

**Liaison Report (Karyl Matsumoto)  
Summary of San Mateo County Transit District's (District)  
Meeting of January 4, 2017**

The Community Relations Committee and Board

Tina Dubost, Manager, Accessible Transit Services, said as part of the District's commitment to provide high quality paratransit service, the cutaway vehicles and minivans are being replaced in 2017. Staff is soliciting comments from the Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC) on the new vehicles.

Mike Levinson, Chair, PCC, said in April there will be an education event in Half Moon Bay. The Regional Conference date will be decided at the next PCC meeting and participation has been confirmed from five other counties.

Average Weekday Ridership – November 2016 Compared to November 2015

Bus: 41,520, a decrease of 3.9 percent

All modes: 162,330, a decrease of 1.6 percent

The Finance Committee and Board

Accepted the Statement of Revenues and Expenses for November 2016.

Authorized Award of Contract to Battalion One Fire Protection for Fire Safety Systems Inspections, Certification and Maintenance Services for a Total Amount of \$337,065 for a Five-Year Term. This contract will provide services at the District's permanent, fixed fire safety systems at North Base, South Base and the Central office. The systems to be serviced include fire sprinklers, smoke detectors and alarm control panels.

Authorized Rejection of All Bids for Rental, Purchase and Laundering of Work Clothing, Shop Towels and Related Items. The sole bidder submitted an incomplete bid because it failed to enter a price on some of the items listed on the bid forms.

Legislative Committee and Board

Approved the 2017 Legislative Program. The Program establishes the principles that will guide the District's legislative and regulatory advocacy efforts through the 2017 calendar year, including the second half of the State legislative session and the first session of the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress. The Program has three primary objectives: Direct Engagement, Coalition-based Engagement and Media Engagement.

Legislative Update:

State:

- On January 4, the Legislature will reconvene in Sacramento to begin the work of the 2017-18 Legislative Session. There will be a number of new faces in Sacramento, including one new delegate representing San Mateo County, Assembly Member Marc Berman (D-Menlo Park). Assembly Members Kevin Mullin (D-South San Francisco) and Phil Ting (D-San Francisco), along with Senator Jerry Hill (D-San Mateo), also continue to represent the county.

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- In late December, the leadership announced committee chairs for the 2017-2018 session. Senator Jim Beall (D-San Jose) will continue to chair the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee and Senator Bob Wieckowski (D-Fremont) will Chair the Senate Budget Subcommittee #2 on Resources and Transportation. In the Assembly, Assembly Member Jim Frazier (D-Oakley) will continue to chair the Assembly Transportation Committee and Assembly Member Richard Bloom (D-Santa Monica) will also retain his post as Chair of the Assembly Budget Subcommittee #3 on Resources and Transportation.
- As staff reported last month, on November 30, the Legislature officially adjourned the Special Session on Transportation and Infrastructure without passing a transportation funding package. Just before adjournment, Governor Brown and legislative leadership announced that a deal could not be reached in the special session, but committed to tackling transportation funding in the next session, possibly early in 2017. The Governor has indicated a renewed interest in transportation funding, so we could see a revised funding plan with the release of his proposed 2017-2018 State budget on January 10. Both Transportation Committee Chairs introduced bills on December 5, representing a \$6 billion funding package for local streets and roads, state highways, goods movement, and transit.

Federal:

- On December 9, with less than an hour until the deadline, the Senate voted 63 to 36 to pass a continuing resolution (CR) (H.R. 2028) funding the Federal agencies at current funding levels until April 28. Since the CR is funded at Fiscal Year 2016 funding levels, programs will not see the funding increases for highways and transit that were included in the FAST Act.
- During the campaign session, Trump promised a \$1 trillion infrastructure bill but in recent weeks he has publically said that his administration will not make infrastructure a priority. We will continue to follow this closely.
- The 115<sup>th</sup> Congress was sworn in on January 3 and the inauguration of the next President will be on January 20.
- Senator Kamala Harris, who replaced retiring Senator Barbara Boxer, received her committee assignments. She will be on the Environment and Public Works Committee. The Environment and Public Works Committee is an important transportation related committee in the Senate.

Strategic Planning, Development and Sustainability Committee

Received an Update on San Mateo County Transit District's Strategic Plan. The presentation provided a progress report on implementing the Plan and propose a strategy for Fiscal Year 2017 that integrates direction from the Board's October 2016 retreat.

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The Board of Directors

Jeff Gee (Representing City Selection Committee-South), Rose Guilbault (Representing Public Member), Dave Pine (Representing San Mateo County Board of Supervisors) and Josh Powell (Representing Public Member) were sworn in.

Rose Guilbault was elected chair and Charles Stone was elected vice chair for 2017.

Jim Hartnett, General Manager/CEO, reported:

- Last month a paratransit taxi driver made life saving efforts on a customer and was presented with an "I Made a Difference" award.
- Fixed-route buses averaged 29,000 miles between service calls and paratransit averaged 42,000 miles between service calls, both exceeding the goal of 20,000 miles.
- Investment in human capital continued with over 1,000 hours of training in November.
- SamTrans provided a bus bridge during the Bay Area Rapid Transit's weekend shutdown of two stations. Payment was received for these services in the amount of \$430,000.
- A pilot program will be starting at the end of January to provide 27 weekday trips to Cañada Cove in Half Moon Bay. This location was previously served with four weekday trips and was discontinued. The property managers and residents requested the service return.
- The contract for the third party inspection for Route 17 service expires at end of April and staff will be going out to bid for a new contract.

The Board received a report from legal counsel on the existing litigation of d'Arcy v. San Mateo County Transit District. The Board was advised of and approved a settlement agreement to resolve the case fully and finally in the amount of \$60,000.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at 2 p.m.

The Board adjourned in memory of Director Peter Ratto's mother, Eva Ratto, who passed away on December 21.