

SAMTRANS
CORRESPONDENCE
as of 12-18-2020

2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

samTrans

KARYL MATSUMOTO, CHAIR
PETER RATTO, VICE CHAIR
RON COLLINS
MARINA FRASER
CAROLE GROOM
ROSE GUILBAULT
DAVE PINE
JOSH POWELL
CHARLES STONE



DAVE PINE, CHAIR
DEVORA "DEV" DAVIS, VICE CHAIR
JEANNIE BRUINS
CINDY CHAVEZ
RON COLLINS
STEVE HEMINGER
CHARLES STONE
SHAMANN WALTON
MONIQUE ZMUDA



EMILY BEACH, CHAIR
RICO E. MEDINA, VICE CHAIR
CAROLE GROOM
DON HORSLEY
JULIA MATES
KARYL MATSUMOTO
CARLOS ROMERO

1250 SAN CARLOS AVE
SAN CARLOS, CA 94070
(650) 508-6200

December 14, 2020

The Honorable Davina Hurt
City of Belmont
One Twin Pines Lane, Suite 340
Belmont, California 94002

Dear Councilmember Hurt:

Congratulations on your recent appointment to the California Air Resources Board. I wish you the very best as you work to help build a healthier, cleaner and more vibrant future for California.

On behalf of the entire SamTrans family and our partnering agencies, I want to let you know how much we look forward to working with you in your new role. It is our sincere hope that together we can continue to move the Peninsula forward - striving to reduce congestion while also improving air quality and mobility throughout the region.

Please don't hesitate to contact me or Casey Fromson, our Government and Community Affairs Director at fromsonc@samtrans.com or (650) 288-7625 with any questions or issues.

Again, congratulations on this important appointment and thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Jim Hartnett
General Manager/Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director

Cc: San Mateo County Transit District Board of Directors
Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board of Directors
San Mateo County Transportation Authority Board of Directors

Drawn
This is so exciting. Thank you for your continued support as public service.
Best
Jim

From: Adina Levin
To: [Board \(@caltrain.com\)](mailto:Board (@caltrain.com)); [Board \(@samtrans.com\)](mailto:Board (@samtrans.com))
Subject: Fwd: Join us on Dec. 16 - Making Transit Work for Essential Workers
Date: Monday, December 14, 2020 11:56:24 AM

**ATTENTION: This email came from an external source.
Do not open attachments or click on links from unknown senders.**

Dear Board Members,

A grad student class at UC Berkeley is presenting on a project on the travel patterns and needs of essential workers during Covid.

This may be of interest.

Thanks,

- Adina
Adina Levin
Friends of Caltrain / <https://greencaltrain.com>
Seamless Bay Area / <https://seamlessbayarea.org>
650-646-4344

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

From: Seamless Bay Area <info@seamlessbayarea.org>
Date: Fri, Dec 11, 2020 at 10:23 AM
Subject: Join us on Dec. 16 - Making Transit Work for Essential Workers
To: <aldeivnian@gmail.com>





Making Transit Work for Essential Workers

Reflections from Interviews
with Commuters During
the COVID-19 Pandemic

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 16 FROM 12-1 P.M.
WEBINAR FREE AND OPEN TO ALL



Hi Adina,

Nine months after the first shutdown orders went into effect in the Bay Area, our region continues to face unprecedented impacts from the COVID crisis. Transit service changes and cutbacks have made navigating the system even harder for riders, particularly those who transfer between agencies. Multiple Bay Area transit operators have announced that they are planning for additional cuts and layoffs. And in Washington D.C., lawmakers haven't been able to reach agreement on a new stimulus bill, or whether additional funding will include support for public transit.

In this perilous moment, it has never been more important for local, state, and federal leaders to listen to the voices of riders who rely on transit to do their jobs and serve their communities.

[Join us on Dec. 16 - 'Making Transit Work for Essential Workers' webinar](#)

Since the first COVID-related shutdown orders went into effect in March, tens of thousands of essential workers in the Bay Area have continued to use transit to commute to work and conduct essential errands.

This fall, UC Berkeley planning and engineering graduate students Karl Reinhardt, Amy Thomson, and Andrew Tate conducted in-depth interviews with essential workers to better understand their experiences using transit during the pandemic, including tracing their commutes to and from three Bay Area cities: San



Francisco, Oakland, and Palo Alto. Concerns about physical distancing, transit frequency, and public safety were commonly cited across all geographies.

On Wednesday, Dec. 16 at noon, join Karl, Amy, Andrew, and Seamless Bay Area for a free [webinar](#) exploring these findings. The webinar will also explore ideas for making our transit network more accessible and rider-friendly, during the pandemic and beyond. [RSVP here](#).

Thank you for supporting our fall campaign!

Back in October, Seamless Bay Area launched our fall fundraising campaign with an ambitious goal: to recruit 100 donors to support our vision for a seamless transit network. **Thanks to the generosity of the Seamless community, last week, we hit our target!**

We're deeply grateful to everyone who contributed to our campaign and spread the word to your networks. Your donations will directly support our advocacy for seamless transit in 2021 - from creating momentum around integrated fares, to advocating on the Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force.



Thank you for
your support!

Missed our fall campaign but still want to donate? [Make a contribution here](#).

What we're reading about transit and COVID

- **Streetsblog SF:** [Now fare integration is unfair?](#)
- **SF Examiner:** [Want to simplify regional transit? It's complicated](#)
- **SPUR:** [A Regional Transit Coordinator for the Bay Area](#)
- **CBS SF:** [BART joins U.S. transit agencies in demand for federal funding](#)
- **New York Times:** ['Existential peril': Mass transit faces huge service cuts across U.S.](#)

Read something interesting that's not on our list? We'd love to hear about it! Shoot us an email at info@seamlessbayarea.org.

Stay safe out there!

Stephanie Beechem

Board Member, Seamless Bay Area



Sent via ActionNetwork.org. To update your email address, change your name or address, or to stop receiving emails from Seamless Bay Area, please [click here](#).