

SamTrans Board Liaison Report

Meeting of September 4, 2024

Board Received/Actions

- Approved Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of August 7, 2024
- Accepted Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the Period Ending July 31, 2024
- Accepted Quarterly Fuel Hedge Update
- Authorized Execution of Contracts and Amendments for Information Technology Hardware, Software, Licenses, Maintenance Services and Professional Services, and Technology-related Products and Services Through Piggyback Contracts and Cooperative Purchasing Programs for an Aggregate Not-to-exceed Amount of \$8 Million for Fiscal Year 2025
- Approved a Request for Allocation of BusAID Round 1 Funding for the El Camino Real Bus Boarding Islands and Bus Stop Balancing Project in Redwood City
- Approved a Proclamation Honoring Hispanic Heritage Month
- Approved a Proclamation Honoring Transit Month
- Authorized an Amendment to a Contract with Wipro, LLC to Extend the Term for Four Years and Increase the Contract Capacity by \$9,245,383, from \$14,839,885 to \$24,085,268, for PeopleSoft Hosting and Application Support Services
- Authorized a 4 Percent Global Wage Increase for Unrepresented Administrative Employees
- Awarded a Contract to MV Transportation, Inc. to Provide Coastside Transportation Services for a Five-year Term for a Total Not-to-exceed Amount of \$35,975,515, and Authorizing up to Four Additional Option Years for an Additional Not-to-exceed Amount of \$35,089,442

Board Highlights

Chair Marina Fraser noted that she and April Chan, General Manager/CEO, had attended the launch of Alliance for Renewable Clean Hydrogen Energy Systems (ARCHES), one of the country's seven hydrogen hubs, on August 30, which was attended by state and federal leaders including Governor Newsom.

Ms. Chan provided the following highlights under her General Manager's report:

- Shout-out to the entire SamTrans team who helped to implement the last phase of Reimagine SamTrans in early August, and she thanked voters for approving Measure W in 2018 that made Reimagine SamTrans happen, and for the staff who did the planning, public outreach, contracting and recruitment, and now operations for the delivery of the service.
- Caltrain electrification events on August 10 to celebrate the soft launch of electrified service
- Grants from and partnership with ARCHES to fund hydrogen buses and infrastructure at North Maintenance Base
- Caltrain legal counsel will report on the amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement as well as the drafting of the shared services agreement at their Board meeting on September 5.

Community Relations Committee

Monthly Performance Report / July 2024 – Ana Rivas, Director, Bus Transportation, provided the latest performance statistics and employees of the month. She said the average weekday ridership across all four modes increased by 9.7 percent over the past year, monthly usage of the Youth Unlimited pass continues to increase, and they had no DNOs (Did Not Operate) for the month.

Finance Committee

Authorizing an Amendment to a Contract with Wipro, LLC to Extend the Term for Four Years and Increase the Contract Capacity by \$9,245,383, from \$14,839,885 to \$24,085,268, for PeopleSoft Hosting and Application Support Service – Mehul Kumar, Chief Information and Technology Officer, provided the presentation. Vice Chair Jeff Gee said he hoped the next upgrade would be a smooth transition. Director Marie Chuang commented on the length of having PeopleSoft as the District ERP (enterprise resource planning) system. Director Rico Medina said he also had concerns about the transition and looking towards the future.

Authorizing a 4 Percent Global Wage Increase for Unrepresented Administrative Employees – Nate Kramer, Chief People Officer, People and Culture Group, presented the staff report, providing a history of global wage increases. Director Ray Mueller said he felt this was troubling timing given the current push for self-driving vehicles on the Peninsula.

Awarding a Contract to MV Transportation, Inc. to Provide Coastside Transportation Services for a Five-year Term for a Total Not-to-exceed Amount of \$35,975,515, and Authorizing up to Four Additional Option Years for an Additional Not-to-exceed Amount of \$35,089,442 – Kevin Yin, Director, Contracts and Procurement, presented the staff report. Chair Fraser noted that Coastside services were vital to the needs of the community and commended MV Transportation for their service delivery.

Legislative Committee

State and Federal Legislative Update – Jessica Epstein, Director, Government and Community Affairs, provided a summary of federal and state legislation, which included the following:

- On the federal side, the Senate and House are on recess and they are expecting a continuing resolution will be needed to keep the government open. The outcome of the election will have a significant impact on the budget
- At the state level, the Governor is calling senators to a special session on gas prices.
- At the regional level, MTC (Metropolitan Transportation Commission) had presented different scenarios for a possible regional transportation funding legislation. The directors expressed their concerns for scenarios that would favor one agency over others and leaned towards exploring a local funding source, specifically the reauthorization of Measure A sales tax.

Closed Sessions

Joan Cassman, Legal Counsel, reported on the closed sessions from August 7 where the Board had no reportable actions; however, the jury verdict for the case involving Christine Ferrera came in at \$120,000, which is less than the amount the Board had authorized for settlement. Ms. Cassman said she would send out a separate report on that case.

There were two closed sessions, including a conference with labor negotiators and a conference regarding real property negotiations. Ms. Cassman said there were no expected reportable actions on the real property negotiations and a report-out would instead be provided at the beginning of the next regular Board meeting.