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**TO:** San Mateo County District 3 Supervisor Don Horsley ([dhorsley@smcgov.org](mailto:dhorsley@smcgov.org)) and SamTrans Board Members ([board@samtrans.com](mailto:board@samtrans.com)),  
**FROM:** Supporters of a Highway 1 Transit Corridor  
**RE:** Fare integration study recommendations

The undersigned organizations are in support of a Highway 1 Transit Corridor from Half Moon Bay to Marin, a regional one-ride bus route. We feel there are pressing reasons to create this necessary public transit access: to mitigate the negative effects of climate change and to provide transportation equity.

Public transit reduces the greenhouse impact of automobiles. As we prepare for increased housing along our Coast, we can reduce autos through reliable public transit.

As we provide for fair housing and meet demands for opportunity to residents of all incomes, we must satisfy the need for public transit to work, school, and important services including healthcare. Housing and Community Development Director, Gustavo Velasquez, puts it succinctly, "When everyone has better housing, health, and economic outcomes, we all do better." Public transportation is inseparable from fair housing.

We are excited to see that the Metropolitan Transit Commission Fare Coordination and Integration Study is coming forward with Seamless Bay Area recommendations in support of:

- "Go-anywhere Pass" Regional Institutional/Employer Pass Pilot (2022) **Phase 1**, colleges and universities pass for institutions, **Phase 2** expansion to include private employers and affordable housing residents (like colleges, housing, employers)
- Free transfers (2023 local and regional)

Both Pacifica and Half Moon Bay City councils have formally endorsed the Seamless Transit Principles, as have other Coastal advocacy groups listed. We ask that the Board choose to create this transit corridor for the present and future benefit of coastal communities. Thank you.

[Pacifica Climate Committee](#)

[Pacifica Housing 4 All](#)  
[People's Alliance of San Mateo County](#)

**From:** [Eliana Garcia](#)  
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**Subject:** Letter from RCSD Superintendent John R. Baker re: Route 295  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 29, 2021 10:10:27 AM  
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Good morning,

Attached hereto, please find a letter from Superintendent Baker regarding the advocacy for the Route 295, along with a corresponding map.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 650-423-2230.

Respectfully,  
Eliana García



**Eliana García, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent/Communications' Specialist**

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John R. Baker, Ed.D

September 29, 2021

SamTrans  
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Dear members of the SamTrans Board of Directors:

First, we would like to sincerely thank you for your continuous support of school-day only transit routes in Redwood City including Routes 72, 73 and 79. We are grateful for the service on all of your transit lines which connect our students to local schools.

As a school district which includes several schools of choice, for many families, walking or biking to school is simply not realistic due to distance. Moreover, the amount of traffic and distracted drivers on local streets discourages many parents from permitting their children to walk or bike. Past surveys at some schools indicate that the vast majority -- over 70% -- of children are arriving at school in private vehicles. We believe there is enormous potential for mode shift to transit.

Because of this, our partner in Safe Routes to School, [Redwood City Together](#), is working on an initiative to promote youth on transit. They've created a website, <https://www.getonthebusrwc.org>, to help families navigate options for children to get to/from school and activities, including SamTrans' bus routes. With SamTrans' Reimagine Campaign, we hope you will strongly consider reconnecting the full 295 route that served our area prior to 2014, to maximize the benefit for families in search of safe transportation options. In our conversations with parents, most will avoid transit if it requires a transfer. More than a dozen schools are connected through this single route, a truly special opportunity for the thousands of students who attend schools in Redwood City.

As Superintendent, I am in a unique position to communicate with our School Principals, parents and students about Route 295, along with other SamTrans bus routes. We welcome the opportunity to partner with you to support students getting to school safely and efficiently. Making transit more available for youth removes traffic on

city streets, obviously making buses move faster, reduces emissions, increases and diversifies transit ridership, and so much more.

Please let me know if I can answer any questions or provide additional information.

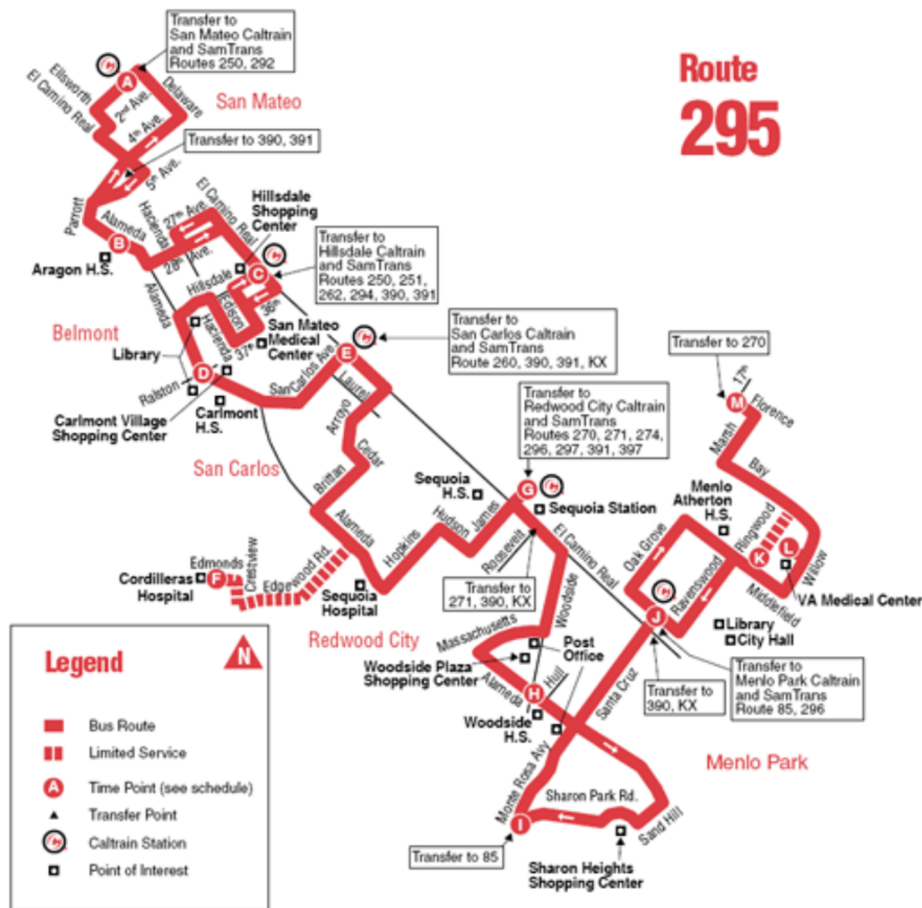
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John R. Baker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line extending to the right.

John R. Baker, Ed.D.  
Superintendent  
Redwood City School District

Cc: Melissa Stevenson Díaz, RWC City Manager; Mike Callagy, SMC County Manager;  
Dr. Darnise Williams, SUHSD Superintendent; Nancy Magee Superintendent of County  
Schools; Rafael Avendano Redwood City Together

# Restore SamTrans Route 295 to connect 12+ schools



Thousands of students in RWC could be served at the following schools (~½ mi):

- Sequoia High
- North Star Academy
- McKinley
- Orion (@ John Gill)
- Mandarin Immersion (@ John Gill)
- Redeemer Lutheran
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel
- Clifford
- St. Charles
- St. Pius
- Woodside High
- Selby Lane/Adelante
- Kennedy
- Ford