

## San Mateo County Express Lanes Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Meeting No. 59  
November 8, 2024

This meeting of the SMCEL-JPA Board of Directors was held in person and by teleconference pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e). Members of the public was able to participate in the meeting remotely via the Zoom platform or in person.

**Board of Directors:** Rico E. Medina (Chair), Michael Salazar (Vice Chair), Alicia Aguirre, Carlos Romero, Julia Mates and Rich Hedges

### 1.0 CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL

Chair Rico E. Medina called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call was taken.

AGENCY:	IN-PERSON:	ABSENT:	REMOTE AB 2449:	REMOTE Publicly Accessible Teleconference Location:
C/CAG	Alicia Aguirre			
C/CAG	Michael Salazar			
C/CAG		Rich Hedges*		
SMCTA				Carlos Romero
SMCTA		Julia Mates		
SMCTA	Rico E. Medina			

<b>Staff Present (In-Person):</b>	<b>Members of the Public (In-Person):</b>
Sean Charpentier, Executive Council – C/CAG	Giuliano Carlini
April Chan, Executive Council – TA	
Peter Skinner – TA	
Mima Crume – Clerk of the Board	
Kaki Cheung – C/CAG	
Emily Beach – San Mateo County Transit District	<b>Members of the Public (Remote):</b>
Van Ocampo	Eryca Dinsdale
<b>Staff Present (Remote):</b>	
Lacy Vong – Policy Program Manager	

Was in attendance remotely\*

Quorum was not met; and as a result, the Board was not able to take action on items.

### 2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

*Note: Public comment is limited to two minutes per speaker. Members of the public who wish to address the Board should complete a speaker’s slip to make a public comment in person or raise their hand in Zoom to speak virtually.*

### 3.0 PRESENTATIONS

- 3.1 Certificate of Appreciation to Alicia Aguirre for her years of dedicated service to San Mateo County Express Lanes Joint Powers Authority.

A certificate was presented to Director Alicia Aguirre in recognition of her 19 years of service to Redwood City and her impactful leadership on the JPA Board, including her advocacy for affordable housing, transportation, and equity in city services, as well as her pivotal role in developing the equity element for the 101 Managed Lanes project.

- 3.2 Certificate of Appreciation to Rich Hedges for his dedicated service to San Mateo County Express Lanes Joint Powers Authority.

Director Rich Hedges was recognized for his extensive contributions to the JPA and the community, including 20 years of service on the MTC Policy Advisory Committee, leadership in regional planning and civic engagement, and a steadfast dedication to ethical governance and enhancing the quality of life for county residents.

### 4.0 APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

This item is to set the final consent and regular agenda, and to approve the items listed on the consent agenda. All items on the consent agenda are approved by one action. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless members of the Board, staff or public request specific items to be removed for separate action.

- 4.1 Approval of the minutes of Board of Directors regular business meeting No. 57 dated July 19, 2024. NO ACTION TAKEN
- 4.2 Approval of the minutes of Board of Directors regular business meeting No. 58 dated October 11, 2024. NO ACTION TAKEN
- 4.3 Acceptance of Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the FY2024 Period Ending June 30, 2024. NO ACTION TAKEN
- 4.4 Acceptance of Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the Period Ending July 31, 2024. NO ACTION TAKEN
- 4.5 Acceptance of Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the Period Ending August 31, 2024. NO ACTION TAKEN
- 4.6 Acceptance of Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the Period Ending September 30, 2024. NO ACTION TAKEN
- 4.7 Receive an update on the US 101 Express Lanes Variable Rate Bond. INFORMATION

## 5.0 **REGULAR AGENDA**

- 5.1 Approve the selection of a Focused Organizational Model for Express Lane Program Management. **NO ACTION TAKEN**
- 5.2 Review and approval of the 2025 Calendar of SMCEL-JPA Board of Directors Meetings. **NO ACTION TAKEN**

Legal Counsel explained that the Brown Act requires a physical quorum within the jurisdiction for teleconferencing, and AB 2449 allows remote participation only under specific conditions. As these requirements were not met, no action items could be addressed. Revisiting the bylaws was suggested for consideration at a future meeting.

## 6.0 **REPORTS**

- a) Chairperson Report.

None.

- b) Member Communication.

Discussion on scheduling a special meeting to address pending action items before board transitions.

Director Hedges highlighted Measure T's potential to transform San Mateo, calling for added density at Bay Meadows to complete housing and a Caltrain entrance off El Camino to improve accessibility.

- c) Executive Council Report - Executive Council Verbal Report.

Mr. Charpentier, Executive Council, commended Directors Aguirre and Hedges for their leadership in equity-focused express lanes, a model for the Bay Area. He proposed a special December meeting to address key items before onboarding new C/CAG representatives. He clarified the regular meeting listed for December 12th would fall on December 13<sup>th</sup>, but that meeting is likely to be replaced by a special meeting.

Ms. Chan, Executive Council, thanked Directors Aguirre and Hedges for their impactful contributions to the JPA, highlighting their leadership at local, regional, and statewide levels. She also congratulated Directors Mates, Salazar, Medina, and Romero on their reelection.

She updated the Board on the Executive Steering Committee for Bay Area Express Lanes, focusing on unique equity programs by MTC and the JPA that provide discounts and benefits for eligible users. She emphasized the need to continue these discussions and update the Board.

- d) Policy/Program Manager Report.

Ms. Vong thanked Directors Aguirre and Hedges for their leadership and commitment to equity, recognizing their vital role in the program's success and progress. She expressed appreciation for their contributions and collaboration.

7.0 **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

8.0 **NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

December 13, 2024

9.0 **ADJOURNMENT** – 9:24 am