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Hello,

I am writing to provide public comment on 9.C.3 and 13.A - proposed changes to the SamTrans Way-2-Go Program in the case I am not able to make my comment orally at the board meeting today.

"Good Afternoon, my name is Weijia Song a Senior project developer at Eden Housing. On behalf of Eden, one of the oldest non-profit affordable housing developers operating in California, I would like to voice our support of the proposed fare program changes to the Way2Go Program. In 2019 Eden partnered with SamTrans and the City of East Palo Alto and secured a 20M grant from State HCD to fund the construction of new affordable housing units at Light Tree Apartments as well as a plethora of transit improvements throughout San Mateo County. We committed as part of the grant to provide transit passes to all residents, the proposed changes to the way to go program would allow Eden to continue these passes beyond the lifetime of the grant. We all know the importance and need to build more affordable and supportive housing in California, being able to partner with Samtrans and provide low-income families with housing in tandem with access to high quality transit helps connect residents with employment and education opportunities across the peninsula that will create more sustainable communities. Thank you to the Samtrans staff who developed the comprehensive changes to the Way2Go Program and hope that the board will support the changes proposed today."

Thank you,
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