

**Summary of San Mateo County Transit District's (District)  
Liaison Report – Meeting of June 4, 2014**

**AGENDA ITEM # 8 (b)  
JUNE 5, 2014**

The Community Relations Committee and Board

Tina Dubost, Manager, Accessible Transit Services, said Redi-Wheels has a lifeline assistance fare. Nineteen percent of the riders are on lifeline and 35 percent are on fare assistance. Eligibility has to be renewed every year.

Mike Levinson, Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC) Chair, said the PCC provided input on MV Transportation contract renewal, will be involved in the interview process for the Accessibility Coordinator position. The Education Committee presentations are in high demand. The PCC has been invited to participate in a roundtable with different transit organizations within the county in August.

Peter Ratto, Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Chair, said at the May 28 meeting the CAC received presentations on the Fiscal Year 2015 Operating and Capital budgets and an update on the SamTrans Service Plan (SSP) ridership.

Chuck Harvey, Deputy CEO, provided the multimodal ridership report. Average Weekday Ridership – April 2014 Compared to April 2013  
Bus: 42,360, an increase of 2.2 percent.  
All modes: 111,090, an increase of 7.8 percent.

The Finance Committee and Board

- Approved the Statement of Revenues and Expenses for April 2014
- Adopted the Fiscal Year 2015 Operating Budget in the Amount of \$131,590,358
- Adopted the Fiscal Year 2015 Capital Budget in the Amount of \$55,331,570
- Authorized the Executing a Five-year Use Agreement with Sunset Real Properties for Pico Boulevard Near San Carlos for a Total Cost of \$604,730
- Authorized the Conditional Approval of the San Carlos Transit Village Project as Approved by the San Carlos City Council and Authorize the General Manager/CEO to Negotiate Final Ground Lease Terms with Legacy Residential Partners, LLC
- Authorized Amendment of Contract with GFI Genfare to Provide Continued On-site Maintenance and Extended Warranty Service for the Automatic Fare Collection System for a Total Cost of \$1,709,061 for a Two-Year Base Term

The Legislative Committee and Board

State Update

The Legislature is considering three Cap and Trade proposals. Staff likes President Pro Tem Darryl Steinberg's (D-Sacramento) proposal for a long-term ongoing Cap and Trade Revenue Allocation Program. It guarantees transit will get 25 percent of the funding through the life of the program. It also includes a 15 percent allocation to high-speed rail and a 5 percent allocation to inner-city rail providers. Staff would support a proposal to make the 5 percent component available to commuter-rail providers as well.

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The Senate and Assembly have both approved some basic Cap and Trade plans, and the details about this proposal will get worked out in conference committee. One Bay Area representative, Senator Mark Leno (D-San Francisco), is a member of that committee.

### Federal Update

The Senate Appropriations Subcommittee has approved a 2015 spending bill that is \$2.5 billion higher than the House version. It funds TIGER and New Starts programs where the House version significantly cuts discretionary programs. None of the funding can be spent until a reauthorization proposal is available since Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century expires in October.

A group of House Republican legislators is pushing for a short-term bailout of the surface transportation authorization programs. This funding would be based on the elimination of US Postal Service delivery on Saturdays combined with a transfer of funding used for the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Program. This is not enough funding to support the Highway Trust Fund in the long term, but it is encouraging they are making an effort to address the deadlines coming up. In July the Highway Trust Fund will run out of money.

### Planning, Development and Sustainability Committee and Board

- Proclaimed June 19 as “Dump the Pump Day.” The proclamation was accepted by Adrienne Etherton, Executive Director, Sustainable San Mateo County.
- Received an SSP progress update.
- Received an update on the Draft Fiscal Year 2014-2023 SamTrans Short-range Transit Plan and Metropolitan Transportation Commission Transit Sustainability Project.
- Received the Capital Projects Quarterly Status Report – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Fiscal Year 2014.

### Board of Directors

The Board:

- Met in closed session with the chief labor negotiator and staff regarding pending labor negotiations with the Amalgamated Transit Union and the Teamsters Union.
- Met in closed session to receive a report from legal counsel on the matter of Ling La versus SamTrans. No action was taken.

Michael Scanlon, General Manager/CEO, reported:

- Fixed-route service averaged 24,000 miles and Redi-wheels averaged 29,000 miles between service calls in April, well above the 20,000-mile standard.
- Human Capital investment continues with 1,500 hours of training in April.
- On May 30, a new class of part-time bus operators started their training and will graduate on August 8.
- The joint Request for Proposals (RFP) with the Peninsula Traffic Congestion Relief Alliance for the shuttles program has been reposted.

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- The Redi-wheels RFP site visit was on May 13 and included a tour of North Base, South Base, and the Brewster facility in Redwood City. Proposals are due June 12.

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

The meeting adjourned in memory of Jim Gallagher, the fifth employee hired at SamTrans.