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Dear Dave,

I read through both SMDJ articles, but posted only this one for you.

I saw a new white electric bus at Costco El Camino Friday going north.

I mostly use the ECR, 130 to Serramonte, then the 122 to Seton MC.

I wish there were the LED displays in Serramonte like at Colma BART. I often get off the 130, walk through the mall & then climb the Seton front hill.

If I get a ride to Seton MC, I usually walk home. It saves \$2 day pass. The ECR bus drivers give me a free ride from Colma last stop to Hickey. El Camino Real is too dangerous to walk.

I have in the past walked from Colma along El Camino Real to Arlington Ave, into Winston Manor, then down the dirt slope at Chevy's. Even that is dangerous, especially during the rainy season.

I have taken the ECR to Kohl's & walked up into the Target parking lot, gone behind Target, then climbed the front hill to Seton MC.

It is getting harder to do this at age 75. When I first started using Seton MC in 2016, I took the bus to Colma BART & walked the back hill. It is very steep. Both age & injuries have made all this much harder.

Samtrans should be free for people over 70 who do not drive. I would not ride it any more often.

With the pandemic, I mostly stay home. I lost leg strength not being out walking.

I have taken Cal Train to Palo Alto for exams at VAMC Palo Alto years ago.

Have a good week,
Mike