



SamTrans Board of Directors

Meeting of April 2, 2025

Correspondence as of March 28, 2025

# Subject

1. Legislative Support Letters Regarding SB 71 and AB 394
2. Mass Transit – Transit Bid Tracker – 3/27/25
3. Letters Regarding Expanding Ride Plus Service Along the Coast

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March 6, 2025

The Honorable Catherine Blakespear  
Chair, Senate Environmental Quality Committee  
1021 O Street, Room 3230  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 71 (Wiener) CEQA Streamlining for Clean Transportation Projects**

Dear Chair Blakespear,

On behalf of the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans) and the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA), I am pleased to inform you that both agencies are **supporting SB 71 (Wiener)**. SB 71 would make clarifying changes to, and modify slightly, the existing statutory exemptions to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for clean transportation projects, established by SB 288 (Wiener) [Chapter 200, Statutes of 2020], while also removing the law's January 1, 2030 sunset date.

In 2020, SB 288 (Wiener) was signed into law, establishing a set of statutory exemptions from CEQA in the Public Resources Code for certain clean transportation projects, with the goal of accelerating clean transportation projects that reduced greenhouse gas emissions.

Since the passage of SB 288 in 2020, over 90 projects statewide have moved forward more quickly and cost effectively, including transit priority projects, bicycle & pedestrian projects, bus rapid transit projects, traffic calming projects, zero-emission vehicle charging infrastructure, ADA curb and sidewalk repairs, and transit maintenance facility modernization. SMCTA may use the exemptions established for two upcoming projects, the El Camino Real Complete Streets projects and Fashion Island Blvd/19th Ave Complete Streets Project in the City of San Mateo.

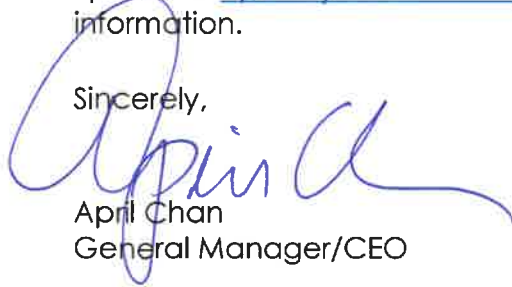
Along with conversion of our fleet to zero emission technology, SamTrans has many projects that may benefit from this bill. The agency fully implemented the changes from the last transit operational analysis and plan. SamTrans is in the process of implementing a bus stop study and changing shelters and amenities across the county.

As such, we believe the state should make the exemptions permanent, creating long-term certainty for local agencies as they continue to advance projects that further clean

transportation options and make public transit more equitable and accessible.

For these reasons, we strongly support SB 71. Thank you for your time and consideration. Please contact Government and Community Affairs Director Jessica Epstein at [epsteinj@samtrans.com](mailto:epsteinj@samtrans.com) if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



April Chan  
General Manager/CEO

Cc: San Mateo County Transit District Board of Directors  
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San Mateo County Transit District State Legislative Delegation  
San Mateo County Transportation Authority Legislative Delegation



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The Honorable Nick Schultz  
Chair, Assembly Public Safety Committee  
1021 O Street, Room 5150  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 394 (Wilson) Public Transit Operator and Rider Safety**

Dear Chair Schultz,

On behalf of the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans), I write today in **SUPPORT** of **AB 394 (Wilson)**. AB 394 aims to enhance the safety and security of California's public transportation systems by strengthening protections for transit operators, employees, and passengers.

Like other transit agencies, SamTrans employees are in the community every day as bus operators, community engagement staff, information specialists and more. They are out at all hours of the day, in every corner of the community, and all days of the week. These situations create a safety risk for any transit employee trying to do their job bringing service to our passengers.

AB 394 promotes safer transit environments for both riders and workers in two keys ways. First, the bill expands existing law to protect *all* transit employees against assaults. Second, AB 394 also now would allow transit agencies to seek a court-issued prohibition order against someone convicted of assault, if the court finds that the individual in question continues to pose a threat.

Public transit systems are integral to healthy communities and are vital to our efforts to fight climate change. Both workers and passengers deserve to be treated with respect and be safe from harm. For these reasons, we strongly support AB 394. Please contact SamTrans' Government and Community Affairs Director Jessica Epstein at [epsteinj@samtrans.com](mailto:epsteinj@samtrans.com) if you have any questions or need any additional information.

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**From:** [Mass Transit Board \(@samtrans.com\)](#)  
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MARCH 27, 2025



### **Request for Qualifications for the Healdsburg Extension Project** From Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District

Solicitation Title: Request for Qualifications for the Healdsburg Extension Project  
Solicitation Number: CV-DB-25-001  
Project Owner: Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit (SMART) Project  
Description: Design and Construction of Civil, Structures, Systems...



### **Seven 2013 MCI D4500 Coach Buses Available for No Cost Title Transfer**

From Green Mountain Transit (GMT)

Green Mountain Transit Authority (GMT) is offering seven (7) 2013 MCI D4500 Coach Buses available for a no cost title transfer. Pictures and additional information available at: <https://ridegmt.com/mci-buses/>



### **Western Transit Center Facility** From St. Cloud Metro Bus

The St. Cloud Metropolitan Transit Commission (DBA - Metro Bus) is soliciting proposals from qualified Architectural & Engineering firms to provide turn-key design, engineering, build, bidding, contracting, and complete construction management...

### **Workforce Development Services RFSQ-067-25-KM**

From City of Tallahassee

This RFSQ is to solicit qualifications from organizations to provide workforce development services. Services will focus on design, development, and delivery of training programs to support operation and maintenance of StarMetro...

### **FAX Bus Stop Remediation**

From Fresno Area Express (FAX)

The Department of Transportation proposes to remediate 19 bus stops located within the City of Fresno to remove the deficiencies notated in the FAX ADA Transition Plan. These deficiencies will include replacement and repairs of existing...

**2025-06 Regional Partnership Study**

From The Mass Transportation Authority (MTA)

2025-06 Regional Partnership Study The Mass Transportation Authority (MTA) is soliciting proposals from qualified Consultants to prepare a Regional Partnership Study for the MTA proposals due on or before 1:00 p.m. Local Time, Monday,...

**RFP: Operation of Intercity Bus Service Routes**

From Reagan Mass Transit District

Reagan Mass Transit District is seeking qualified motor carrier Service Operator(s) for two fixed routes in Illinois: one between Chicago, IL and Davenport, IA, and a second between Chicago, IL and Danville, IL. Deadline to submit is April ...

**IFB (35) Safe Fleet Dual View Assist (8x16 Convex Mirror-B)**

From Luzerne County Transportation Authority

IFB Number: #25-03-001 Issue Date: 3/14/2025 Bid Due Date: 4/14/2025 (2 p.m. local time, EST) The Luzerne County Transportation Authority (LCTA) is seeking bids from qualified vendors for thirty-five (35) Safe Fleet Dual View...

**Chestnut Street Multimodal Station Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment (FF&E)**

From Butler County Regional Transit Authority (BCRTA)

BCRTA seeks proposals for the purchase, delivery and installation of Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment ("FF&E") at the new Chestnut Street Multimodal Station (the "Project"). Details can be found on our eProcurement Portal here: <https://...>

**Fixed Route Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)**

From The City of DeKalb

Notice is hereby given that the City of DeKalb Transit is issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP # CDPT2025-02) for the deployment of Fixed Route Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS). This RFP and related documents will be available...

**Paratransit/ Microtransit Software**

From The City of DeKalb

Notice is hereby given that the City of DeKalb Transit is issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP # CDPT2025-01) for the deployment of demand-response Paratransit Software and Microtransit Software. This RFP and related documents will be available...

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Nashville, TN 37215





March 27, 2025

Midcoast Community Council  
P.O. Box 248  
Moss Beach, CA 94038

Re: Expanding Ride Plus Service Along the Coast

Dear Chair Toutant, Vice Chair Williams, and Councilmembers Santilli, Sniecinski, Bollinger, Mattammal, and Rogers,

Thank you for your letter regarding transportation services along the coast. SamTrans planners and our Government and Community Affairs team participated in the discussions for the “Get There Together Report” and have been working in collaboration with the County to find ways to address the service gaps mentioned in the report.

As you noted in your letter, Ride Plus in Half Moon Bay/El Granada runs from 8am-5pm, seven days a week, which can make it a challenge for residents to use the service if they need it beyond these hours.

Last year, we worked in partnership with Half Moon Bay to apply for Measure K funds to analyze, evaluate, and potentially expand the hours for Ride Plus. While we were disappointed that we did not receive the funds, SamTrans has engaged a consultant team to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of the current Ride Plus service which will occur in the spring of 2025. The purpose of the evaluation is to determine how well the service is meeting its goals of expanding mobility, ensuring high quality service, providing efficient and sustainable service, and advancing equity in the two service areas. The evaluation will help us understand if any improvements or service adjustments may be needed, and if so, how they can be made with current resources. SamTrans aims to share results with our Board of Directors in summer 2025. We will assess the issues you raised in your letter as part of this study.

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Our team is always happy to meet with your office to brief you on our coastal service and proposed improvements.

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March 27, 2025

San Mateo County Supervisor Ray Mueller  
500 County Center 5th Floor  
Redwood City, CA 94063

Re: Expanding Ride Plus Service Along the Coast

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