confirmed that there will be project milestones in place with the vendor for timely delivery and there would be financial penalties if deadlines are not met.

Strategic Planning, Development, and Sustainability Committee

Customer Acquisition and Experience Strategy – Lisa Peabody, Director, Customer Experience, and Taylor Huckaby, Deputy Chief Communications Officer, provided a comprehensive presentation on customer experience. The Directors discussed the impact of AI (artificial intelligence) on customer interactions and social media. Ms. Peabody said staff is working on a policy regarding AI and will discuss it further with the Board going forward.

Legislative Committee

State and Federal Legislative Update and Approval of Legislative Proposal: Support Assembly Bill (AB) 1837 (Papan) – Jessica Epstein, Director, Government and Community Affairs, provided a summary of federal and state legislation, which included the following:

- On the federal side, she noted that both senators had submitted earmarks for the BSIP (Bus Stop Improvement Plan).

- At the state level, she noted that Senate Bill (SB) 1031 was not continuing. She said the Governor's May Revise budget showed that the deficit had increased by \$7 billion statewide. She announced that AB 817, a bill that would have amended the Brown Act to allow greater flexibility for members of non-elected advisory committee members to attend meetings virtually, had died in the Senate.

The Board voted to support AB 1837 (San Francisco Bay area: public transit: Regional Network Management Council) to essentially codify what currently exists with all the regional general managers working with MTC and holding operators accountable.

Closed Sessions - There were three closed sessions, including a conference regarding existing litigation, a conference with labor negotiators, and a conference regarding real property negotiations. Joan Cassman, Legal Counsel, noted there were no expected reportable actions and said she would provide the report-outs from the closed sessions at the beginning of the next regular Board meeting.