TO: MAYORS OF SAN MATEO COUNTY
FROM: SUKHMANI S. PUREWAL, SECRETARY
SUBJECT: MEETING OF THE CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE
DATE: December 3, 2018

Deputy Mayor Diane Papan, Chairperson of the San Mateo County City Selection Committee called for a meeting of the Committee at 6:15 p.m. on Friday, December 14, 2018, at Colma Fire House, 50 Reiner Street, Colma CA 94014.

AGENDA

1) Roll Call

2) Approval of the minutes for the meeting of May 18, 2018

3) Selection of one (1) Council Member to serve on the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans) representing Central Cities (Eligible cities: Belmont, Burlingame, Foster City, Half Moon Bay, Hillsborough, Millbrae and San Mateo) for a term of four (4) years beginning January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2022
   i. Council Member Charles Stone, City of Belmont, is seeking reappointment

4) Selection of one (1) Council Member to serve on the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans) representing Northern Cities (Eligible cities: Brisbane, Colma, Daly City, Pacifica, San Bruno and South San Francisco) for a term of four (4) years beginning January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2022

5) Selection of one (1) Council Member to serve on the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans) representing Southern Cities (Eligible cities: Atherton, East Palo Alto, Menlo Park, Portola Valley, Redwood City, San Carlos and Woodside) fulfilling Redwood City Council Member Jeff Gee’s term through December 31, 2020
   i. Council Member Ronald Collins, City of San Carlos, is seeking appointment

6) Selection of one (1) Council Member to serve on the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA) representing Central Cities (Eligible cities: Belmont, Burlingame, Foster City, Half Moon Bay, Hillsborough, Millbrae and San Mateo) for a term of two (2) years beginning January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020
   i. Council Member Maureen Freschet, City of San Mateo, is seeking reappointment
7) Selection of one (1) Council Member to serve on the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA) representing Southern Cities (Eligible cities: Atherton, East Palo Alto, Menlo Park, Portola Valley, Redwood City, San Carlos and Woodside) for a term of two (2) years beginning January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020

   i. Council Member Carlos Romero, City of East Palo Alto, is seeking appointment

8) Election of a Chairperson to the City Selection Committee for 2019  
   (Note: Candidates must be a current Mayor or Council Member)

   i. Council Member Glenn R. Sylvester, City of Daly City, is seeking appointment

9) Election of a Vice Chairperson to the City Selection Committee for 2019  
   (Note: Candidates must be a current Mayor or Council Member)

10) Oral Communications and Announcements

   i. Public Comment – Opportunity for the public to address the San Mateo County City Selection Committee.

   ii. Any subject not on the agenda may be presented at this time by members of the City Selection Committee. These topics cannot be acted upon or discussed, but may be agendized for a later meeting date.

If you have any questions or require additional information, contact Sukhmani S. Purewal at (650) 363-1802.
Deputy Mayor Diane Papan, Chairperson of the San Mateo County City Selection Committee called for a meeting of the Committee at 6:15 p.m. on Friday, May 18, 2018, at Independence Hall, 2955 Woodside Road, Woodside, CA 94062.

1) Roll Call – The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. The following cities/towns were present: Belmont, Brisbane, Daly City, Foster City, Millbrae, Pacifica, Portola Valley, Redwood City, San Carlos, San Mateo, and Woodside.


2) Approval of the minutes for the meeting of January 26, 2018

Motion: San Mateo
Second: Millbrae
Ayes: Belmont, Brisbane, Daly City, Foster City, Millbrae, Pacifica, Portola Valley, Redwood City, San Carlos, San Mateo, and Woodside.
Noes: None

3) Selection of one (1) Council Member to serve on the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) representing Cities, for a term of four (4) years beginning May 2018 through May 2022

i. Council Member Mike O’Neill, City of Pacifica, is seeking reappointment

Motion to appoint Council Member Mike O’Neill: Millbrae
Second: Pacifica
Ayes: Belmont, Brisbane, Daly City, Foster City, Millbrae, Pacifica, Portola Valley, Redwood City, San Carlos, San Mateo, and Woodside.
Noes: None

4) Oral Communications

None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.
November 14, 2018

Re: San Mateo County Transit District Board of Directors Reappointment, City Selection Committee

Honorable Mayors and Councilmembers:

I write to you to ask for your support in my bid for reappointment to the San Mateo County Transit District ("SamTrans") Board of Directors. I remain grateful for the trust you displayed when you appointed me to Jerry Deal's vacant seat several years ago.

Since being appointed to the Board the District has achieved much. We have hired a new executive officer, Jim Hartnett, who has led the District through a transformative time. There has been much turnover in senior management since 2015 and Jim and his team have made some exceptionally good hires. The District organizational chart has also been changed in positive ways and employee morale has been improved.

Over the past 3 years, the Board has worked well together and with staff to move the District forward, as well. We have moved beyond the "mentality of scarcity" which, in my opinion, was holding the District back from realizing its full potential. We have authorized and implemented a full mobile app which allows for trip planning and ticket purchases. We have strengthened our commitment to young riders and implemented new routes focused on serving those riders at school start and stop times. We have worked hard with private partners to create a viable plan to reactivate the Dumbarton rail corridor and are currently beginning the long process of bring this vision to reality. We have made tough decisions about cutting under-performing routes. We have partnered with a visionary think tank at UC Davis to help make sure we can do a better job innovating and anticipating future transit needs. We have also focused on the creation of a true and comprehensive business plan. I am particularly proud of our commitment to a 100% electric fleet as soon as possible and our recent procurement of 10 electric buses from Proterra, a San Mateo County based company.

Perhaps the biggest single thing we have done as a Board is confront our financial realities by placing Measure W on the ballot. Getting this measure to a place where it was unanimously placed on the ballot by both the SamTrans Board and Board of Supervisors was a huge lift. I was pleased to play a part in the process as Chair of the SamTrans Board and as a member of the Get Us Moving Ad Hoc Committee. As I write this letter, we still do not know the final outcome of Measure W. As a Board, we openly discussed the difficulty of succeeding on a 2/3 threshold measure, but we knew our commitment to fiscal sustainability and remaining a lifeline service for many low-income, older, and disabled riders required us to give it our best effort. I am buoyed by the fact that we are very close to that 2/3 requirement right now just I am sobered by the reality that the measure might not pass.

Whether the measure passes or not, I want to be part of the team that helps map the future of public transit in our county and in our region. I believe I can add much value in a continued role on the SamTrans Board and Caltrain JBP (where I sit as an appointee of the SamTrans Board).

I respectfully and humbly request your support for reappointment.

Yours Truly,

Charles Stone
Councilmember City of Belmont
C: Belmont City Council
November 21, 2018

To: City Selection Committee
Re: Appointment to the San Mateo County Transit District Board

Honorable Mayors and Councilmembers:

I am writing to ask for your support for appointment to the San Mateo County Transit District Board of Directors Southern Judicial District Seat. Having served on the San Carlos City Council since 2011, I have become involved in many transportation issues regarding San Carlos, San Mateo County and the Peninsula. I have been a member of the Caltrain Modernization Local Policymaker Working Group (CalMod) since 2013. I was also recently appointed to the Airport Community Roundtable and have been the City’s representative to the Grand Boulevard Task Force for the past three years.

I have a deep and continuing interest in all transportation issues regarding San Mateo County and would like to apply my experience and advocacy on the Board. I am a regular rider on Caltrain and have come to rely on it not only for trips to Giants games but for business and other personal trips to San Francisco. As a result, I have ideas I would like to pursue to see it improved, as I see it as an indispensable part of our county transportation network. I want to work to make sure it and our SamTrans bus system are preserved, enhanced and made more accessible to as many riders in San Mateo County as possible.

Over the past seven years, I have served my community and the county in a variety of roles. I believe my analytical skills, experience, ability to work well with others, and passion for modern and improved public transit would serve me well on the Board. I respectfully ask for your support.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ron Collins
San Carlos City Council member

CC: San Carlos City Council
November 28, 2018

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council,

Please accept this letter as my statement of intent to seek reappointment to the San Mateo County Transportation Authority.

It has been my great privilege to represent the Central Judicial cities (San Mateo, Belmont, Burlingame, Foster City, Half Moon Bay, Hillsborough, and Millbrae) on this important body since my election in 2015. I am proud of our achievements, and excited about future plans to relieve the severe strain on our transportation infrastructures, such as the US 101 Managed Lanes Project, improved ferry and shuttle services, critical grade separations, and many other projects to reduce traffic and enhance public safety.

San Mateo is at the epicenter of our county’s economic and construction boom which has dramatically impacted traffic for all of our cities. This is a regional issue that requires regional solutions, and the careful prioritization of Measure A funded projects to mitigate congestion and promote transportation alternatives is a primary objective we all share.

I hope to continue my service in order to provide consistency and continuity while seeing our many current projects come to fruition. I am also strongly committed to serving as a liaison for vital proposals that require the cooperation of multiple cities to move forward for the benefit of our entire county. I have been a strong proponent of Measure W which represents the opportunity to significantly impact each our cities, and I will continue to fight for the public and private resources we need to create the transportation network we all hope for.

Thank you for your consideration and support of my reappointment to another term. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions or would like to discuss this with me.

Sincerely,

Maureen Freschet
Council Member
City of San Mateo
650-520-3070
November 28, 2018

Re: San Mateo County Transportation Authority city seat- Southern Judicial Cities Appointment

Honorable Mayors and Council Members:

I write to seek your support for appointment to the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA) Southern Judicial Cities seat. As past Mayor of East Palo Alto, former vice-chair of CCAG, current board member of Commute.org, and an active participant in Council of Cities meetings, I have grown to know and engage many of you in discussions of issues affecting our cities. I feel it is vitally important that we listen to one another and collectively arrive at decisions that affect our cities.

As a diverse county we must cooperate and arrive at reasoned, rational, and sustainable transportation decisions that address the urban and rural growth challenges we face. Given the passage of Measure W and reaffirmation of the State’s fuel tax, RRRA, the development of SMCTA’s next strategic plan must comprehensively set the blueprint for developing our transit, roadways, and non-motorized forms of transportation cost effectively, efficiently and equitably.

The SMCTA will play a pivotal role in discussing, prioritizing, and leveraging our local funds to allow our cities to guarantee the flow of funds for transit, bike/ped, road and highway improvement projects that will help maintain a livable region for all of us. Among the many projects and priorities that must be balanced are the implementation of complete streets, shuttles, the Hwy 101 Managed Lanes Project, grade separations, transit operations, and TDM, to cite only a few. All of these priorities must be considered within the context of a fiscally and socially equitable distribution of these limited and precious SMCTA public funds.

I believe I can play a meaningful and effective role on the SMCTA given my present five years of service on ABAG’s Regional Planning Committee and my educational background at Stanford and Harvard where I studied urban economics, urban planning, real estate finance, and transportation studies. I will be mindful of the diversity of our cities, our numerous needs, and our sometimes-divergent concerns. I will always engage in reasoned discourse, respectful of all positions, that seeks innovative, collaborative and truly effective solutions that maintain and improve our transportation options sustainably.

Please contact me should you have any questions concerning my candidacy. I may be reached at (650) 283-2852 or by e-mail: cromero_ezln@yahoo.com.

Sincerely,

Carlos Romero, Councilmember
11/14/18

Mr. Sukhmani Purewal,
Secretary of City Selection Committee

Re: Letter of Intent

Dear Esteemed Members of the Selection Committee,

Having served as your Vice-Chair this year in 2018, I would be honored with the privilege to serve as your Chair Person for 2019, if so desired. Attendance at our meetings has done so much to enrich my knowledge of the various issues throughout San Mateo County and the many cities within. I enjoy the collaboration and camaraderie of everyone.

I hope for your continued support.

All the best,

[Signature]

Glenn R. Sylvester
Council Member
City of Daly City