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August 12, 2024

Patrick Gilster
Director, Planning and Fund Management
San Mateo County Transportation Authority
1250 San Carlos Avenue
San Carlos, CA 94070

RE: Letter of Support for the Hillside Boulevard Complete Streets Corridor Project

Dear Mr. Gilster:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans), I am writing to express my strong support for the Daly City and County of San Mateo's Hillside Boulevard Complete Streets Corridor Project (Project) grant application to the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (TA)'s Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Call for Projects, in partnership with the Town of Colma.

Hillside Boulevard serves the north county and facilitates regional travel through Daly City, the unincorporated County, Colma and South San Francisco, including commuters to major biotech employment centers in South San Francisco and destinations across the county line in San Francisco. The proposed Project area also accommodates many local trips, connecting neighborhood residents to local schools, businesses, SamTrans bus stops on Hillside Boulevard and East Market Street, and the Colma BART Station approximately one-half mile to the west.

The proposed Project will improve safety and accessibility in an area with a high concentration of low-income, transit-dependent, and immigrant residents. Unlike the two-lane road configuration that exists at the north and south ends of the Project area, the portion of Hillside Boulevard between East Market and Hoffman Streets has four motor-vehicle through lanes, narrow sidewalks with obstructions, and no dedicated space for bicyclists. The auto-centric nature of Hillside Boulevard is one of the reasons it is identified on the C/CAG Pedestrian High Injury Network and Daly City's Local Road Safety Plan.

The Project will build on recommendations from the Daly City Community Based Transportation Plan and a UC Berkeley SafeTrec Safety Assessment and proposes to reduce the number of motor vehicle lanes, re-align sharply skewed intersecting streets to reduce lengthy pedestrian crossing distances, provide more protected space for people walking and biking, increase tree canopy and add green infrastructure. The Project will also plan for wayfinding and accessibility improvements via A and B Streets to the Colma BART

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station as part of improving safe routes to transit. The design of improvements will also support and comply with the SamTrans Bus Stop Improvement Plan and SamTrans bus stop design guidelines.

Successful implementation will require extensive stakeholder engagement and outreach to reach residents and businesses to ensure the Project meets community needs. SamTrans looks forward to participating in this Project and recommends that the TA give favorable consideration toward funding it. Please contact Government and Community Affairs Director Jessica Epstein at epsteinj@samtrans.com if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Mello', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Josh Mello, A.I.C.P.
Executive Officer, Planning and Development

Cc: San Mateo County Transit District Board of Directors

From: [Mass Transit Board \(@samtrans.com\)](#)
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Dispatching Software

From Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT)

We are pleased to announce the upcoming release of the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Washington State Ferries Division Dispatch Replacement Project. We invite all interested vendors to participate in this exciting opportunity. Washington...



CSO #2464 ADA Title II Municipal Support Services

From Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT)

The Connecticut Department of Transportation (Department) is seeking to retain one (1) consultant firm to provide services to support the Department in the development and implementation of an Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Municipal Program...



MTA- NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT (NYCT) Qualified Products List (QPL)

From MTA – New York City Transit

MTA- NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT (NYCT) Qualified Products List (QPL) Notice to potential suppliers: NYCT will make available to potential vendors copies of the following Qualified Products List (QPL). Subway Car Parts: Subway car items including...

RFP2025-01 – New Mexico Rail Runner Express Operations and Maintenance Facility Design Consultant and Owner Representative

From Rio Metro Regional Transit District (RMRTD)

Procurement No. RFP2025-01 – New Mexico Rail Runner Express Operations and Maintenance Facility Design Consultant and Owner Representative Proposals Due: September 27, 2024, 2:00 p.m. (MST) The RMRTD invites qualified individuals and ...

Solicitation 24-026 - 3rd Party Transportation Operator

From Douglas County Board of Commissioners

Douglas County, Georgia, Board of Commissioners Solicitation 24-026 - 3rd Party Transportation Operator Dear Gentleman/Ladies: Douglas County is seeking an outside third-party operator to provide the operation of its public transportation Connect...

TRANSIT ROUTE SCHEDULING/RUNCUTTING SOFTWARE SYSTEM

From The Grant Transit Authority (GTA)

TRANSIT ROUTE SCHEDULING/RUNCUTTING SOFTWARE SYSTEM (RFP) #24-01 Grant Transit Authority (GTA), the public transportation provider in Grant County, Washington, is seeking a qualified contractor or vendor with substantial experience...

RFP Title IFB: Bus Stop Shelters

From Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation

IFB: Bus Stop Shelters Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation hereby invites bids

from qualified vendors for the provision of multiple bus shelters of similar style and size to existing shelters. For more info: <https://bloomingtontransit...>

RFP S24125 Customer Code of Conduct Program

From Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA)

RFP S24125 Customer Code of Conduct Program VTA is looking for a qualified facilitator to help our advisory committee develop a Customer Code of Conduct Program. This position would guide the committee in developing a mission and goals...

RFP 24-07-503 IndyGo Fiscal Sustainability Study Project Summary

From Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation (IndyGo)

RFP 24-07-503 IndyGo Fiscal Sustainability Study Project Summary: IPTC needs to ensure its internal operations respond to changes in ridership and, correspondingly, changing revenue levels. Therefore, IPTC is seeking support in improving the...

Low / Zero Emission Study, Infrastructure Assessment & Transition Plan

From South Bend Public Transportation Corporation (TRANSPO)

Transpo is seeking proposals for a Low/Zero Emission Study, Assessment & Transition Plan. Interested firms may request a copy of the proposal by emailing ahill@sbtranspo.com. Proposals are due September 25, 2024.

To post a RFP, please contact Amy Stauffer

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From: [SamTrans BOD Public Support](#)
To: [Janet Davis](#)
Cc: [Board \(@samtrans.com\)](#)
Subject: Re: Failure Notice
Date: Thursday, August 15, 2024 5:21:56 PM

To Janet Davis,

Thank you for contacting SamTrans. We appreciate you taking the time to share your concerns. Know that your comments were forwarded to the proper parties for further handling, including our Operations Planning and Government & Community Affairs teams. A copy of this correspondence will also be provided to our Board of Directors.

You are right in your assessment that the District, specifically the Transportation Authority (TA), can fund shuttle service. You are correct that our staff spoke with County representatives and shared the following information. The sponsoring agency—meaning the agency that has the idea for a shuttle, plans it, and seeks funding—must be a local jurisdiction. SamTrans cannot be the sponsoring agency for any shuttle. In this case the sponsoring agency would need to be the County. The County could apply for funding from the Transportation Authority. The next funding cycle is in 2025, and we encourage all jurisdictions to apply. An added benefit of being funded by the TA is that SamTrans can operate the shuttle so that funded jurisdiction do not need to operate the shuttle. We are happy to continue talking to the County and exploring creative solutions.

Regarding the painting of the curb at Middlefield Rd & Fifth Ave, this change, among others along Middlefield Rd, was part of a project headed by the County of San Mateo and includes other bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure improvements. We are actively engaged with the County on this issue given the impacts reported by local businesses.

We greatly appreciate you bringing these concerns to us. SamTrans provides our service without regard to race, color, or national origin; our consideration is only if our service is distributed effectively and equitably.

Your SamTrans BOD Public Support Team

From: Janet Davis <jadjad@sbglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2024 6:21 PM
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The residents of North and South Fair Oaks, the majority of whom are Hispanic, have been imploring the county for some time to provide a safe way to get from Middlefield Road to Target and other locations on El Camino. Others have a need to get from the South Fair Oaks area to the Medical facilities and ethnic stores along Middlefield Road. Women; children; cyclists; and the mobility impaired, or elderly, are particularly in need.

The obvious, and economically sensible solution, is an electric shuttle bus running between the two locations. I think this was proposed by the Supervisor for that District. However, apparently this suggestion was summarily dismissed.

This smacks of racial bias. I used Google to check out the Board members: only one of whom had the faintest qualification to assess transportation needs, and even that appears likely to have been related to moving garbage and not people. Only one board member has the merest suggestion of a Hispanic background. Google reported one member was removed from another post for insulting comments. **The fact that the member supposed to represent the North Fair Oaks area did not support this shuttle is utterly amazing, especially given the fact that the NFO Council (on which he sat) endorsed the totally infeasible and astoundingly expensive bridge/tunnel proposed options for crossing the railroad lines. However, this member is not Hispanic and does not live in the affected area.**

Another incidence of seemingly total incompetence and racial bias is the recent red painting of the curb at Middlefield and Fifth that is causing financial distress to the nearby businesses who are losing customers.

The two Board of Supervisor members of the Samtrans board should spend less time continuously courting media coverage, and more time working to address the needs of the people of San Mateo County. Samtrans must spend millions each year on the double buses cruising El Camino that are frequently completely empty. If the Board did its job it would work to solve the *actual* transportation needs of this county: especially with respect to east/west routes and most particularly to the pressing transportation needs of the poorer communities such as North and South Fair Oaks. I believe that over \$50 million is proposed to be frittered away upgrading bus stops! A far better use of that money would be to have non-polluting buses go where they are actually needed. Hopefully there are a few *actual employees* of Samtrans that have the education and experience (as opposed to the current board) to figure out how to serve the community who pay their salaries with the sales tax.