Notice of Availability and Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration for the SamTrans Service Plan

Project Title: SamTrans Service Plan

Responsible/Lead Agency: San Mateo County Transit District, 1250 San Carlos Ave., P.O. Box 3006, San Carlos, CA 94070-1306

Project Location: San Mateo County plus bus service to San Francisco and Palo Alto in Santa Clara County

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Review Period: March 13, 2013 to April 15, 2013

Project Description:
SamTrans currently operates 48 bus routes throughout San Mateo County with service into the cities of San Francisco and Palo Alto. The proposed SamTrans Service Plan (SSP) would make changes to existing bus service by: 1) improving bus service along El Camino Real; 2) creating an enhanced core market bus network; 3) modifying bus service through consolidations, route changes, and service frequency changes; 4) discontinuation of certain bus services; 5) introduction of new routes; and 6) introduction of an alternative services pilot program.

The proposed SSP is intended to increase ridership and revenue and provide better service to the communities currently served without incurring additional operating costs to the agency. A detailed description of the proposed SSP and mapping of the proposed changes by bus route is provided on SSP website: [http://www.samtrans.com/Planning/Planning_and_Research/SamTransServicePlan/SSP-StudyReportsAndDocuments.html](http://www.samtrans.com/Planning/Planning_and_Research/SamTransServicePlan/SSP-StudyReportsAndDocuments.html)

Negative Declaration:
In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines, SamTrans prepared a Draft Initial Study / Negative Declaration for the SSP. Based on the Initial Study, staff determined that the SSP could not have a significant on the environment. The proposed SSP does not involve any physical alteration of the environment or the construction of new facilities. Potential impacts of changes in bus routes related to traffic, air quality, noise and greenhouse gas emissions were reviewed and found to be less than significant.

Public Comment Period:
March 13, 2013 to April 15, 2013
The public and all affected agencies are hereby invited to review the Draft Initial Study / Negative Declaration and submit written comments. Comments are due April 15, 2013 and should be sent to Hilda Lafebre, San Mateo County Transit District, P.O. Box 3006, San Carlos, CA 94070-1306 or lafebreh@samtrans.com
Public Hearing Date: The public hearing will be held at the San Mateo County Transit District Board Meeting on April 3, 2013 at 2:00 PM. The public hearing location is the Edward J. Bacciocco Auditorium, on the second floor at SamTrans Administrative Offices, 1250 San Carlos Ave., San Carlos, CA 94070-1306.

Document Availability: The Draft Initial Study / Negative Declaration and supporting technical studies are available on the SSP project website: http://www.samtrans.com/Planning/Planning_and_Research/SamTransServicePlan/SSP-StudyReportsAndDocuments.html

Hardcopies of the Draft Initial Study / Negative Declaration are available for review at the San Mateo County Transit District, 1250 San Carlos Ave, San Carlos, CA 94070-1306