



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Board of Supervisors



DATE: October 23, 2014
BOARD MEETING DATE: November 4, 2014
SPECIAL NOTICE/HEARING: None
VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Supervisors Adrienne Tissier and Carole Groom

SUBJECT: Resolution Adopting Minimum Qualifications for Appointment as the Member of the San Mateo County Transit District Board of Directors Possessing Expertise in the Field of Transportation

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution setting the minimum qualifications necessary for appointment as the member of the San Mateo County Transit District Board of Directors possessing expertise in the field of transportation.

BACKGROUND:

The San Mateo County Transit District (or "SamTrans") was created pursuant to the San Mateo County Transit District Act (the "Act;" California Public Utilities Code section 103000 et seq.). The Act provides that SamTrans will be governed by a nine-member Board of Directors. (Cal. Pub. Util. Code § 103100.) The composition of the SamTrans Board of Directors is as follows:

1. Two members that are members of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, appointed by the Board of Supervisors;
2. One member appointed by the Board of Supervisors that "possess[es] expertise in the field of transportation;"
3. Three members that are members of city councils appointed by the city selection committee;
4. Three members appointed by the six members described above, one of whom is a resident of the coastal zone.

(Cal. Pub. Util. Code § 103100.) Accordingly, the Board of Supervisors is responsible for the appointment of three members of the SamTrans Board of Directors. Two of those appointments are designated for current members of the Board of Supervisors, and one appointment is for an individual possessing transportation expertise.

DISCUSSION:

The Act provides no additional description of the qualifications the Board of Supervisors should consider when exercising its authority to appoint the member of the SamTrans Board of Directors with expertise in the field of transportation. To help guide the appointment of this individual, the following minimum qualifications are proposed. The appointee shall:

1. Be a resident of San Mateo County; and
2. Possess one or more of the following credentials:
 - a. Demonstrated experience in or knowledge of the transportation industry, preferably in the public transit arena;
 - b. Familiarity with the services provided by the San Mateo County Transit District; or
 - c. Service on a relevant governmental agency board or commission.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None