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FEBRUARY 6, 2019
(as of 1-30-2019)
January 8, 2019

Councilmember Ron Collins
City of San Carlos
600 Elm Street
San Carlos, CA 94070

Dear Councilmember Collins,

Congratulations on your selection by the City Selection Committee to represent the South County Cities on the San Mateo County Transit District Board of Directors, and welcome to SamTrans.

We are eager, at your convenience, to make available and schedule an orientation session in which we can review the scope of duties and responsibilities of Board members, provide an overview of the District and its current activities and introduce you to the management team of the agency.

Assistant District Secretary Jean Brook will be in touch with you to schedule the orientation session. Ms. Brook can be reached at 650-508-6223 or at brookj@samtrans.com.

We are pleased to have the opportunity to work with you on the wide range of activities in which the District is engaged. This is an exciting time to be on the Board.

If you have any questions or need anything at any time, please reach out to District Secretary, Dora Seamans, at 650-508-6242 or at seamansd@samtrans.com.

Again, congratulations!

Best regards,

Jim Hartnett

cc: SamTrans Board of Directors
Executive Team

SAN MATEO COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT
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January 24, 2019

Ben Metcalf, Director
California Department of Housing and Community Development
2020 West El Camino Ave.
Sacramento, CA 95833

Re: Support for the City of South San Francisco’s Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Round 4: Integrated Connectivity Project

Dear Mr. Metcalf:

I am writing to express my strong support of the City of South San Francisco’s application for funding through the California Department of Housing and Community Development’s (HCD) Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Grant Program Round 4. I hope you will join me in appreciation of the City’s dedication to promoting affordable housing in the Bay Area, where housing shortages are particularly acute.

Currently, the cost of housing in California is sky rocketing, while wages and household incomes struggle to keep up. This situation is exacerbated in the Bay Area where jobs easily outnumber available units, which has caused affordable housing to become practically unobtainable. South San Francisco’s proposed project would directly address this problem by increasing the number of affordable units in close proximity to job centers.

The City of South San Francisco’s Project will also help reduce greenhouse gas emissions by increasing active modes of transportation, such as commuting by public transit, biking and walking, thus reducing the number of vehicles on regional streets and reduce carbon emissions. The project will accomplish this by building new housing units in dense urban areas and next to transit stations, along with bike and pedestrian infrastructure.

For these reasons I am proud to support the City of South San Francisco’s application through HCD’s Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Grant Program. For any further information please do not hesitate to contact Casey Fromson, Director of Government and Community Affairs, at (650) 508-6493 or via email at fromsonc@samtrans.com.

Sincerely,

Jim Hartnett
General Manager/Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director

cc: Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board of Directors
San Mateo County Transit District Board of Directors
San Mateo County Transportation Authority Board of Directors
January 23, 2019

Marina Fraser
640 Spruce Street
Half Moon Bay, CA 94019

Dear Ms. Fraser,

Congratulations on your appointment as the Public Member representing the Coastside on the San Mateo County Transit District Board of Directors, and welcome to SamTrans!

Based on your availability, your orientation session is scheduled for Tuesday, February 5, 2019 from 3:00-4:30 pm at the District headquarters. We will review the responsibilities of the Board, provide an overview of the District, its current activities and introduce you to the executive management team of the Agency.

We are pleased to have the opportunity to work with you on the wide range of activities in which the District is engaged. This is an exciting time to be involved in public transit.

If you have any questions or need anything at any time, please do not hesitate to reach out to Executive Officer/District Secretary, Dora Seamans at 650-508-6242 or seamansd@samtrans.com.

Again, congratulations!

Best regards,

Jim Hartnett
General Manager/CEO

cc: SamTrans Board of Directors
    Executive Team, SamTrans
For any individual rider, the benefit of getting a stop close to their destination outweighs the cost of slowing down the bus for everyone else. However the cumulative impact is a slower bus. Each stop adds 20-60 seconds; eight stops will slow down trips by 3-8 minutes.

Nationwide the top two factors that get people to ride the bus are 1) better headways and 2) faster trips. More stops hurt this goal.

I hope you will consider removing some poorly performing stops from the Rapid schedule to compensate for the stops you are adding. Alternatively, I hope you will use Measure W funds to add curb bulbouts for in-lane boarding.

In places like Belmont (where I live) extending the curb so the southbound ECR bus boards in-lane would speed up the bus and also offer an opportunity to make the bus stop ADA compliant; it's currently on a slope and the bus offloads onto a brick sidewalk with trees in the way.

Kevin