Resolution No. 2026-48

Board of Directors, San Mateo County Transit District
State of California

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Modifying the Zero Emissions Bus Project to Include Construction and Use of Permanent Hydrogen Fueling Infrastructure and Adopting a Second Addendum to the Negative Declaration

Whereas, the San Mateo County Transit District (District) Zero Emissions Bus Project (ZEB Project) entails re-purposing the existing bus maintenance and operations facilities at SamTrans' North Base (South San Francisco) and South Base (San Carlos) to support battery electric buses (BEBs) and fuel cell electric buses (FCEBs) rather than a diesel-powered fleet; and

Whereas, the ZEB Project's key physical elements include installation of new at-grade, below-grade, and above-grade charging infrastructure, as well as maintenance bay improvements to accommodate new bus types and maintenance needs; and

Whereas, the District has determined that the ZEB Project scope must be altered to ensure that sufficient fueling capacity is provided for the incoming FCEB fleet; and

Whereas, though the District previously intended to utilize a mobile/portable hydrogen fueling system, the District has now concluded that a permanent hydrogen fueling system is required to provide sufficient fueling capacity for the incoming FCEB fleet; and

Whereas, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), in 2022 the District Board of Directors (Board) adopted the Zero Emissions Bus Project Final Initial Study – Negative Declaration (IS-ND) pursuant to Resolution No. 2022-74; and the District filed a Notice of Determination with the San Mateo County Clerk on December 20, 2022; and

Whereas, pursuant to Resolution No. 2024-60, the Board adopted the First Addendum to the Zero Emissions Bus IS-ND to expand the ZEB Project footprint at North Base on December 4, 2024 and filed a related Notice of Determination with the San Mateo County Clerk on December 9, 2024; and

Whereas, the IS-ND and First Addendum did not analyze the construction and use of a permanent hydrogen fueling station; and

Whereas, the District has prepared a Second Addendum to the ND in conformance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15164 to determine whether and to what extent the ND remains sufficient to address the potential impacts of the ZEB Project with the addition of constructing and utilizing permanent hydrogen fueling infrastructure at North Base; and

Whereas, the Second Addendum demonstrated that: (a) there are no substantial changes proposed to the ZEB Project or the circumstances in which the Project will be undertaken that require major revisions of the ND due to new or substantially increased significant environmental effects; (b) the proposed revisions do not require preparation of a new subsequent or supplemental ND; (c) the ZEB Project remains consistent with the ND and would involve only minor changes; and (d) there has been no discovery of new information of substantial importance that would trigger or require major revisions of the ND due to significant environmental effects; and

Whereas, the Second Addendum to the ND is not required to be circulated for public review.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Directors of the San Mateo County Transit District hereby adopts the 2026 Second Addendum to the Zero Emissions Bus Project Final Initial Study-Negative Declaration.

Be it Further Resolved that the Board hereby approves modification of the ZEB Project to construct and use permanent hydrogen fueling infrastructure at the SamTrans North Base instead of a portable/mobile hydrogen fueling station.

Be it Further Resolved that the District Secretary is directed to file a CEQA Notice of Determination promptly with the County Clerk of San Mateo; and

Be it Further Resolved that the record of this action shall be maintained by the District Secretary at the District's office at 166 North Rollins Road in Millbrae, California.

Regularly passed and adopted this 7th day of October, 2026 by the following vote:

Ayes: Canepa, Fraser, Gee, Medina, Powell, Ratto, Speier, Esser

Noes: None

Absent: Chuang

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Acting Chair, San Mateo County Transit District

Attest:

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District Secretary