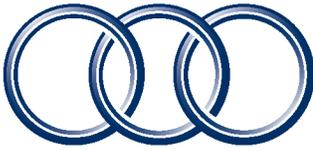


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as of 8-6-2021



July 30, 2021

Millie Tolleson
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SamTrans
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Dear Ms. Tolleson:

The San Mateo County Community College District is pleased that SamTrans is considering a rate restructuring through the Way2Go pass program. We appreciate the opportunity to be involved in informing the process and are pleased that our feedback has been welcomed and incorporated into the proposal.

For so many of our students, transportation continues to present a barrier for them to access our three college campuses and continue their educational endeavors. A reliable, affordable and customer-focused public transportation system is essential to our students and members of our community as they connect to education, work, healthcare, commerce and entertainment. Some of the most underrepresented and vulnerable students of the San Mateo County Community College District rely on SamTrans to provide them with the literal pathway they need to higher education and that is why programs, such as Way2Go, are important to consider.

The SMCCCD looks forward to continued work with SamTrans and to identifying ways to further and better connect our students to public transit. We appreciate the long and healthy partnership between our two organizations and are optimistic about future collaborations that support students.

If there is anything we can do to assist with this or other partnership initiatives, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Claire
Chancellor

From: [Madeline Frechette](#)
To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: Samtrans board meeting Public Comment 8/4/2021
Date: Wednesday, August 4, 2021 2:48:17 PM

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Hello, my name is Madeline Frechette, and I'm a member of Resilient El Camino. Resilient El Camino Real is a **California grass-roots**, people-powered coalition supporting safe and sustainable multi-modal improvements to El Camino Real in San Mateo County and the greater Bay Area, including projects calling for bus lanes on El Camino Real in Burlingame and hopefully soon in jurisdictions up and down the corridor.

I am calling in to express my support for the SamTrans TSP program and ECR Bus Speed and Reliability study. Transit Signal Preemption is a technology that is implemented successfully and would result in faster times. I think it is important for the public to see how much time could be improved by implementing transit signal preemption vs. transit signal priority, and how transit signal preemption can integrate into existing infrastructure implemented by SamTrans. It would be a shame if it's not even listed as an option.

I'd also like to express my support for the bus bus lanes alternative, as discussed in the report. The framing of the study implies that SamTrans will only pursue bus lanes with cities who are willing partners. While I acknowledge that SamTrans needs willing local partners in order to implement the bus lanes, I do want to stress that staff and the board should do their best to illustrate the benefits and be cheerleaders for bus lanes. I also think that we should be considering HOV 3+ lanes if cities are more amenable. Regardless of whether a city is a willing partner or not, we should illustrate to the public the time and cost savings, and the amount of additional service we could implement if the city was a willing partner. We need to do our absolute best to persuade local governments to partner for bus lanes – this is the single largest improvement you can make, as indicated by your own staff report, to improve bus speeds on ECR. Us riders that you are tasked with representing are depending on you to push this, and us advocates are looking forward to supporting you in your efforts to do so up and down the El Camino Corridor. Now is the time, it is very likely that, if the bipartisan infrastructure deal passes, BRT and dedicated bus lanes will be eligible for all highway formula funding.

Thank you,
Madeline

From: [Roland Lebrun](#)
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Dear Chair Ratto and Directors,

Please find a Zoom transcript of Adina Levin's comments below.

Sincerely,

Roland Lebrun

14:09:10 the next speaker is seamless Bay Area.

14:09:20 And, um, I actually

14:09:24 makes it bc most Bay Area regarding seeing this lemon. Can you speak louder. Okay, sure. Thank you.

14:09:38 You know 11 speaking for myself and recording as well number, the

14:09:44 fear integration, study and wanted to work on that, that the company that's advising the study was really positively impressed with where that setting.

14:09:59 And we see that it got a preview of the preliminary recommendations that were also presented to the general managers at the fair integration hospital for previous meetings

14:10:14 Alice's and user research are going to be coming forward in about a month.

14:10:19 And, you know, they heard

14:10:24 favorably at some of the good outcomes of that study pending the important information about the cost benefit analysis, and user research on this agenda today, for example, I was looking at the way to go past.

14:10:43 And when I how do

14:10:43 I how to support transit they have to decide whether to do a train pass or a transit path. And we should be able to provide people with mobility.

14:11:08 to from that location. And then I want to switch hats with friends of Caltrain, and to invite transport and other leaders Bay Area Transit month which tember is going to be a region wide celebration of public transit and an opportunity to ride public

14:11:18 transit social media and generally be subway celebrate story of Sam trans and other public transit, I'll send information to staff. Thank you.

14:11:28 Oh yes actually miss leather we would appreciate that, your reception was not very good so we heard about every third or fourth word so if you could send a written remarks to us.

14:11:41 They can be disseminated to the board and we certainly would like to select to see what you have to say. So if you could do that. I appreciate it very much.