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Subject: FW: JJDP: Public Comment/Letter to Board re Impact on Access to Juvenile Court and YSC
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To: The SamTrans Board of Directors:

In advance of your meeting tomorrow, the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission of San Mateo County submit the attached letter to alert you to the **significant negative impact of the recent elimination of bus service (Route 260) to SMC's Youth Services Center (222 Paul Scannell Drive). This is also the location of SMC's juvenile court, juvenile probation, and juvenile hall. In addition, the County Community School (Gateway) is located nearby on Tower Road.** This change in service was effective as of November 6, 2022, as a result of the Reimagining SamTrans project.

Public transportation to the YSC and access to the related services at this location is vital and necessary to the community - elimination of this service presents a critical equity issue per SamTrans' stated equity priorities.

We thank you in advance for your consideration of these concerns. Commissioners from the JJDP will be attending the meeting to address this during the public comment section of the agenda. A copy of the attached letter is also being sent to the SMC Board of Supervisors.

Sincerely,

On behalf of the SMC Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission:

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December 6, 2022

SamTrans Board of Directors
1250 San Carlos Ave.
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cc: San Mateo County Board of Supervisors
cc: San Mateo County Board of Education

Subject: Access to the Youth Services Center and Juvenile Court via Public Transportation

Problem: As a result of the Reimagining SamTrans project, SamTrans recently eliminated service to San Mateo County's Youth Services Center (YSC) - the location of San Mateo County's juvenile court, juvenile probation, and juvenile hall. Now, NO reasonable public transportation to the facility exists. Route 260, which used to have a stop at the YSC, now ends at Ralston Ave. and Alameda de las Pulgas. From there, the YSC is now a steep 2.7 miles uphill walk that in many places does not even have a sidewalk.

The Youth Services Center provides vital court ordered services to children and families. These services include:

- Juvenile Dependency Court (Child Protective Services, Foster Care, and Adoptions)
- Juvenile Delinquency Court
 - Justice System Involved Youth & Families
 - Crime Victims & Families.
- Juvenile Hall (Visiting, BHRS Services: i.e., Family Therapy, Educational Meetings: i.e., IEP, Parent-Teacher Conferences)
- Juvenile Probation (Probation Officers & Services, Community Care Program, Electronic Monitoring Program)
- Juvenile Traffic Court
- Private Public Defender Legal Services.

Possible Solution: Extend Route 260 bus service to coincide with juvenile court calendars and juvenile hall visitation schedules.

Background: SamTrans final report on its three-year project, Reimagining SamTrans, was issued in March 2022. One of its four guiding principles was to “Provide transportation services that support principles of social equity.” This included prioritizing “service, infrastructure, and pilot projects in SamTrans’ Equity Priority Areas.” SamTrans defined its Equity Priority Areas as those with:

- Zero car households
- Lower-income households
- Non-white households.

Much of East Palo Alto, Redwood City, South San Francisco, San Bruno, Daly City, and Half Moon Bay qualify as Equity Priority Areas. A portion of Belmont, along Polhemus Road is also designated as an Equity Priority Area.

The vast majority of youth and families who must access the Youth Services Center live in Equity Priority Areas and meet all three qualifiers: zero cars, lower income, and non-white. The San Mateo County Community Collaboration for Children’s Success report documents the high involvement of lower-income, non-white youth in the juvenile justice system.

Public transportation to the Youth Services Center is a vital and necessary service consistent with SamTrans’ equity priorities.

In order to meet the needs of our most vulnerable children and families in San Mateo County, we are formally requesting Sam Trans restore service to the Youth Services Center as soon as possible.

On behalf of the San Mateo County Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commission,



Monroe Labouisse

Chair

San Mateo County Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commission

From: [Mass Transit](#)
To: [Board \(@samtrans.com\)](mailto:Board (@samtrans.com))
Subject: Create a vendor engagement strategy and measure success in tomorrow's webinar!
Date: Sunday, December 4, 2022 9:23:29 AM

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From: [Eleonora Movsesova](#)
To: [Board \(@samtrans.com\)](mailto:Board (@samtrans.com))
Subject: Re: Adding school bus-stop signs of the the bus 40 to the bus stop 141 going to Skyline College
Date: Sunday, December 4, 2022 2:39:30 PM

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Thanks so much , I really appreciate your care to add 2 more 40 bus stops on the Sneath Blvd and National Ave. It will facilitate a commute of the students even more.

Thanks so much for your great work.
Sincerely,
Eleonora Movsesova
Jefferson Elem. School District staff
Sent from my iPhone

> On Oct 5, 2022, at 6:21 AM, Eleonora Movsesova <emovseso@gmail.com> wrote:

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> Dear to whom it may concern:

> I'm a citizen of San Mateo County(San Bruno) and working for the Jefferson Elementary School District (Middle as well) in Daly City . With the new reimaging system of Samtrance, I have noticed that the school bus sign of 40 is omitted on the Sneath boulevard . For a convenience and easy commute, Please add the 40 bus sing to the 141 bus stop sign to and from San Bruno Bart.

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> Sincerely,

> Eleonora Movsesova

> FDR Scool, Jefferson Elementary School District,

> 1200 Skyline Blvd,

> Daly City, 94015

> Sent from my iPhone