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"The Bay Area Deserves better transit-- support SB 1031, the Connect Bay Area Act." – same email from following people as of 5-3-2024, $3:00~\rm pm$

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From: <u>Christine Mcgavran</u>
To: <u>Board (@samtrans.com)</u>

Subject: The Bay Area Deserves better transit-- support SB 1031, the Connect Bay Area Act.

Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 6:00:21 PM

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Sincerely,

Christine Mcgavran cmcgavran@gmail.com 400 Moana Way Pacifica, California 94044 From: Nancy Arbuckle
To: Board (@samtrans.com)

Subject: The Bay Area Deserves better transit-- support SB 1031, the Connect Bay Area Act.

Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 8:33:10 AM

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But efforts to strengthen the bill should not threaten its viability. Without this bill, no Bay Area transit agency will be able to offer the coordinated service our communities need. Also, without

this bill, many transit agencies will be forced to slash service: stranding riders, clogging our roads, fouling our air, and stalling our economy.

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Sincerely,

Nancy Arbuckle crockerbuckle@mindspring.com 2111 Hyde Street, Apt 306 San Francisco, California 94109 From: <u>Utkarsh Nath</u>

To: Board (@samtrans.com)

Subject: The Bay Area Deserves better transit-- support SB 1031, the Connect Bay Area Act.

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Sincerely,

Utkarsh Nath utkarsh.nath@yahoo.com 34462 Alberta Terrace Fremont, California 94555 From: <u>Jacqueline Ramos</u>
To: <u>Board (@samtrans.com)</u>

Subject: The Bay Area Deserves better transit-- support SB 1031, the Connect Bay Area Act.

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Sincerely,

Jacqueline Ramos mariejay.ramos@gmail.com 500 Jefferson Ave Redwood City, California 94063 From: <u>Utkarsh Nath</u>

To: Board (@samtrans.com)

Subject: The Bay Area Deserves better transit-- support SB 1031, the Connect Bay Area Act.

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Utkarsh Nath utkarsh.nath@yahoo.com 34462 Alberta Terrace Fremont, California 94555 From: AJ Cho

To: Board (@samtrans.com)

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Sincerely,

AJ Cho amenoartemis@gmail.com 159 Santa Teresa San Leandro, California 94579-1963 From: <u>Sam Crocker</u>

To: Board (@samtrans.com)

Subject: The Bay Area Deserves better transit-- support SB 1031, the Connect Bay Area Act.

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Sincerely,
Sam Crocker
San Francisco resident/Bay Area native

Sam Crocker samcrockerisme@gmail.com 2111 Hyde Street San Francisco, California 94109 From: Michael Abramson
To: Board (@samtrans.com)

Subject: The Bay Area Deserves better transit-- support SB 1031, the Connect Bay Area Act.

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Sincerely,

Michael Abramson abramson53@gmail.com 550 Ortega Ave, A116 Mountain View, California 94040 From: Shahrul Song

To: Board (@samtrans.com)

Subject: The Bay Area Deserves better transit-- support SB 1031, the Connect Bay Area Act.

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Shahrul Song shahrulsong@gmail.com 144 Linden Ave San Bruno, California 94066 From: <u>Hesham Assabahi</u>
To: <u>Board (@samtrans.com)</u>

Subject: The Bay Area Deserves better transit-- support SB 1031, the Connect Bay Area Act.

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Sincerely,

Hesham Assabahi heshamwolf20@yahoo.com 330 Sanchez St. San Francisco, California 94114 From: William Van Der Laar

To: Board (@samtrans.com)

Subject: The Bay Area Deserves better transit-- support SB 1031, the Connect Bay Area Act.

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William Van Der Laar bvanderlaar@gmail.com 3514 25TH ST APT 102 SAN FRANCISCO, California 94110 From: <u>Diandra Rodriguez</u>
To: <u>Board (@samtrans.com)</u>

Subject: better transit helps everyone -- support SB 1031, the Connect Bay Area Act.

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Sincerely, Diandra

Diandra Rodriguez db_rodriguez@yahoo.com 175 2nd Ave. Apt 115 Daly City , California 94014 From: <u>Chris Brown-Bourne</u>
To: <u>Board (@samtrans.com)</u>

Subject: The Bay Area Deserves better transit-- support SB 1031, the Connect Bay Area Act.

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Sincerely, Chris

Chris Brown-Bourne collegecbb@gmail.com 5450 Fulton St, Apt 1 San Francisco, California 94121 From: Zack Rozlen

To: Board (@samtrans.com)

Subject: The Bay Area Deserves better transit-- support SB 1031, the Connect Bay Area Act.

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Sincerely, Zachary Rozlen

Zack Rozlen zzlotoff@gmail.com 421 Concord Way Burlingame , California 94010 From: Michael Shiplett
To: Board (@samtrans.com)

Subject: The Bay Area Deserves better transit-- support SB 1031, the Connect Bay Area Act.

Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 3:21:36 PM

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Sincerely, Michael

Michael Shiplett 02jays.respite@icloud.com 1727 9th Ave Apt A San Francisco, California 94122 From: <u>Eliza Panike</u>

To: Board (@samtrans.com)

Subject: The Bay Area Deserves better transit-- support SB 1031, the Connect Bay Area Act.

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Sincerely,

Eliza Panike

Eliza Panike e.j.panike@gmail.com 3655 Vicente Street Apt 2 San Francisco, California 94116 From: Samuel Johnston
To: Board (@samtrans.com)

Subject: Please Support SB 1031, the Connect Bay Area Act

Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 1:55:14 PM

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The Bay Area's transit system needs urgent improvement to avoid a decline due to funding issues. Achieving climate, economic growth and public health goals requires enhanced transit services. This includes more frequent services, extended routes, longer service hours, and better coordination among the 27 transit agencies, ensuring accessible and affordable mobility for all residents.

Bay Area voters must have the chance to support additional transit funding. While we also need State and Federal support, we must act quickly. I strongly advocate for supporting the "Connect Bay Area Act" (Wiener/Wahab), or SB 1031, which aims to place a vital transit funding measure on the 2026 ballot. This measure is crucial for preventing service cuts, improving transit across all 27 Bay Area agencies, enhancing service coordination, and making our transit system more efficient and accessible.

The bill, while promising, could be improved by forgoing highway expansions and focusing on progressive funding sources. Collaborating with the bill's authors, transit agencies, and community stakeholders is essential to refine the bill without compromising its passage. Without this legislation, the Bay Area risks reduced transit services, which would inconvenience residents, increase road congestion, worsen air quality, and hinder economic progress.

I strongly urge support for SB 1031, the Connect Bay Area Act, for a better-connected, sustainable, and equitable transit future.

Sincerely, Samuel Johnston

Samuel Johnston scoutsam560@gmail.com 896 22nd Street San Francisco, California 94107

From: <u>Julia Diaz</u>

To: Board (@samtrans.com)

Subject: The Bay Area Deserves better transit-- support SB 1031, the Connect Bay Area Act.

Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 1:51:40 PM

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Sincerely,

Julia Diaz jmdiaz2016@g.ucla.edu 3841 24th st San Francisco, California 94114 From: Natawut Monaikul
To: Board (@samtrans.com)

Subject: Support SB 1031, the Connect Bay Area Act.

Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 1:46:50 PM

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Having grown up in the public transportation-friendly city of Chicago, I am a major proponent of public transportation and believe it should be a high priority for other cities. Investing in public transportation means a more accessible, environmentally-conscious, affordable, and welcoming city. And even personally, I rely on public transportation to commute to work, to see friends, to explore new areas, and to generally get from place to place stress-free and cost-effectively.

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Sincerely, Natawut Monaikul

Natawut Monaikul natawutmo@gmail.com 100 Waller Street San Francisco, California 94102 From: <u>Thida Cornes</u>

To: Board (@samtrans.com)

Subject: Please support SB 1031, the Connect Bay Area Act.

Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 1:29:46 PM

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I have a disability and have, at times, lost my ability to drive. Even though I qualified for Paratransit, your disconnected options made Partransit very difficult to use because I had to change transit at each county line. In addition, Paratransit doesn't offer to help with car seats so I couldn't travel with my young children.

The answer is to make transit accessible to all. In addition, my low-income neighbors and students use transit instead of driving. Our Safe Routes to Schools depend on reliable transit around school hours.

We invest so much in roads and yet comparatively little in transit even though investing in better transit will help our region meet its climate, economic growth, affordability, air quality, public health, and justice goals

It's high time the Bay Area stopped prioritizing cars and made the investments needed for us to have affordable, abundant, accessible mobility.

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Being on a Board or a legislature involves the art of compromise. No bill is perfect and neither this bill, but please support it even if it doesn't have everything you want. Without this bill, no Bay Area transit agency will be able to offer the coordinated service our communities need. Also, without this bill, many transit agencies will be forced to slash service: stranding riders, clogging our roads, fouling our air, and stalling our economy.

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Sincerely,
Thida Cornes
Resident of Mountain View since 1999
MVLA Trustee (writing as an individual)

Thida Cornes tcornes@gmail.com 253 Heartwood Ln Mountain View, California 94041 From: <u>Maya Chaffee</u>
To: <u>Board (@samtrans.com)</u>

Subject: The Bay Area Deserves better transit- Please support SB 1031

Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 1:18:13 PM

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I urge you to support SB 1031, the Connect Bay Area Act.

Sincerely, Maya Chaffee

Maya Chaffee chaffee.maya@gmail.com 1732 Bryant Street San Francisco, California 94110 From: Benjamin Guillet
To: Board (@samtrans.com)

Subject: The Bay Area Deserves better transit-- support SB 1031, the Connect Bay Area Act.

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Sincerely,

Benjamin Guillet benjamin.guillet@gmail.com 60 Broadway Millbrae, California 94030 From: <u>Daniel Brant</u>

To: Board (@samtrans.com)

Subject: The Bay Area Deserves better transit-- support SB 1031, the Connect Bay Area Act.

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Sincerely,

Daniel Brant dnlbrant@gmail.com 310 Willow st. Port Townsend, Washington 98368 From: Ranjit Bharvirkar
To: Board (@samtrans.com)

Subject: The Bay Area Deserves better transit-- support SB 1031, the Connect Bay Area Act.

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Sincerely,

Ranjit Bharvirkar ranjit.bharvirkar@gmail.com 1836 Arch Street Berkeley, California 94709 From: Megan Conn

To: Board (@samtrans.com)

Subject: The Bay NEEDS better transit to thrive - support SB 1031, the Connect Bay Area Act.

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Sincerely,

Megan Conn mbconn2@gmail.com 545 Moore Road Redwood City, California 94062 From: <u>Ken Kershner</u>

To: Board (@samtrans.com)

Subject: Support SB 1031, the Connect Bay Area Act.

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Bay Area residents deserve reliable, affordable, and accessible public transportation that meets our region's climate, economic, and equity goals. However, our transit system is at risk of drastic service cuts due to funding shortfalls, which would undermine our ability to address pressing issues like climate change, traffic congestion, housing affordability, and social justice.

To truly serve the diverse mobility needs of our communities, each of the Bay Area's 27 transit agencies must significantly increase service levels, including more frequent routes, extended hours of operation, and better coordination between agencies. Residents should be able to depend on transit for all their transportation needs, whether within their neighborhood or across the wider region.

While state and federal funding is crucial, we cannot wait for assistance from above. Bay Area voters must have the opportunity to directly support the transit services our communities deserve through additional local funding measures.

That is why I urge you to support SB 1031, the "Connect Bay Area Act," introduced by Senators Wiener and Wahab. This critically important legislation would authorize a regional public transportation measure to appear on the 2026 ballot, empowering voters to provide the necessary funding to:

- 1. Prevent service cuts to essential transit systems like Caltrain, BART, and Muni.
- 2. Fund service improvements and expansions across all 27 Bay Area transit agencies, including VTA's visionary network and SamTrans.
- 3. Strengthen coordination and integration between agencies, creating a seamless transit experience for riders across the region.

Unlike our interconnected road network, our current transit system lacks cohesion, making it unnecessarily difficult for riders, especially those with long commutes due to the housing crisis. SB 1031 would address this by enhancing regional coordination and integration.

While the bill can be further strengthened – for example, by prioritizing progressive revenue sources and eliminating unnecessary highway expansions – these efforts should not threaten its viability. Without SB 1031, our transit agencies will be forced to slash service, stranding riders, worsening traffic and air quality, and hindering economic growth.

I urge you to support SB 1031, the Connect Bay Area Act, and work with stakeholders to refine

and improve this essential legislation for the benefit of our communities, our climate, and our economy.

Sincerely, Ken Kershner

Ken Kershner kenkershner@gmail.com 678 College Av Menlo Park, California 94025 From: Mark

To: <u>Jessica Epstein</u>
Cc: <u>Board (@samtrans.com)</u>

Subject: Paratransit/ADA/Demand Response Bus Specifications - Modern Automatic Paratransit Bus Fire Protection

Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 11:38:46 AM

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in areas such as engine compartment, hydraulic areas, battery boxes, electrical panels, cargo areas, internal dashboard, wiring harness conduits, etc. Jomarr Bus Fire Systems are ideal for OEM bus factory installation, dealer installation,

and easily installed on existing buses and fleets. Jomarr Fire Systems provide automatic fire suppression protection for many, many years - normally beyond the life of the bus! If we can be of service or if you would like additional information,

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Attachments FYI.

NOTE: Kindly forward this important safety information to the appropriate state/municipal paratransit/ADA officials, , bus maintenance departments, and paratransit contractors. paratransit bus specifications director/committee

Best Regards

Mark Perrella President

IMPORTANT: Where automatic bus fire suppression is not installed, the Engine Compartment Overheat/Fire Alarm should be installed. While this safety device does not provide fire suppression capability, it does provide an audible and visual alert to the driver of an extreme high temperature condition within the engine compartment. The system installs very easily (in minutes), resets automatically, and requires absolutely no maintenance. See attached brochure.

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From: John Van Horne
To: Board (@samtrans.com)

Subject: The Bay Area Deserves better transit-- support SB 1031, the Connect Bay Area Act.

Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 11:27:43 AM

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SamTrans Board of Directors Board of Directors,

Bay Area transit needs to be much better, but is at risk of becoming much worse due to funding shortfalls. For the region to meet its climate, economic growth, affordability, air quality, public health, and justice goals we need drastically improved transit service.

In order for all Bay Area residents to have affordable, abundant, accessible mobility, each of our 27 transit agencies needs to provide significantly more service. That means more frequency, more routes, more hours of service, and better coordination between agencies. Bay Area residents deserve to be able to depend on transit for all their various mobility needs in their neighborhood and throughout the wider community.

Bay Area voters must be given the opportunity to vote for additional funding for transit agencies to provide the high quality transit services our communities deserve. The State and Federal governments also need to step up and provide funding for transit service, but we can't wait for help from above.

I urge you to support SB1031 (Wiener/Wahab), the "Connect Bay Area Act." It would authorize putting a critically important regional public transportation measure on the 2026 ballot that would enable voters to provide the funding needed to stop service cuts to Caltrain, BART, and Muni, and fund service improvements in VTA's visionary network, SamTrans, as well as all 27 Bay Area transit agencies.

The measure would also strengthen service coordination among the agencies. As Bay Area residents and workers, our lives take us across city and county lines. But unlike the seamless driving experience that connects all local, county and state roads, our transit experience is far from smoothly coordinated. Lack of coordination makes transit unnecessarily difficult, holds back ridership, and puts a heavy toll on people who depend on transit and those with long commutes due to our region's housing affordability crisis.

The bill can and should be strengthened—for example, highway expansion is unnecessary, and it should prioritize progressive revenue sources. Please work with the bill authors, transit agencies and community stakeholders to make this essential bill the best it can be for our communities, climate, and economy.

roads, fouling our air, and stalling our economy.

I urge you to support SB 1031, the Connect Bay Area Act.

Sincerely,

John Van Horne jvhiii@yahoo.com 200 Fulton Street Palo Alto, California 94301 From: Sprague Terplan
To: Public Comment

Subject: Public Comment for This Afternoon's Meeting **Date:** Wednesday, May 1, 2024 11:16:22 AM

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To whom it may concern:

As a regular Samtrans rider and local resident, I urge Samtrans to please keep working on SB 1031 - the Connect Bay Area Act. Please keep up the fight and help prevent massive service cuts and less coordinated service.

Thank you, Sprague Terplan

From: Mass Transit

To: Board (@samtrans.com)

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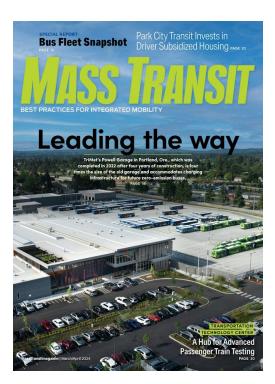
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Procurement No. 2024-02 -Transit Consolidation Study From Rio Metro Regional Transit District (RMRTD)

NOTICE OF REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALSProcurement No. 2024-02 -Transit Consolidation StudyProposals Due: May 17, 2024, 2:00 p.m. (MST)The RMRTD invites qualified individuals and firms to submit proposals to provide a Transit Consolidation Study for...

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From Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation (IndyGo)

Request For Proposal RFP 24-04-504 IPTC Document Imaging and Retention Project Summary: Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation (IPTC) is inquiring about transitioning from paper-based documents to a total digital document management...

RFP No. OP118576 - Zero Emission Buses and Chargers

From LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (LACMTA)

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RFI 24-05-507 DEI IT Software

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RFI 24-05-507 DEI IT Software Summary: Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation's (IPTC) goal for this RFI is to obtain information from companies that focus on DEI efforts through technological means. These means need to meet IndyGo'...

Micro-Transit Services for Charlotte Area Transit System From City of Charlotte, N.C.

The Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS) is inviting proposals from qualified firm(s) to partner with CATS for the development and implementation of a new micro-transit service. The goal of micro-transit is to enhance CATS' existing bus, light...

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From Community Transportation Network

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