



SamTrans Board of Directors  
Meeting of April 2, 2025

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# Subject

1. Concerns of FCX Route
2. Board Follow-up Letter on Ballot Measure re: SB 63 (Wiener) Regional Transportation Funding

**From:** [Chrissy Chen](#)  
**To:** [Board \(@samtrans.com\)](#); [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Concerns of FCX Route  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I hope this message finds you well. My name is Chrissy, and I am writing to express my concerns regarding the recent changes to the FCX Community Express route, which took effect on August 4, 2024.

I work near 9th and Mission Street, and the FCX has always been a convenient and affordable option for my daily commute. However, with the new route now stopping only at the Salesforce Transit Center, I have to spend extra time and money taking MUNI.

While I appreciate the expanded service times, I would like to kindly request that you consider adding at least one stop near 9th and Mission to better accommodate those of us who depend on this route.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best regards,  
Chrissy

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March 19, 2025

The Honorable Scott Wiener  
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The Honorable Jesse Arreguín  
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**RE: SB 63 (Wiener) Regional Transportation Funding**

Dear Senator Wiener and Senator Arreguín:

For the past two years, the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans) and the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (Transportation Authority) have actively engaged in efforts to create a viable regional transportation ballot measure. We recognize the importance of a robust and interconnected transportation network.

Unfortunately, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) process did not result in a measure proposal we could support. MTC's polling also confirmed that a regional measure requiring affirmative votes from two-thirds of the electorate is not viable.

We appreciate many elements of MTC's recently adopted Revenue Measure Principles, which align with values we consistently advocated for throughout the process. However, relying on a successful citizens' initiative (and its associated 50 percent + one vote threshold) to pass a half-cent sales tax increase for public transportation comes with significant risk.

For these reasons, SamTrans and the Transportation Authority will proactively:

- Focus on reauthorizing San Mateo County's Measure A half-cent transportation sales tax in 2028, even though it does not expire until December 31, 2033. Early reauthorization of Measure A with a new expenditure plan could accelerate funding for transit operations. We will explore renewing Measure A at the current half-cent sales tax level, and at a higher rate to generate more funding. This effort may require new authorizing legislation.
- In parallel, continue collaborating with the bill authors and the Bay Area delegation as the regional measure unfolds. We intend to help shape the legislation fairly and ensure San Mateo County preserves the option to opt-in voluntarily.
- Conduct polling and focus groups to guide informed decision-making on the best path forward for San Mateo County to generate transportation funding both locally and regionally.

Senator Wiener, Senator Arreguín

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We will continue to work towards fair and practical solutions. If you have questions please contact Jessica Epstein, Government and Community Affairs Director, at [epsteinj@samtrans.com](mailto:epsteinj@samtrans.com).

Sincerely,



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