

**Summary of San Mateo County Transit District's (District)
Liaison Report – Meeting of April 2, 2014**

**AGENDA ITEM # 7
APRIL 3, 2014**

The Community Relations Committee and Board

Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) interviews were conducted by Directors Karyl Matsumoto and Jerry Deal. The Board approved the committee's recommendation to appoint the following members:

Three-year term expiring April 2017

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| • Incumbent Sonny Koya | Bus Riders |
| • Incumbent Peter Loranger | Bus Riders |
| • Incumbent Peter Ratto | Multimodal Riders |
| • Holly Osborne | Bus Riders |
| • Nada Ballator | Community Riders |

Two-year term expiring April 2016

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| • Juslyn Manalo | Bus Riders |
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One-year term expiring April 2015

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| • Bob Gomez | Community Riders |
| • Charlotte Laughon | Multimodal Riders |

Tina Dubost, Manager, Accessible Transit Services, said staff is going to meet with the Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC) to get input on the vehicle design of the new Paratransit cutaway buses and minivans that the Board approved the purchase for last month.

Mike Levinson, PCC Chair, said the MV Transportation appreciation party will be on April 8. He said the PCC has three new members.

Peter Ratto, CAC Chair, said the March meeting was canceled. He said if the nominees are appointed the CAC will be back to a full roster.

Chuck Harvey, Deputy CEO, presented the Mobility Management Report: Caltrain (attached).

Mr. Harvey provided the multimodal ridership report. Average Weekday Ridership – February 2014 Compared to February 2013

Bus: 41,370, an increase of 0.8 percent.

All modes: 106,100, an increase of 4.6 percent.

The Finance Committee and Board

- Accepted the Statement of Revenues and Expenses for February 2014
- Received the Assessment of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 Fuel Hedge Program
- Authorized the Revision of the Fuel Hedging Policy and Award of Contract to Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, LLP to Serve as Special Counsel for a Not-to-Exceed Fee of \$150,000

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- Authorized Reaffirming the District Investment Policy, the Paratransit Trust Fund Investment Policy, and Reauthorizing the Investment of Monies with the Local Agency Investment Fund
- Authorized Entering into Memoranda of Understanding with the Cities of Daly City, South San Francisco, and San Bruno to Finalize the Grand Boulevard Initiative Complete Streets Project
- Authorized the Execution of Contracts for Technology Related Products and Services to Vendors Under Cooperative Purchasing Agreements for FY 2015 for an Aggregate Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$1.5 Million
- Authorized the Execution of Contracts Over \$100,000 for Information Technology License Renewals, Maintenance Services and Professional Services for FY 2015 for an Aggregate Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$850,000
- Authorized the Amendment to the Contract with Ojo Technology, Inc. for Security System Maintenance and Repair Services by Extending the Contract on a Month-to-Month Basis for up to 12 Months and Increasing the Estimated Total Contract Amount by \$48,000
- Authorized the Amendment of the Contract with Wipro, LLC to Provide PeopleSoft Systems Integration Services Integration Services and Execution of the Release of Claims Agreement in the Amount of \$1.35 Million
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The Legislative Committee and Board

State Update

As part of the governor's FY2014-2015 State Budget, the Administration is proposing to allocate cap and trade revenues to a variety of different transportation needs. The District supports increasing funding that regions would receive to implement Sustainable Communities Strategies required under Senate Bill (SB) 375. The District also supports increasing investment proposed for a statewide rail modernization program to "fund capital improvements and operational investments that will modernize California's intercity, commuter, and urban rail systems." The District supports the current proposal to allocate these funds through a competitive grant program. Some agencies are assessing other methods of distribution including a formula approach and a project-specific allocation of funds.

SB962 is a cell phone theft bill that would require cell phone bill producers to include an automatic kill switch to help deter cell phone theft. This is a growing problem on transit systems, so the District has been supportive of the bill.

The Carbon Tax Proposal that would replace Cap and Trade Funding for the fuel sector would go towards various expenditures including transportation. The bill has lost momentum and the Senate Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg (D-Sacramento) has taken a step back and is willing to look at a concept that would guarantee transportation would receive one-third of all cap and trade revenues going forward. The hearing is scheduled for April 9.

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Federal Update

Staff attended the American Public Transportation Association's annual Legislative Conference along with Directors Deal and Matsumoto. They participated in meetings with the District's legislative delegation, administration officials and committee staff who will be instrumental in drafting FY2015 appropriations bills and the next surface transportation reauthorization bill. Committee staff stated they intend to write bills preserving existing funding levels for transportation, but those levels cannot be supported by the revenues in the Trust Fund today, and even then there will still be a shortage of \$4 billion to \$6 billion to meet existing system state of good repair needs or the needs of increased transit ridership.

Board of Directors

The Board:

- Approved a Resolution of Appreciation to Retired Director Art Lloyd

Michael Scanlon, General Manager/CEO, reported:

- Congratulated the new CAC members and reappointments, and thanked Directors Deal and Matsumoto for conducting the interviews.
- The Reading File includes a letter from Abigail Ramirez. This Board works hard and represents the benefits of the many and cannot make a decision without some downside effects. The planners are working with Mr. Scanlon's blessing and direction. If mistakes have been made they will be corrected. He applauded Director Matsumoto for being a champion of finding creative ways to serve the public to alleviate the concerns caused by service changes.
- February fixed-route service averaged over 27,000 miles between service calls and Redi-Wheels was just short of 27,000 miles. Year-to-date fixed-route service is just less than 36,000 miles between service calls and Redi-Wheels is about 34,000.
- The March 16 Supervisor Academy had 27 participants.
- Ms. Dubost reached out to customer Marsha Herr and found she is eligible for Redi-Wheels but not for the Lifeline Assistance Fare.
- The Federal Transportation Agency recently released a draft circular for the Americans with Disabilities Act for comment. Staff is working with legal counsel to make comments, and APTA will be making comments.
- The Redi-Wheels Request for Proposals has been sent for legal review and will be advertised on April 17.
- On March 26 a new bus stop opened on Highway 1 near the north portal of the Tom Lantos Tunnel.
- Staff continues to work and monitor the SamTrans Service Plan changes.
- Staff will be conducting a virtual scavenger hunt for SamTrans and Caltrain riders during Earth Week. Customers will be invited to send in photos of Earth-friendly items and each will be entered into a drawing.
 - On April 22 a representative from the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency will be here to make a presentation on water conservation challenges in the region and opportunities going forward.

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- On April 23 SamTrans employees are invited to take a tour of the Shoreway Environmental Center, a state-of-the-art recycling and transfer station.
- Marketing is conducting a ridership promotion that focuses on the most attractive elements of the bus system. The ads suggest riders experience the difference. Frequency, the sense of community, coverage, and bus stops are noticed in the ads. Some elements of the program include bilingual print ads, a 15-second ad in movie theaters, web ads, social media, and a 30-second television commercial.
- The Reading File contained the Transit Fun Guide, a Take One on staying safe and secure on bus transit.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Wednesday, May 7, 2014 at 2 p.m.