Dear Grand Boulevard Initiative Task Force Members and Other Interested Parties,

Our next Task Force meeting is **Wednesday, December 12th from 10am - 12pm at Santa Clara University Saint Clare Room (500 El Camino Real Santa Clara, CA, 95053)**.

Agenda items include but are not limited to a presentation on VTA’s Land Use Development Review Policy, 2018 Legislative update, Future of GBI update, and 2019 meeting schedule recommendation. We hope you can attend. Please let us know whether you plan to attend using the following link: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/194N3DDcPhj5WwevBaRbYKlu-D3jPAYgqiFCWpr3J7U](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/194N3DDcPhj5WwevBaRbYKlu-D3jPAYgqiFCWpr3J7U). The agenda packet for this meeting is to follow.

Best,
David

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**David Pape**
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Hi Carole,

I am writing to follow up on an email I sent a couple of weeks ago to introduce myself and inquire whether SamTrans might be interested in sponsoring an empowering keynote or workshop for your members.

As a speaker, trainer and author, I am passionate about sharing my personal story of survival and raising awareness about sex trafficking, domestic violence and teen victimization. My experience, combined with academic studies in difference, power and discrimination, allow me to connect with audiences in a powerful way in keynote addresses, presentations and training events.

If this sounds like something that would be of interest to your members, I would love to explore the possibilities. For more information, please get in touch by return email or through the contact form on my website.

Thanks — I look forward to hearing from you!

Dawn Schiller

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P.S. To learn more about me, please visit my website, Dawn-Schiller.com. My story is also told in my nationally acclaimed memoir, The Road Through Wonderland: Surviving John Holmes, the film, Wonderland, and has been portrayed in the media on the ID Channel and recently on the Oxygen Channel.

"In 2015, Dawn Schiller spoke to a campus student group I advise which had begun to examine the issues of violence against women and sex trafficking. Since Dawn's impactful presentation, students have continued to recall and reference her perspective to make connections to other forms of exploitation such as objectification of women in mass media, 'throw-away teens,' and largely hidden sex trafficking in rural America. Her powerful story should be heard widely. Highly recommended." – ROSEMARY POWERS, PH.D., PROFESSOR OF SOCIOLOGY, EASTERN OREGON UNIVERSITY
Dawn Schiller
SURVIVOR • AUTHOR • SPEAKER • ADVOCATE

For more than fifteen years, Dawn Schiller has been a survivor-leader in the anti-trafficking, domestic violence and sexual assault movements. Her unique perspective as both a survivor and an academic combine to paint a picture of exploitation and empowerment which is bold, compelling and unforgettable. She is available for keynote addresses, presentations and training events, sharing her personal story and raising awareness about sex trafficking, domestic violence and teen victimization.

Dawn’s story is told in her memoir, The Road Through Wonderland: Surviving John Holmes, and the film, Wonderland, in which she is portrayed by actress Kate Bosworth; John Holmes is played by Val Kilmer.

“Dawn was and is an inspiration to me, as she will be to you. There is nothing in this world we cannot overcome, if we trust in love. It’s a healing message for all the women and girls in the world who have not yet found their strength. Dawn’s story is a miracle. She is a miracle. I am proud to know her.”

— Val Kilmer, Actor
Meet Dawn

Dawn Schiller was fifteen years old in 1976 when her family moved into an apartment complex managed by 32-year-old porn star John Holmes. After grooming Dawn, Holmes began a sexual relationship with her, manipulating her with drugs and alcohol, abusing her physically and emotionally, and prostituting her on the streets of Hollywood to brothels and drug dealers. After the famed Wonderland murders in 1981, they fled to Florida, where she ultimately broke free and turned him over to the police.

Dawn eventually relocated to the Pacific Northwest, where she attended Eastern Oregon University and earned her undergraduate degree in Communication and Gender Studies in 2012, graduating summa cum laude. After gaining a full-tuition teaching fellowship, Dawn taught Women's Studies and Activism at Oregon State University, where she completed her Master of Arts in Women's Studies in 2016.

In addition to being a nationally sought-after speaker, Dawn has been a consultant with the U.S. Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center (TTAC) since 2009. She sits on the Education Committee and is an advisory board member for the National Center of Victims of Crime in Washington, D.C., The Americans Overseas Domestic Violence Crisis Center and Voices Set Free. She is a member of the National Survivor Network (NSN) and Survivor 2 Survivor (S2S) for trafficking victims. She represented Val Kilmer in New York for the Volvo For Life Awards in both 2006 and 2008.

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Most Requested Speech/Workshop Topics

THE ROAD THROUGH WONDERLAND: SURVIVING JOHN HOLMES

THE FACES OF TRAFFICKING
Combating Sexual Exploitation of Youth and Adults in America

TRAFFICKING AT THE INTERSECTION
An Intersectional Analysis of the Trafficking of Marginalized Youth in the United States

OUR THROWAWAY TEENS
Who are They and How Can We Help?

"MY NAME IS NO ONE"
Fighting the Multi-Billion Dollar Porn Industry's Movement to Make Me Invisible

MEDIA AND THE VICTIM
When Telling Your Story is Like a Punch in the Face

RESILIENCE IN THE FACE OF A MOUNTAIN
From Survival to Healing to Service

"HELP ME, SISTER!"
Strategies for Becoming a True Ally in the Anti-Violence/Anti-Trafficking Movement

IN ADDITION TO TOPICS LISTED, DAWN IS AVAILABLE FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TRAINING.
November 8, 2018

Mayor Liza Normandy  
City of South San Francisco  
400 Grand Avenue  
South San Francisco, CA 94080

Dear Mayor Normandy and Council Members:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter on the need for transit service to the South San Francisco East of Highway 101 area. As you pointed out, this area already has a large employment base and the number of jobs in the area is projected to nearly double over the next two decades.

In early November, planning staff from the City of South San Francisco and SamTrans met to discuss the South San Francisco’s ongoing East of 101 Access Plan. SamTrans had already identified this region as a potential growth area for our fixed route bus service and worthy of further review and evaluation. We are pleased to learn South San Francisco is already undertaking this analysis. We intend to work in close collaboration with South San Francisco planning staff to meet the needs identified by your planning process where feasible.

In terms of the US-101 Express Bus Feasibility Study (Express Bus Study), the purpose of this study was to identify potential transit markets for long-distance trips in areas currently underserved by public or private long-haul transit. The East of 101 area was included but did not meet the study’s criteria due to the robust availability of both short-haul and long-haul shuttles serving the area, as well as trip patterns consisting largely of short to medium-distance trips.

Trip analysis completed for the Express Bus Study found that more than half of the 18,000 morning commute vehicle trips destined for the East of 101 area originate from communities such as San Bruno, Millbrae, San Mateo, and Hillsborough within a 5 to 10-mile drive. These findings did not lend themselves to stand-alone express bus services and instead suggest opportunities to modify SamTrans’ existing local bus routes to better serve the area.
That being said, the draft Express Bus Study suggested that staff consider an extension of the proposed Route Concept 2, a limited stop express route proposed in the study, north into the East of 101. This would connect East Palo Alto, Redwood City, Redwood Shores, and San Bruno to the East of 101 area. Please reference Chapter 6 of the draft Express Bus study for more information on this. This potential extension will be evaluated further as SamTrans staff begin working toward implementation of the proposed express routes.

We greatly appreciate your comments and the collaborative work underway between the City of South San Francisco and SamTrans to identify and implement multimodal traffic relief programs for the East of 101 area. We also see the Express Bus Study recommendations as the first step in what we hope is the long term development of a larger system of express bus services. We will be mindful of the growth in the East of 101 area as we develop any future service plans.

Please feel free to contact Jessica Epstein, Government and Community Affairs Officer at (650) 622-7863 or via email at epsteinj@samtrans.com if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

Jim Hartnett
General Manager/Chief Executive Officer

cc: San Mateo County Transit District Board of Directors
November 19, 2018

Ms. Mary D. Nichols, Chair
California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Proposed Amendments to the Innovative Clean Transit Regulation

Dear Chair Nichols and Members of the California Air Resources Board:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Transit District (District), I submit the following comments in response to the “Proposed Amendments to the Innovative Clean Transit Regulation.” The District operates SamTrans, San Mateo County’s bus and paratransit service, which is in the initial stages of converting its bus fleet from diesel to 100% battery-electric. Given this planned transition, we support policies that spur zero-emission bus (ZEB) technology forward, but we also believe such policies must take into account various real-world constraints, including the state of ZEB technology, the cost and difficulty of infrastructure buildout, as well as funding availability. The Proposed Amendments under consideration in this 15-day comment period, while a step in the direction of a workable regulation, unfortunately, fall short of the transit industry’s recommendations for accounting for these constraints.

More specifically, the Proposed Amendments make much-needed technical changes to the definition of small and large transit agencies, the definition of a ZEB purchase, and the parameters for bonus credits. The Proposed Amendments also establish more realistic statewide ZEB deployment targets for 2020 and 2021, which, if reached, would slow the imposition of the ZEB purchase requirements on large agencies. The Proposed Amendments do not, however, incorporate our most important recommendations to include language in the regulation itself, which requires ARB to establish benchmarks for ZEB cost and performance and to institute a technology assessment that guarantees that transit agencies are only charged with accelerating their adoption of these technologies, if they meet the benchmarks set by the State. The Proposed Amendments also do not relax the current limitations on incentive funding, which prevents such funding from being used to meet regulatory compliance. Instead, the Proposed Amendments provide the Air Resources Board’s Executive Officer with additional authority to temporarily waive the ZEB purchase requirement for agencies that can demonstrate that they do not have the resources to purchase or operate ZEBs. This added authority acknowledges the validity of
the challenges the transit industry has noted, but it assumes that they will be faced only occasionally and are best dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

Like the California Transit Association, we believe if challenges arise, they will be widespread throughout the industry and will necessitate more holistic action by the ARB. We, therefore, continue to urge you to include language in the regulation that establishes benchmarks for ZEB cost and performance and that compels a technology assessment. We also continue to urge you to relax limitations on incentive funding to allow transit agencies to access funding whenever they are ready to purchase a ZEB or make investments in infrastructure.

Together, these recommendations would allow transit agencies to manage the risk of the transition to zero-emission bus technologies while providing encouragement to the original equipment manufacturers to continue to innovate.

The District thanks you for this opportunity to weigh in on this rule. Please feel free to contact Casey Fromson, Director of Government and Community Affairs at (650) 508-6493 or via email at fromsonc@samtrans.com if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

Jim Hartnett
General Manager/Chief Executive Officer

cc: San Mateo County Transit District Board of Directors
    San Mateo County Transit District State Legislative Delegation