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

Vice Mayor Glenn Sylvester, Chairperson of the San Mateo County City Selection Committee called for a meeting of the Committee at 6:15 p.m. on Friday, October 25, 2019, at Zoox Headquarters, 1149 Chess Drive, Foster City, CA 94404.

AGENDA

1) Roll Call

2) Approval of the minutes for the meeting of August 23, 2019

3) 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), fulfilling the remaining term of outgoing San Mateo City Council Member Maureen Freschet through December 31, 2020.
   i. Council Member Julia Mates, City of Belmont, is seeking appointment
   ii. Mayor Sam Hindi, City of Foster City, is seeking appointment
   iii. Council Member Gina Papan, City of Millbrae, is seeking appointment

4) Selection of one (1) Council Member to serve on the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) representing Cities (all Cities are eligible), fulfilling the remaining term of former Belmont City Council Member Doug Kim through December 31, 2019.
   i. Council Member Ann Schneider, City of Millbrae, is seeking appointment

5) 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.
Meeting was called to order by Mayor Sue Vaterlaus, Vice Chairperson of the San Mateo County City Selection Committee at 6:17 p.m. on Friday, August 23, 2019, at Portola Valley Town Center – Community Hall, 765 Portola Road, Portola Valley, CA 94028.

1) Roll Call – The following cities/towns were present: Atherton, Belmont, Burlingame, East Palo Alto, Foster City, Half Moon Bay, Hillsborough, Menlo Park, Millbrae, Pacifica, Portola Valley, Redwood City, San Bruno, San Carlos, San Mateo, South San Francisco, and Woodside.

Absent: Brisbane, Colma, and Daly City.

2) Approval of the minutes for the meeting of June 28, 2019:

Motion: Millbrae  
Second: San Mateo  
Ayes: Atherton, Belmont, Burlingame, East Palo Alto, Foster City, Half Moon Bay, Hillsborough, Menlo Park, Millbrae, Pacifica, Portola Valley, Redwood City, San Bruno, San Carlos, San Mateo, South San Francisco, and Woodside  
Noes: None  
Absent: Brisbane, Colma, and Daly City

3) Selection of one (1) Council Member, representing San Mateo County City Selection Committee to serve on the Association of Bay Area Governments Regional Planning Committee (ABAG-RPC), for a term of two (2) years beginning October 2, 2019 through October 1, 2021.

   i. Mayor Harvey Rarback, City of Half Moon Bay, is seeking appointment  
   ii. Mayor Wayne Lee, City of Millbrae, is seeking appointment  
   iii. Council Member Rick Bonilla, City of San Mateo, is seeking appointment
* Brisbane, Colma, and Daly City were absent. To be appointed, majority of eleven (11) votes are needed. Council Member Rick Bonilla, City of San Mateo received twelve (12) votes and was appointed.

4) Oral Communications and Announcements

None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.
Dear Honorable Mayors and City Councilmembers:

Thank you all for your continued work in service to your communities and beyond. I am writing to seek your support for appointment to the San Mateo County Transportation Authority ("TA") Board of Directors ("the Board") Central Cities seat.

The TA plays a vital role in providing critical transit funding for expressly local investment supporting both capital and operational needs through Measures A and W. In the wake of the passing of Measure W in 2018, a game-changing ½-cent sales tax, which will provide the TA with an additional $45 million annually, the Board will have more resources to make investments in accordance with the categories approved within Measure W by the voters.

As you know, the distribution of such funds is reviewed by TA staff and the Board for allocation largely on a competitive basis. Should I be honored with an appointment to the Board, I will consider all projects for funding in a thoroughly objective manner and look to the merits of each project to inform my vote. I will weigh my decisions significantly based upon regional equity, regional benefits, and benefit to those in the greatest need.

The TA, like any organization, will face challenges that will require the Board to address and provide ongoing feedback to staff. First as a planning commissioner and now as a councilmember, I have established a track record of making positive progress by working collaboratively with my colleagues to arrive at consensus. Should I be selected for the Board, I will use this experience to work with staff and my colleagues to find solutions to these challenges. As a Board member, my “door” will always be open and your thoughtful input will always play a role in my decision-making.

As an environmental planner, my experience includes preparing California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) assessments. As a result, I have an excellent understanding of the regulatory and review processes for projects that are submitted to the board for funding.

I am committed to utilizing my expertise and experience supporting regional efforts that result in significant improvements for the entire county and our communities. Serving on the Board would enable me to help address transportation issues on a large-scale and at a regional level. I would be honored to have your support for this position.

If I can provide any additional information that would help you in making your decision or answer any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact me at julia@juliames.com or 650-533-3996.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Julia Mates
Councilmember, City of Belmont
October 11, 2019

RE: CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT – SAN MATEO COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (SMCTA)

Dear Honorable Mayors, Councilmembers, and Colleagues:

I am writing to express my interest in serving as a representative for the Central Judicial Cities on the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA) Board of Directors.

As you know, Foster City is located at the terminus of State Route 92, within the proximity of the Highway 101 & State Route 92 interchange. Foster City, amongst our surrounding cities, have been tremendously impacted by regional transit and mobility issues. In 2015, I was elected to serve on the City Council for the City of Foster City. Since that time, I have come to learn and understand from each of you the various issues affecting your respective cities. Irrefutably, the challenges with our growing transportation & mobility needs are at the top of that list. It is no longer a matter that can be addressed single-handedly, but rather one that would require joint solutions on a regional level.

The challenges facing our cities in regards to infrastructure and traffic mitigation is one of great complexity. It requires significant federal, state and local funds, collaboration between all agencies involved, public & private partnerships, and a change in commuters’ behaviors by utilizing various modes of public transit. In addition, we have seen the impacts it has had on our local economy. Our employees and residents, alike, are met with unsustainable commutes, resulting in difficulty with employee retention. My vision and objective is to develop long-term, viable, and coordinated solutions that will help our constituents achieve a sustainable future, maintaining, and improving their overall quality of life. Through the good work of the Transportation Authority and the programs/projects it has invested in thus far, I believe we are headed in the right direction – and I believe I can play a pivotal and effective role in that.

Of my public service commitments, I am involved in a number of local and regional Boards and committees. This includes having previously served as the liaison to Foster City’s Traffic Review Committee, on the Board of the Peninsula Traffic Congestion Relief Alliance (Commute.org), and as a representative on the San Francisco International Airport/Community Roundtable. Today, the policy/regulatory agencies I serve on include being a delegate for the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), as well as an alternate for its Executive Committee, and as a Board of Director on the City/County Association of Governments (C/CAG).

Locally, I am the liaison to Foster City’s Transportation Subcommittee, where we are tasked with developing solutions and identifying areas where we can enhance traffic flow and public transportation; part of which involves partnering with...
local employers. I also serve on Foster City’s Economic Development/Sustainability Subcommittee, where we continue to push different initiatives to find ways in which we alleviate traffic and address the East-West challenge. As one example, we established the 92 Corridor Alliance, a localized voluntary coalition of cities, major employers, and other stakeholders working together to reduce commuter traffic congestion and improve transit connectivity along the 92 Corridor. As another solution in addressing the East-West challenge, we are currently exploring how we can further strengthen the transportation network on our underutilized waterways through hovercraft. These are just a few examples of bold ideas, which if brought to fruition, can present real and tangible solutions to the benefit of our entire county.

As your representative, it will always be my priority to remain engaged with you. I will continue to seek your input to better understand the demands of our communities. And in doing so, I am confident that we can collectively address the countywide transportation needs of our citizens, with careful oversight and decision-making that will support innovative and creative thinking.

Thank you for your consideration of my interest and respectfully, I ask for your support in my appointment as a Cities Central representative on the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA) Board of Directors. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (510) 206-9550 or at shindi@fostercity.org if you have any questions or would like to discuss my candidacy.

Sincerely,

Sam Hindi
Mayor, City of Foster City

cc: Sukhmani S. Purewal, Assistant Clerk of the Board of Supervisors & Secretary of the City Selection Committee
City Council, City of Foster City
Jeff C. Moneda, City Manager, City of Foster City
October 9, 2019

Dear Mayor, Deputy-Mayor, and Council Members,

I respectfully ask for your support of my candidacy for the open Transportation Authority (TA) seat representing the central district of San Mateo County.

My goals in seeking this seat are three-fold: (1) Promote greater connectivity and collaboration between the TA and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission to fund and leverage additional funding streams for big and small transportation projects within each city; (2) Reduce congestion and greenhouse gases by improving collaborations between transit agencies; and (3) Ensure that the TA’s Strategic Plan for 2020-2024 collectively addresses the ongoing challenges facing our cities.

1. Promoting Greater Connectivity and Collaboration Between Our TA and MTC.

Greater connectivity and collaboration between our TA and the MTC will allow us to better fund and leverage additional funding sources for important transportation projects within our cities. As the MTC representative for our cities and towns in San Mateo County I see other jurisdictions in our region getting millions of dollars in funding from MTC for all kinds of projects like parking structures near transit centers, electrification of bus fleets, and transit center studies. It appears that the transit authorities in other jurisdictions have planned and achieved great success in leveraging their funding for projects big and small. San Mateo County’s Transit Authority is in the process of updating its Strategic Plan. Now is the time for our cities, towns, and county to present a strategic plan that aggressively includes innovative big and small transportation projects that we can leverage for additional funding from the MTC. On the TA, I will work hard to ensure the TA’s updated Strategic Plan builds consensus and provides opportunities for all cities and their varied constituencies to address unique local transportation needs, including improving aging infrastructures and accommodating growing traffic congestion in commuter corridors and on local streets. Once identified, I will work to position our projects so as to leverage them with other funding agencies like MTC.


To reduce congestion in our commuter corridors and greenhouse gases, I will work to improve collaborations with Caltrans, BART, Caltrain, SFO, and implement new transportation technologies to smooth commutes and promote convenient and reliable public transportation. The focus of the TA’s programs is to reduce traffic congestion and improve throughput and safety on the most critical commute corridors. Improved collaborations between transit agencies will allow
the TA to more efficiently administer its 50% of the Measure W funds that deal with countywide highway congestion improvements, local safety improvements including grade separations, pothole relief, bicycle and pedestrian improvement, sound wall projects, intermodal facilities, and regional transit connections. Improving collaboration among all transit providers will improve connections, both local and regional, enhance safety, and encourage transportation projects that support transit-oriented development and allow us a multitude of innovative projects throughout each of our cities and the bay area. Cultivating these relationships will promote efficiencies, save money, improve our environment and quality of life, and help our local economy grow. This collaboration is my commitment and goal as a strong representative on the TA.

Given San Mateo County’s unique position, I believe one of our greatest resources is to bring communities together. I have developed positive relationships with cities and agencies in the county, as well as neighboring counties. Bringing MTC staff and commissioners to our cities on a bus tour was only the beginning. Working together we can continue to explore a multitude of innovative projects throughout each of our cities. Cultivating these relationships will promote efficiencies, save money, improve our environment and quality of life, and help our local economy grow.

3. Ensuring the TA’s Strategic Plan for 2020-2024 Collectively Addresses the Ongoing Challenges Facing Our Cities and Towns.

In its Strategic Plan for 2020-2024, the TA will administrate an estimated $91 million generated from Measure A and a portion of Measure W funding. I will work to ensure that the Plan addresses the ongoing challenges facing our cities and towns. Growth in employment and housing stock in our County has greatly increased traffic congestion along several highway segments in the County. Although progress has been made in the County through investments in Caltrain and highway improvements, each city has much to do. Given San Mateo County’s unique position, I believe one of our greatest resources is to bring communities together. Living in San Mateo County we see every day that continuing traffic growth also has underscored the importance of ensuring the TA’s plan includes additional safety measures. Development of local transit services, improved interconnectivity, an increasing number of commuters and especially for the elderly and people with disabilities, has become increasingly important in communities throughout the County. These are some of the many challenges we face and must be addressed as a critical part of the TA’s updated plan so that projects and programming can be identified and considered for existing and future funding.

My vow to be a passionate and committed advocate for our cities, towns, and county is stronger than ever. I will work with you for the next four years to be the representative who listens to your concerns, builds consensus, keeps you informed, and fights for our fair share. Let there be no doubt, I have time and I am deeply committed to improving our transportation governance. I would be very proud and honored to have your support of my candidacy for San Mateo County’s open central district seat on the TA at our next meeting on October 25, 2019.
YOUR SUPPORT WILL MAKE THE DIFFERENCE:

I respectfully ask for your vote on October 25, 2019, when the City Selection Committee votes to fill the central district seat on the San Mateo County’s open seat for the TA. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Thank you,

Gina Papan
Council Member, City of Millbrae
(415) 710-5820
GINA PAPAN ATTACHMENT:
MY EXPERIENCE

I have been honored to serve for eleven years as Millbrae’s City Councilmember and three-time Mayor. I focused on efficiency, economic development, and revenue enhancement, working both within our city and looking outward from a county and regional perspective.

MY REPRESENTATIVE SERVICE

- City/County Association of Governments (C/CAG) Board of Directors
- C/CAG Legislative Committee
- San Mateo County Council of Cities
- Congestion Management Program and Environmental Quality Committee (CMEQ)
- San Mateo County Housing Endowment and Regional Trust
- Grand Boulevard Task Force
- San Mateo County Emergency Services Council
- High Speed Rail Policymakers Working Group
- Airport Land Use Committee
- Peninsula Congestion Relief Alliance

MY PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- **Deputy Attorney General for the State of California** proudly representing the people of the State of California for over 25 years.

- As the **Deputy Director** of a state agency with a $400 million budget, I managed 150 employees. I helped to implement the Amber Alert program, served on the School Violence Prevention and Response Task Force, the Child Abduction Task Force, and served as a legislative advisor to the High Technology Crime Advisory Committee.
Dear Executive Secretary Purewal:

I would like to become a member of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District. I am applying for the short term seat. I am semi-retired which gives me considerable time to give to supporting every jurisdiction in San Mateo County. In addition, I am excited to be able to use my academic and professional background in environmental science to work on programs that can help our region with air quality issues.

At present I am the City of Millbrae’s representative to the SFO Airport Noise Roundtable, the Ground Based Noise Ad Hoc Committee and San Mateo County Emergency Services Council. All three of these assignments include studying and understanding various types of air pollution from the growing problem of particulate matter concentrating in San Mateo County from mega fires to the growing amount of pollutants coming from the growing aviation activities to and from airports within San Mateo County and those that fly over our County.

My degrees are in Analysis of Ecosystems / Geography from UCLA and Environmental Science from USF.

While I am an elected official from Millbrae, I believe I can represent the entire county and work to ensure that all of our Communities can move ahead on resiliency issues. I also am committed to working in partnership with all our communities as sea level rise and flooding do not recognize city boundaries.

Please feel free to contact me if you need any additional information in helping make this decision. I can be reached at 650-697-6249 or on my cell phone at 650-732-1902 or via email at aschneider@ci.millbrae.ca.us.

Ann Schneider
Councilwoman
City of Millbrae