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Dear SamTrans Planning Department,

I would like to make a formal request to reinstate the 85 bus morning route. I am one of the parents who attended the virtual meeting on February 1, which included representatives from SamTrans, as well as members of the Portola Valley School District.

My child previously took that bus route to school in the mornings before the route was discontinued. I completely understand the reasons behind discontinuing the route due to low ridership, and limited SamTrans resources.

In recent years, we have had an influx of families in our area with school-aged children. I took a poll of the families in our area, and was able to confirm that if the bus were reinstated in the next academic year 2024-25, 44 students would ride the bus to school in the mornings. In a few years, that number would jump to 50.

Our area of Woodside by Skyline and 84 is geographically isolated from the location of the schools our children attend (Ormondale and Corte Madera), and it takes about 20 minutes to commute through the winding parts of 84 to get to the schools. We live closer to Woodside Elementary. Many years ago, when the decision was made to have the children in our area attend the Portola Valley schools, our older neighbors tell us that there was a promise to provide a bus.

Now that a bus is no longer available, it is a significant burden on the families in our area. Please consider reinstating the 85 morning bus route. If the afternoon ridership is low, perhaps that route can be discontinued, and the resources can be put towards the morning route, which is the one that would benefit the most families.

Thank you,  
Audrey Toda