

San Mateo County Express Lanes Joint Powers Authority

Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes

Meeting No. 69
June 15, 2026

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 were able to participate in the meeting remotely via the Zoom platform or in person.

Board of Directors: Michael Salazar (Chair), Carlos Romero (Vice Chair), Adam Rak, Julia Mates, Rico E. Medina and Stacy Jimenez

1.0 CALL TO ORDER/ ROLL CALL

Chair Salazar called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call was taken. A quorum was not initially present. Upon advice of Legal Counsel, the Board proceeded with Item 4.3 while awaiting the arrival of Director Romero, who later joined remotely pursuant to SB 707.

AGENCY:	IN-PERSON:	ABSENT:	REMOTE SB 707:	REMOTE Publicly Accessible Teleconference Location:
C/CAG	Stacy Jimenez			
C/CAG	Adam Rak			
C/CAG	Michael Salazar			
SMCTA			Carlos Romero	
SMCTA		Julia Mates		
SMCTA	Rico E. Medina			

Staff Present (In-Person):	Staff Present (Remote):
Kaki Cheung, Executive Council – C/CAG	Van Ocampo – C/CAG
April Chan, Executive Council – TA	
Mima Crume – Clerk of the Board	Members of the Public (In-Person):
Tim Fox – Legal Counsel	
Kim Comstock – SMCEL-JPA	Members of the Public (Remote):
Peter Skinner - TA	Reinland Jones - RCTC
Hema Nagarajan - STV	
Loana Lumina-Hsu - TA	
Claudette Valbuena	
Milcah Hsu	
Ladi Millard-Olmeda	

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

Note: Public comments are 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.

No public comments were received.

3.0 **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.

Director Medina MOVED to approve Consent Agenda Items 3.1 through 3.5. Director Rak SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0.

3.1 Approval of the minutes of Board of Directors regular business meeting No. 68 dated May 1, 2026. **APPROVED**

3.2 Accept Statement of Sources and Uses for the Period Ending March 31, 2026. **APPROVED**

3.3 Review and approval of Biennial update to Conflict of Interest Code for the San Mateo County Express Lanes Joint Powers Authority (SMCEL-JPA). **APPROVED**

3.4 Receive a Quarterly Update on the US 101 Express Lanes operations for the third quarter of FY26. **INFORMATION**

3.5 Receive a Quarterly Update on the US 101 Express Lanes Variable Rate Bond. **INFORMATION**

4.0 **REGULAR AGENDA**

4.1 Approve the allocation of FY27 Revenue Sharing Fund (RSF) discretionary funds. **APPROVED**

The Board received a presentation regarding the proposed allocation of FY27 Revenue Sharing Fund discretionary funds, including funding for the Equity Program, capital reserves, and additional bond repayment.

Discussion included projected investment returns associated with capital reserve funding and potential savings associated with additional bond repayment.

Director Romero MOVED to approve the allocation of FY27 Revenue Sharing Fund discretionary funds as recommended by staff. Director Medina SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0.

- 4.2 Public Hearing: Approval of SMCEL Resolution 26-02 on the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) SMCEL-JPA Operating Budget. APPROVED

Chair Salazar opened the public hearing.

The Board received a presentation on the proposed FY27 SMCEL-JPA Operating Budget, including projected revenues, expenditures, debt service obligations, and reserve funding.

No public comments were received.

Chair Salazar closed the public hearing.

Director Medina MOVED to adopt SMCEL Resolution 26-02 approving the FY27 Operating Budget. Director Rak SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0.

- 4.3 Receive an informational presentation from the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) regarding implementation of Vehicle Occupancy Detection (VOD), also referred to as Occupancy Detection Systems (ODS) technology on the 91 Express Lanes. INFORMATION

Due to the absence of a quorum at the start of the meeting, Legal Counsel advised the Board to proceed with Item 4.3 prior to consideration of action items on the agenda.

The Board received a presentation from Reinland Jones, Deputy Director of Express Lanes, Riverside County Transportation Commission, regarding implementation of Vehicle Occupancy Detection (VOD) technology on the 91 Express Lanes.

Discussion included technology capabilities, occupancy verification, privacy considerations, enforcement, implementation lessons learned, and potential future applications.

No action was taken.

- 4.4 Election of a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson to serve a one-year term, effective July 1, 2026. APPROVED

Director Medina nominated Director Carlos Romero to serve as Chairperson effective July 1, 2026. Chair Salazar SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0.

Carlos Romero was elected Chairperson effective July 1, 2026.

Director Rak nominated Director Stacy Jimenez to serve as Vice Chairperson effective July 1, 2026. Director Chair Salazar SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0.

Stacy Jimenez was elected Vice Chairperson effective July 1, 2026.

5.0 **REPORTS**

a) Chairperson Report.

Chair Salazar commented on proposed bylaw amendments related to quorum and voting requirements.

b) Member Communication.

None.

c) Executive Council Report.

April Chan welcomed the Board to the new San Mateo County Transit District headquarters in Millbrae and announced upcoming events, including the District's 50th Anniversary celebration and the headquarters ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Kaki Cheung reported that staff is working with independent academic institutions to review the Initial Performance Evaluation Study and provide recommendations for future updates.

d) Program Manager Report.

None.

6.0 **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

7.0 **NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

August 7, 2026

8.0 **ADJOURNMENT**