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From: [Peoples Transit Alliance](#)
To: [Board \(@samtrans.com\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Letter from Electeds to MTC: Distributing Transit Rescue Funds for Immediate Use
Date: Monday, June 7, 2021 3:49:18 PM
Attachments: [Ltr From Electeds to MTC \(Final\).pdf](#)

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Dear SamTrans,

Please forward the attached letter to the members of the Board as well as the General Manager. Thank you,

Katy Scott-Smith
(650) 452-2004

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Peoples Transit Alliance** <pta@eastbaydsa.org>
Date: Mon, Jun 7, 2021 at 3:30 PM
Subject: Letter from Electeds to MTC: Distributing Transit Rescue Funds for Immediate Use
To: <Margaret.abe-koga@mountainview.gov>, <alfredo.pedroza@countyofnapa.org>, <dconnolly@marincounty.org>, <ucmayor@unioncity.org>, <dgiacopini@mtc.ca.gov>, <dist5@bos.cccounty.us>, <ahalsted@aol.com>, <nickj@getsfmoving.com>, <mayoremail@sanjoseca.gov>, <blumacjazz@aol.com>, <GPapan@ci.millbrae.ca.us>, <david.rabbitt@sonoma-county.org>, Ronen, Hillary <hillary.ronen@sfgov.org>, <officeofthemayor@oaklandnet.com>, <JPSpering@solanocounty.com>, <James.L.Stracner@hud.gov>, <Tony_Tavares@dot.ca.gov>, <aworth@cityoforinda.org>, <eddie.ahn.mtc@gmail.com>, <dcanepa@smcgov.org>, <cindy.chavez@bos.sccgov.org>, <bosdist4@acgov.org>, <tmcmillan@bayareametro.gov>
Cc: <info@bayareametro.gov>

Dear MTC Chair Pedroza and Commissioners,

Please see the attached letter from Bay Area elected officials, which urges the immediate release of federal transit rescue funds. A substantially similar letter will be sent from Supervisor Haubert's office as well.

Thank you,

Katy Scott-Smith

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Peoples Transit Alliance

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June 7, 2021

Re: Distributing Transit Rescue Funds For Immediate Use

Dear Chair Pedroza and Commissioners:

As elected officials in the Bay Area, we write to urge you to allocate \$1.67 billion in American Rescue Plan (ARP) transit funds for immediate use.

Congress has apportioned to Bay Area transit agencies a generous stimulus package to hire workers and restore service, and we are disappointed to learn that MTC is not planning to adopt an allocation of these funds until late July. The transit agencies in our districts need to budget these funds now in order to plan to hire workers, fund operations, and restore service in the fiscal year that begins July 1. As mid-pandemic stimulus funding, it should be distributed immediately to stimulate our local economies by hiring workers and taking shoppers and diners to their destinations to spend money in our communities.

We strongly oppose MTC's positioning itself as a gatekeeper over when our transit agencies can access their shares of this crucial funding. MTC's statement that it is "playing the long game" contradicts the explicit purpose of these funds: to recover transit operations from the pandemic and stimulate our economies. Currently, thousands of riders are being passed up each day because buses and trains are running reduced schedules. The longer service levels remain reduced, the more likely it is that riders will give up on transit and find permanent alternatives.

Transit is an essential public service that our constituents depend on, especially our low income and Black and Brown constituents, and our elders, students, and disabled. Each day that MTC delays making an allocation of ARP funds, you deny our local transit agency boards, and our transit workers and riders, the chance to plan for a swift recovery of service.

We urge the MTC to allocate (or make a fund estimate of) ARP funds immediately, so that it can be put to immediate use in restoring service and creating good union jobs.

Signed,

Jovanka Beckles
AC Transit Board, Ward 1

Gayle McLaughlin
Richmond City Council, District 5

Claudia Jimenez
Richmond City Council, District 6



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From: [Patea, Marie](#)
To: [Board \(@samtrans.com\)](#)
Cc: [Epstein, Jessica](#); [Futrell, Mike](#); [Ranals, Sharon](#); [Council-Only](#)
Subject: Reimagine Sam Trans - City of SSF
Date: Friday, June 11, 2021 1:52:23 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[Reimagine SamTrans - City of SSF 6.11.21.pdf](#)

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Good afternoon Board members:

Attached please find a letter of input from City Manager Mike Futrell for Reimagine SamTrans. Thank you for all of your great work on this exciting project.

In Kindness,

MP

Marie E. Patea
Executive Assistant to the City Manager
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South San Francisco, CA 94080
(650) 829-6666



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June 11, 2021

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San Mateo County Transit District
1250 San Carlos Avenue
San Carlos, CA 94070-1306

Re: Reimagine SamTrans Input from South San Francisco

Dear Chairperson Stone, Vice Chairperson Ratto, and Members of the Board:

I write to provide input on behalf of the City of South San Francisco concerning the various alternatives presented in *Reimagine SamTrans*. The South San Francisco City Council considered the *Reimagine SamTrans* alternatives at its May 26, 2021, City Council meeting, and gave direct input to SamTrans staff attending the meeting. City Council also gave direction to city staff that written input should be provided as well following a planned outreach event in South San Francisco on June 5, 2021. Based upon that City Council meeting, and the outreach to our residents and businesses concerning the three alternatives, alternative two comes closest to matching desired outcomes. Below, however, are the elements of *Reimagine SamTrans* across all three alternatives which will best serve our residents and businesses:

1. Creating shuttle service from the South San Francisco BART station to employment centers located East of Highway 101 (E101) in South San Francisco is critical and of highest priority. The E101 employment area contains the world's largest single cluster of biotechnology companies, with currently 12 million square feet of Research and Development (R&D) facilities in operation and another eight million square feet under construction or in planning. In November, 2021, the large fintech company *Stripe* will relocate its headquarters from San Francisco to E101 in South San Francisco, bringing with it up to 2,000 employees. Plus this area is home to over 3,000 hotel rooms, two Costco stores, an Amazon distribution center, hundreds of non-biotech businesses and tens-of-thousands of jobs. This area is predicted to have the highest job growth in San Mateo County over the next five years. Providing dependable, regular shuttle service from BART is essential.
2. Create SamTrans bus service from other points in the county to the employment hubs in the E101 area, for the reasons stated above. E101 workers have been asking for SamTrans bus service, and in particular SamTrans express bus service, for many years.

3. Provide connections to the South San Francisco Caltrain Station, currently under construction and slated to have greatly enhanced service under the Caltrain long range plan. A true transit system must provide the connections necessary for riders to seamlessly move from origin to destination, which means facilitating connections between Caltrain, BART and WETA ferry terminals. SamTrans can provide that connection.
4. Do not alter Route 292. This route provides service into San Francisco and is essential to many South San Francisco residents who rely on the existing service for work, for school and many other activities.
5. Consider keeping and/or adding routes which service late night riders. Many South San Francisco residents work jobs which require late night transportation.
6. Avoid reducing routes to schools. Without this service many students or their parents will drive to school, adding vehicles to the already congested commute. Student ridership patterns are predictable and steady, and niche routes should be developed to service this need.
7. Support the implementation of Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) along the El Camino Real Corridor, complementing the Grand Boulevard Initiative and providing a more workable commute option along this very busy traffic artery.
8. Invest in appealing and safe bus shelters, along with technology enabling riders to track buses and more easily understand bus routes. Waiting for a bus is as much a part of the rider experience as the bus itself. During public outreach, complaints about bus shelters, or the lack of bus shelters, was the number one comment from the public.

I greatly appreciate the outreach conducted by SamTrans staff, which was conducted professionally and thoroughly. The work by Jessica Epstein and her team was very well done and responsive to the requests from our community. In particular, the recent in-person outdoor town hall in our Latinx community was well attended and well received. Thank you for the efforts made to capture the needs and voice of South San Francisco.

We look forward to working with SamTrans staff and the Board as *Reimagine SamTrans* rolls forward. I understand a “final” proposed route schedule will be available in the fall for further public comment. We will work with the SamTrans outreach team at that time to ensure the new plan is thoroughly communicated to our residents and businesses, and that robust public outreach yields the feedback necessary for the Board to make a final decision.

Thank you for your work. It is difficult to meet the needs of all concerned in a financially constrained environment. I hope the points made above will aid in your decision making.

Sincerely,


Mike Futrell
City Manager, South San Francisco

cc. South San Francisco City Council, Biocom California, California Life Sciences Association,
South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, SAMCEDA

From: [MICHAEL HARRIS](#)
To: [Michael Richardson](#)
Cc: [David Canepa](#); [Board \(@samtrans.com\)](#); [Medina, Rico \[rmedina@sanbruno.ca.gov\]](#); [Rios, Rona](#); [Pine, Dave \[dpine@smcgov.org\]](#); [Phillip Perry](#); [Alex Greenwood](#)
Subject: Home Depot can pay for 2 ECR bus shelters
Date: Thursday, June 10, 2021 11:01:21 AM

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Dear Michael,

Please ask David to consider requesting HD to pay for two ECR bus shelters bottom of hill.

They could use these for advertising too. I think \$10000 each would suffice.

It would not be fair though to request they pay for vandalism which will occur after they are built.

In other areas, maybe merchants can also be requested & given the opportunity to do the same.

San Bruno & Millbrae could use ECR shelters. Local merchants might find this appealing.

Mike

From: [MICHAEL HARRIS](#)
To: [O'Connor, Matthew](#)
Cc: [Murphy, Fahmida](#); [caltrans.d4@dot.ca.gov](#); [caltrans_d4@dot.ca.gov](#); [Board \(@samtrans.com\)](#)
Subject: Re: Hickey to Colma hazardous road update request (Thank you)
Date: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 3:28:06 PM

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Thank you Matt,

Caltrans answered again with their link to the form that did not work.

Cindy knows the person who was hit & then prompted the installation of the posts from Hickey to Arlington.

I did not know there was a procedure for SSF Street Dept to deal with this. They cut this area few years ago when I was taking ECR Bus north. So I know it was done before.

Again crossing from Greenridge apts to Costco, a car cut in front front of me.

I had crossed 4+ lanes of traffic. He saw me.

We cannot fix traffic problems 1 driver at a time.
We have a whole culture of:

I get everything I can. Screw everyone else.

Mike

On Tuesday, June 8, 2021, 01:00:12 PM PDT, O'Connor, Matthew <matthew.o'connor@ssf.net> wrote:

Hey Mike,

I drove this stretch of road a few times over the last few weeks. The base of the tree appeared fine; however, the branches and canopy appeared to cover quite a bit of El Camino. The canopy's scope included traffic lanes on El Camino and power lines.

I arranged for our dispatchers to enter this as a "special service," where our street department might trim it if they deemed it necessary.

Thanks for staying on top of everything, Mike! Have a good week.

Matt

From: MICHAEL HARRIS <usmmmh@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 12:51 PM
To: O'Connor, Matthew <Matthew.O'Connor@ssf.net>
Cc: Murphy, Fahmida <Fahmida.Murphy@ssf.net>; [caltrans.d4@dot.ca.gov](#); [caltrans_d4@dot.ca.gov](#);

board@samtrans.com

Subject: Hickey to Colma hazardous road update request

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Dear Matt,

Did you have a chance to visit the hazardous road section?

Monday winds had gusts to 55 MPH.

As the trees & branches dry & crack, they become more subject to breaking.

These trees have very dense / heavy wood.

If a branch breaks, it could well crush a vehicle.

I have the same problem on the Monterey Cypress behind me.

After Edgar Arias closed the case, the following night branches broke off the tree on neighbor's property.

There is a fire hazard here again. I will cut my area for the fourth time this year soonest.

Code enforcement dropped the ball since Summer 2020 on this hazard.

Black BMW, no mufflers is gone so far.

Mike

From: [O'Connor, Matthew](#)
To: [Harris, Mike](#)
Cc: [Murphy, Fahmida](#); caltrans.d4@dot.ca.gov; caltrans_d4@dot.ca.gov; [Board \(@samtrans.com\)](mailto:Board (@samtrans.com))
Subject: RE: Hickey to Colma hazardous road update request
Date: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 1:00:15 PM

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Cc: Murphy, Fahmida <Fahmida.Murphy@ssf.net>; caltrans.d4@dot.ca.gov; caltrans_d4@dot.ca.gov; board@samtrans.com
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Mike

From: [MICHAEL HARRIS](#)
To: [O'Connor, Matthew](#)
Cc: [Fahmida Murphy](#); caltrans.d4@dot.ca.gov; caltrans_d4@dot.ca.gov; [Board \(@samtrans.com\)](mailto:Board (@samtrans.com))
Subject: Hickey to Colma hazardous road update request
Date: Tuesday, June 8, 2021 12:50:56 PM

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Mike

From: [Dean Lan](#)
To: [Board \(@samtrans.com\)](mailto:Board (@samtrans.com))
Subject: Sam Trans anti-racism art on buses and shelters
Date: Monday, June 7, 2021 7:57:30 PM

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Dear Sam Trans.

I love your commitment to have zero tolerance for racism. Thank you for supporting diversity, equity and inclusion.

Best,
Dean Lan

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Dean Lan
dlan0000@gmail.com
916-813-4348

From: [Amy L](#)
To: [Board \(@samtrans.com\)](mailto:Board (@samtrans.com))
Subject: SamTrans Launches New Anti-Racism Artwork on Buses and Shelters in Support of AAPI Community
Date: Sunday, June 6, 2021 11:03:50 PM

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SamTrans,
Thank you for initiating the anti-racism campaign. Art in action raises awareness and showcases your solidarity with the community.
Buses are symbolic and a real part of the civil rights movement- we appreciate all that you do!
Amy Kelly Lauer,
ARC member

More comments below!

Sent from my phone.
(650) 302-5161

Begin forwarded message:

From: 'STEVE HENDERSON' via Millbrae ARC Announcements <millbrae-arc-announcements@googlegroups.com>
Date: June 6, 2021 at 8:59:02 AM PDT
To: minikar2n <minikar2n@gmail.com>
Cc: Millbrae ARC Announcements <millbrae-arc-announcements@googlegroups.com>
Subject: Re: SamTrans Launches New Anti-Racism Artwork on Buses and Shelters in Support of AAPI Community
Reply-To: STEVE HENDERSON <hennduu@aol.com>

Hello,

I am a member of Millbrae ARC. I want to thank you for launching the Anti-Racism Artwork Campaign. The buses are a great way to spread the word throughout the communities that you serve.

Your efforts are so very important. They show what you stand for.

Yours in Solidarity

Steve Henderson

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Susanne Wong](#)
To: [Board \(@samtrans.com\)](#)
Subject: Artwork
Date: Sunday, June 6, 2021 5:42:57 PM

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The artwork at stations promotes awareness of the diversity in our community. I support this healthy use of space.
Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Steve Hom](#)
To: [Board \(@samtrans.com\)](mailto:Board (@samtrans.com))
Subject: Thank you!
Date: Saturday, June 5, 2021 6:12:54 PM

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Hi —

I am so blown away about your new program —>
<https://www.samtrans.com/riderinformation/againsthate.html>

This is such a wonderful idea and as a 69 year old Chinese American senior, I applaud this campaign. I have forwarded this announcement as well as —
https://www.samtrans.com/about/MediaRelations/news/SamTrans_Launches_New_Anti-Racism_Artwork_on_Buses_and_Shelters_in_Support_of_AAPIO_Community.html to my friends and family on the peninsula and beyond.

Thank you so much for supporting our communities. I look forward to future programs like this.

Sincerely
Steve Hom
Millbrae

From: [Karen Chin](#)
To: [Board \(@samtrans.com\)](#)
Cc: [jzaninovich@pac-12.org](#)
Subject: Love the artwork on the SamTrans buses
Date: Monday, June 7, 2021 6:44:57 PM

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Dear Board of SamTrans,

https://www.samtrans.com/about/MediaRelations/news/SamTrans_Launches_New_Anti-Racism_Artwork_on_Buses_and_Shelters_in_Support_of_AAPIO_Community.html?PageMode=Print

As an AAPI resident who supports unity in our community and the celebration of diversity, I appreciate SamTrans placing this artwork on your buses. Hopefully, it will lead to some healing and cohesion in our community. At the very least, it is beautiful and encourages positivity in the community.

Thank you kindly,
Karen Chin
Millbrae ARC member and resident