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September 21, 2023

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor, State of California  
1021 O Street, Suite 9000  
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**RE: AB 1377 (Friedman) HHAPP Transit Impact Considerations – SIGNATURE REQUEST**

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans), I write today to request that you please **SIGN** AB 1377 (Friedman). This bill would require that grant applicants to California's Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program provide data and a narrative summary of specific and quantifiable steps that the applicant has taken to improve the delivery of housing and services to people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness on transit properties that operate in their jurisdiction.

Many transit agencies, including SamTrans, have experienced a notable rise in the number of individuals experiencing homelessness seeking shelter on our facilities. As a transit district, we are ineligible to apply for most state grants, instead having to rely on external service providers prioritizing investments elsewhere.

This additional reporting requirement would provide important insights to our local agencies and the State on the effectiveness of its funding initiatives in serving this segment of the unhoused population. It would also help ensure that homeless support providers better coordinate with our agency.

We are pleased to **SUPPORT** AB 1377 and ask that you please SIGN this important bill. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Please contact Government and Community Affairs Manager Jessica Epstein at [epsteinj@samtrans.com](mailto:epsteinj@samtrans.com) if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "April Chan".

April Chan  
General Manager/CEO

Cc: San Mateo County Transit District Board of Directors  
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**RE: AB 557 (Hart) Brown Act – SIGNATURE REQUEST**

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans) and San Mateo County Transportation Authority (TA), I write today to request that you please **SIGN** AB 557 (Hart), which would continue the Brown Act emergency teleconference procedure established by Executive Order in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and by AB 361 (Rivas).

The AB 361 emergency teleconference procedure allowed for remote participation in meetings of legislative bodies during a declared state of emergency that requires social distancing or otherwise prevents an agency from safely meeting in person.

During the pandemic, local agencies needed flexibility to meet remotely when it was unsafe to meet in person. Like other public agencies, SamTrans and the TA continued to issue public meeting notices and agendas as required by the Brown Act, invite and consider public input, and make meetings accessible to the community and the larger public using various technological means when meeting remotely.

AB 361 is set to expire at the end of 2023, and AB 557 would extend the sunset on the emergency remote meeting procedures to January 1, 2026. The bill also would extend the timeframe from 30 days to 45 days for local legislative bodies to justify holding remote meetings. This extension is particularly helpful for regular meeting schedules tied to calendar months rather than weeks. Enactment of AB 557 would ensure that local agencies, including SamTrans and the TA, retain appropriate tools to address limitations imposed by future emergencies and enable them to react and respond effectively.

For these reasons, we ask that you please SIGN AB 557. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Sincerely,

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April Chan  
General Manager/CEO and Executive Director

Cc: San Mateo County Transit District Board of Directors  
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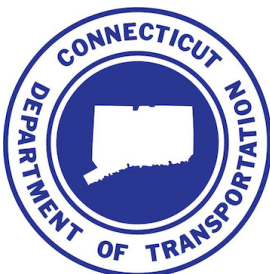
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**Comprehensive Operations Plan for Second Transfer Hub and Renewable Energy Source Options**  
From Sangamon Mass Transit District (SMTD)

LEGAL NOTICEREQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP 2023-06Comprehensive Operations Plan for Second Transfer Hub and Renewable Energy Source Options The Springfield Mass Transit District (DISTRICT) dba as Sangamon ...



**Request for Letters of Interest CSO #2389 SUPPORT SERVICES FOR A DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**  
From Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT)

The Connecticut Department of Transportation is seeking to retain one consulting firm to provide administrative and technical assistance to the Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) Business Assistance...



**Professional consultant firms**  
From Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT)

The Connecticut Department of Transportation will be conducting its annual prequalification of professional consultant firms who desire to provide services for the 2024 calendar year. Additional information...



**Bus Camera Security System Maintenance**  
From MTA – New York City Transit

SSE #: 440943DUE DATE: 9/27/23 TITLE: Bus Camera Security System MaintenanceDESC: The Work to be performed under this Contract may briefly be described as the provision of all necessary or incidental ...

### **MD 355 FLASH BRT**

From Montgomery County, Maryland

Montgomery County (Maryland) DOTMD 355 FLASH BRTMontgomery County DOT seeks the services of a qualified Progressive Design-Builder for a Progressive Design-Build contract for MD 355 Flash BRT. MD DOT ...

### **Compensation and Benefit Study**

From El Dorado County Transit Authority

El Dorado County Transit AuthorityCompensation and Benefit StudyEl Dorado County Transit Authority is seeking qualified consultants experienced in the development of a Compensation and Benefit Study. ...

### **RFI for Temporary Hydrogen Solution**

From The City of Fresno

City of Fresno/Department of Transportation/Fresno Area ExpressRequest for Information (RFI) for Temporary Hydrogen SolutionFAX seeks information from industry experts about delivery of hydrogen fuel ...

### **RFP No. 2023-006: Phone System Replacement**

From Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District (MTD)

Request for Proposals (RFP) No. 2023-006:Phone System Replacement MTD seeks proposals for the successful deployment of a full phone system replacement. The scope of this Request for Proposals (RFP) also...

### **IFB 23-08-484 IndyGo Bus Stop Improvements**

From Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation (IndyGo)

Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation (IPTC) IFB 23-08-484 IndyGo Bus Stop Improvements 2024 Construction Project Summary: Indianapolis Public Transportation Corp. dba IndyGo, is seeking bids...

### **ITB: Heavy Duty Transit Buses**

From Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)

ITB: Heavy Duty Transit BusesLocation: OhioDeadline: September 28, 2023, 1:00pm. Ohio DOT Office of Transit is accepting bids for Heavy Duty Transit Buses. These multi-year contracts will provide vehicles...

### **RFP: Transit system operations and maintenance services**

From Richland County Transit Board (RCTB)

The RCTB requests competitive proposals from qualified firms to provide transit system operations and maintenance services for Richland County Transit. The RCTB is under contract with a third party management...

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## Sound Transit celebrates opening of Hilltop Tacoma Link Extension

The 2.4-mile Hilltop extension doubles the length of the T Line and includes seven new stations.



## Metropolitan Council, Hennepin County Board of Commissioners agree to \$75.3 million in funding for METRO Blue Line Extension Light Rail Project

The funding will keep project work going through 2024, establishes a governance process for the project and identifies responsibilities between Hennepin County and the Metropolitan Council.

## CTA begins search for contractor for Red Line Extension Project

The agency has issued a Request for Proposals to three contracting teams pre-selected by CTA earlier in 2023.





### **Brightline's Miami-Orlando service to begin Sept. 22.**

The service was originally supposed to launch Sept. 1 but delays to train testing and caution over Hurricane Idalia's impact on the Florida region pushed back the opening three weeks.

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### **WMATA to begin two-week construction project on Red Line Dec. 18**

The project will allow WMATA to perform critical safety repairs to the tunnel and track infrastructure, upgrade signal and communications systems and install new platform edge lights.



### **TriMet celebrates 25th anniversary of Westside MAX Blue Line Extension**

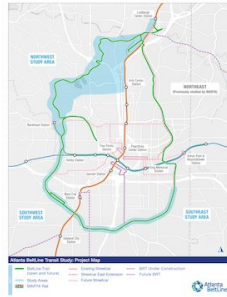
The project has helped to relieve congestion, develop communities and improve the quality of life for people in the community.

### **Amtrak selects contractor for Southern Approach construction package for Frederick Douglass Tunnel Program**

The award to Clark Construction/Stacy and Witbeck Joint Venture follows a year long competitive procurement that began in June



2022.



### Atlanta BeltLine launching transit planning study for 13.6-mile rail corridor around 22-mile BeltLine loop

The study is funded by the FTA and will identify the preferred Atlanta BeltLine transit alignment and station locations in the northwest quadrant.



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