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Subject: FYI SamTrans letter to MTC Legislative Committee
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Dear SamTrans Chair and Board Members, et al – please find the attached letter that Ms. Epstein sent out earlier today to MTC. It will also be included into the Board’s regular correspondence packet tomorrow afternoon.

Best,

Dora

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December 7, 2023

Alfredo Pedroza
Chair, Metropolitan Transportation Commission
375 Beale Street, Suite 800
San Francisco, CA 94105-2066

On behalf of the San Mateo County Transit District ("District" or "SamTrans"), the managing agency and a key funding partner of the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board ("Caltrain"), we are writing to express our concerns about any efforts to consolidate Caltrain and BART.

The District has been the managing agency for Caltrain for the past 32 years, and the shared services model we employ to support the operations of SamTrans and Caltrain provide efficiencies for both agencies. The District provides shared services to Caltrain for human resources, contracts and procurement, technology, budgets, communications, grants, and more.

As you may know, the SamTrans, VTA, City & County San Francisco and Caltrain Boards finalized a new governance agreement for Caltrain in 2022. Since that time, we have been working through steps to implement the governance agreement in a deliberate, collaborative way. Negotiation and implementation of the agreement has taken substantial time and effort for all parties, as well as significant financial investment. This is not the time to open up a new governance discussion involving Caltrain. Any *envisioned* efficiencies that could result from a Caltrain and BART consolidation will take *actual* efficiencies away from the current SamTrans and Caltrain model.

MTC has not discussed a potential Caltrain-BART consolidation with us. Nonetheless, we want to go on record now with our initial view that such reorganization would not be beneficial for the District or for San Mateo County taxpayers. As a reminder, San Mateo County taxpayers already pay a portion of San Mateo Measure A sales tax proceeds to BART. In addition, SamTrans participated in funding the BART extension to SFO, contributing hundreds of millions of dollars in capital costs for that project.

The District is actively engaged with MTC in the ongoing efforts to implement the regional Transit Transformation Action Plan. We participate in Clipper START, regional wayfinding and signage standardization, and free and reduced transfer programs, and we are taking a leadership role on the new Regional Network Management Council. We expect MTC to

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consult us directly if consolidation of Caltrain with another agency is being seriously considered.

We care first and foremost about delivering quality services to our customers and residents of San Mateo County. At present, we do not believe this community would benefit – and, in fact, would be harmed – by a Caltrain-BART consolidation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Josh Powell". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "J" and "P".

Josh Powell
Chair, SamTrans Board of Directors

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "April Chan". The signature is fluid and cursive.

April Chan
General Manager/CEO, SamTrans

Cc: Chair, Joint MTC ABAG Legislative Committee
San Mateo County Transit District Board of Directors
San Mateo County Transit District State Legislative Delegation



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December 8, 2023

Elaine Horsley and Family
214 Hillside Way
Emerald Hills, CA 94062

Dear Mrs. Horsley and Family,

At the December 6th San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans) meeting, the Board of Directors adjourned in the memory and honor of your beloved husband, father, and grandfather Don Horsley.

Don was a committed advocate for transportation across San Mateo County. Whether it was the 101 Express Lanes, grade separations, or ensuring the San Mateo County coastside received its fair share of transportation funding. He worked tirelessly to improve transportation for everyone who calls San Mateo home. The San Mateo County Transportation Authority (TA) funds both Caltrain and SamTrans greatly appreciates the Don's work to sustain the public transit system in San Mateo County and improve the quality of life for everyone in the region. Don's over 30 years of dedicated public service has provided a lasting positive impact for the communities of San Mateo County and the region.

We hope this letter provides some small measure of comfort during this sad time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Josh Powell".

Josh Powell
Chair, SamTrans Board of Directors

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-----Original Message-----

From: Mary Adler <mary.adler.11@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, December 8, 2023 11:38 AM

To: Jean Brook <BrookJ@samtrans.com>

Subject: NYTimes: Could Better Buses Fix Your Commute?

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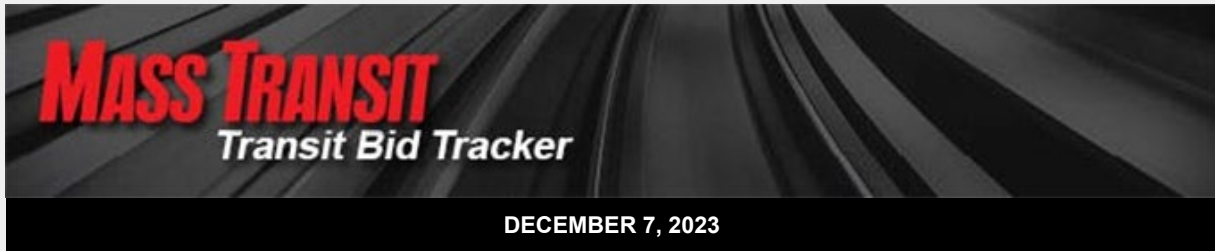
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Jean, please distribute to SamTrans board and staff.

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To: [Board \(@samtrans.com\)](mailto:Board (@samtrans.com))
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IndyGo Blue Line Contractor Informational Meeting
From Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation (IndyGo)

WHEN: January 18, 2024 (12:30 pm to 2:30 pm EST) LOCATION: IndyGo East Campus Headquarters Board Room, 9503 E. 33rd Street, Indianapolis, IN AGENDA: Doors Open – Meet/Greet (12:30 am to 1:00 pm ...



DESIGN BUILD CONTRACT
From Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC)

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR DESIGN BUILD CONTRACT FOR TRANSIT STOPS-STATIONS NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS The Ventura County Transportation Commission is seeking proposals from...

KCATA RFQ #F23-7013-39A - Construction Administration, Testing & Inspection
From Kansas City Area Transportation Authority (KCATA)

KCATA is seeking a firm to perform construction administration, testing, and inspection services. RFQ is found at <https://www.kcata.org/procurement/kcata-construction-administration-testing-inspection...>

RFP #24-0101 Marketing Services
From Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority (CMRTA) (The Comet)

The Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority (dba The COMET) is seeking proposals from qualified firms to provide Marketing Services. The RFP #24-0101 Marketing Services can be found at: <https://catchthecome...>

Software as a Service Contract
From Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)

Software as a Service Contract The Ohio DOT, Office of Transit is procuring a Software as a Service (SaaS) vendor to allow ODOT, consultants, vehicle vendors, MPOs/RTPOs, and transit agencies to share...

RFI 23-11-491 IndyGo Blue Line BRT. Articulated (60') Bus

From Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation (IndyGo)

The Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation (dba IndyGo),The transportation sector is the largest greenhouse-gas-emitting sector. Transitioning to cleaner fuel sources can help reduce emissions...

RFP: No. 23-00263 PARATRANSIT SERVICES

From Hampton Roads Transit (HRT)

Hampton Roads Transit (HRT) requests proposals from highly qualified firms with requisite experience and service offerings to provide paratransit van, sedan, and call center services. Proposal packages...

RFP 24-T004 Microtransit & Paratransit

From Trinity Metro

The purpose of this RFP is to solicit responses from qualified firms (Proposers) and technology providers to provide a package for Microtransit/Paratransit Services for the designated areas within Tarrant...

Fluid Management and Inventory Control

From Trinity Metro

Trinity Metro is seeking proposals to replace the current Red Jacket 1401 system with a Veeder-Root TLS 450 Plus or approved equivalent and add inventory probes/sensors to all of our liquid tanks, sumps...

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