



SamTrans Board of Directors

Meeting of May 7, 2025

Correspondence as of April 18, 2025

Subject

1. Letter of Support – City of San Mateo’s Request for Revision of 04-4W730 SHOPP Project Plans Along State Route 82 / El Camino Real



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April 15, 2025

Sergio Ruiz
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California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), District 4
111 Grand Avenue
Oakland, CA 94612

**Re: Support for City of San Mateo's Request for Revision of 04-4W730 SHOPP Project Plans
Along State Route 82 / El Camino Real**

Dear Mr. Ruiz,

On behalf of the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans), I am writing to express our support for the City of San Mateo's request that Caltrans revise the design of the 04-4W730 State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP) Project to incorporate the City's recently adopted 2024 Transit-Oriented Development Pedestrian Access Plan (TOD Plan).

During a review of the project's design plans, SamTrans noted that the Transportation Planning Scoping Information Sheet and the Complete Streets Decision Document referenced in the Project Initiation Report rely on the outdated City of San Mateo 2015 Sustainable Streets Plan to justify certain bicycle facilities along El Camino Real. With more current City-adopted plans now available, referencing these updated documents to identify multimodal improvements would better reflect the City's vision and ensure the project aligns with recent and ongoing local planning efforts.

In addition to the TOD Plan, the City is currently developing a Complete Streets Plan that includes extensive community engagement along key corridors like El Camino Real. As a critical backbone corridor in the SamTrans service network, SamTrans also submitted a letter of support for the City's draft plan, endorsing its commitment to enhancing transit and implementing multimodal improvements on El Camino Real.

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SamTrans is currently partnering with the City on the Central ECR Multimodal Plan – a joint planning effort with the cities of Belmont, San Carlos, and Redwood City to develop multimodal design alternatives for the 8.5-mile Central San Mateo County segment of El Camino Real. This work will build on the modal priorities outlined in the Complete Streets Plan, as well as other local planning efforts, and will allow residents and corridor users to provide more in-depth feedback on design alternatives.

SamTrans fully supports the City's request for Caltrans to revise the 04-4W730 SHOPP Project to reflect the community-supported priorities outlined in the City's more recently adopted documents and current work. This request aligns with both City and SamTrans planning efforts and ongoing community engagement to define a shared, community-driven vision for El Camino Real.

Please contact Government and Community Affairs Officer, Amy Linehan, at LinehanA@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
City of San Mateo