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By Megan Perrero

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HART Board approves transfer of \$4.86 million Passenger Ferry Program grant to PSTA for future ferry service

PA: Harrisburg public transit nearing fiscal cliff as Gov. Shapiro pushes for budget deal

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By Brandon Lewis

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and building a new rapid line so residents can have better transit access in the 10,000 square mile service area.

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I'm a San Mateo resident and I'm urging you to support the regional funding ballot measure (SB 63) to keep our transit agencies funded and operational. Using bay area's transit systems is what makes work and life in San Mateo County accessible for me and many others. The consequences of a transit budget shortfall is not something we can afford to turn a blind eye towards. Support from San Mateo County is critical.

Keeping transit funded is not only crucial, it's also popular and achievable: A gross receipts tax on businesses to fund transit already has 61% support from likely voters
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Participate in SB63 now, and keep transit working for our community.

Sincerely,
James Malone

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Hello,

My name is Spencer Horne and I am a resident of Pacifica. I am writing to ask the SamTrans board of supervisors to please expand our county public transportation. As the climate warms we will need to move away from excessive car usage, which will require a significant increase in public transportation infrastructure. Please opt to sign in to SB63, and fund it with a gross receipts tax on businesses (rather than a sales tax).

Thank you,

Spencer Horne

From: [Seth Friedman](#)
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Hi,

My name is Seth Friedman and I live and work in San Mateo. I have lived in San Mateo for over ten years and in all that time, I have never owned a car (we do exist!). As such, I rely heavily on public transit, SamTrans included, in order to go most anywhere. I frequently take SamTrans ECR up and down the Peninsula, and very often to a BART connection at Millbrae in order to ride to San Francisco or East Bay. Potential budget cuts would certainly lead to me making that trip less often

Often, the longest part of my trip is simply waiting for a connection. I would ask SamTrans to join the regional funding measure SB 63 to preserve and improve inter-agency coordination. Both shorter wait times and discounted connections would mean a great deal for those of us who heavily rely on public transit both for work and pleasure trips.

Additionally, I would ask the board to pursue a gross receipts tax so we can expand service rather than lose or shrink it.

Thank you,
Seth Friedman

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Comprehensive Operational Analysis

From City of Beaumont, CA

The City of Beaumont seeks proposals from qualified consultants to conduct a Comprehensive Operational Analysis of its transit services, including a Microtransit Feasibility Assessment and a Bus Stop Improvement Plan. A non-mandatory pre-proposal...



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B.G. Transit Demand-Response Service Provider

From City of Bowling Green

The City of Bowling Green is seeking proposals for the continued operation and management of its demand response, curb-to-curb, origin-to-destination public transportation system B.G. Transit. All Respondents are notified that disadvantaged...



Request for Proposals Commuter Bus Vehicles

From The Woodlands Township

The Township is seeking responses from qualified Transit Vehicle Manufacturers for twenty-five (25) heavy duty, 45-foot diesel commuter buses, Contract No C-2025-0234 for the Woodlands Express commuter bus service. The Township will hold a ...



RFQ for Planning & Design Services for Hydrogen Infrastructure & Facility Master Plan

From The City of Fresno

Fresno Area Express (FAX) seeks a consultant to provide a comprehensive planning study for a hydrogen fueling facility and an updated facility master plan for existing infrastructure. The RFQ and associated documents are posted at https...



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL # 2025-1 for: Paratransit Services-ADA Complementary and Microtransit Services

From Fort Wayne Citilink

Fort Wayne Public Transportation Corporation (CITILINK) is seeking Proposals from qualified firms to provide Paratransit – ADA

Complementary (Access and Access Plus) and Microtransit (Citilink Flex) Services. The contract is anticipated...

Transit Service Provider for Fixed Route, ADA Paratransit, and Dial-A-Ride Services DeKalb, IL UZA

From The City of DeKalb

City of DeKalb (IL) Transit is issuing an RFP for Fixed Route, ADA Paratransit, and Dial-A-Ride transit services in DeKalb, IL UZA. The RFP may be obtained by downloading from City of DeKalb's website found at <https://www.cityofdekalb...>

The Wave Transit System - RFP for Annual Auditing Services

From Wave Transit

Transit Management of Mobile d/b/a The Wave Transit System (The Wave) is seeking proposals from responsible, qualified vendors and/or firms interested in providing annual auditing services. You may access the information from our website...

RFP for Commissioning Agent

From Missoula Urban Transportation District (Mountain Line)

Missoula Urban Transportation District is seeking proposals for commissioning services related to new facility. Email responses to Frank Kuhl, fkuhl@mountainline.com. Or by mail to 1221 Shakespeare St, Missoula, MT. Deadline is 5 pm MDT on 6/...

Request for Proposal: TPO to operate a combined 5311 transportation services for residents of Bleckley County

From Bleckley County

The Bleckley County's Sole Commissioner has chosen to initiate an RFP for the operation for the counties combined 5311 public transportation service, to begin operation on July 1, 2025. The purpose of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is...

Municipal Financial Advisor

From Missoula Urban Transportation District (Mountain Line)

The Missoula Urban Transportation District is seeking proposals for Municipal Financial Advisor. Email responses to Frank Kuhl fkuhl@mountainline.com or mail to 1221 Shakespeare St, Missoula, MT. Deadline is 5pm MDT on 6/16/25. For more info...

GoBus: Ohio Rural Intercity Bus Service Provider RFP

From GoBus/Hocking Athens Perry Community Action (HAPCAP)

NOTICE TO TRANSPORTATION SERVICE PROVIDERS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) FOR OPERATION OF GOBUS: OHIO RURAL INTERCITY BUS SERVICE Hocking Athens Perry Community Action (HAPCAP), is seeking proposals for an operator for the GoBus Ohio...

RFP E2082 ADA Paratransit Services

From Pierce Transit

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS #E2082 For ADA PARATRANSIT SERVICES RFP documents are available on Builders Exchange of Washington, Inc. at <http://www.bxwa.com>. Click on: "Posted Projects", "Goods and Services", "Pierce Transit..."

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By Matthew Dick

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From ITS World Congress

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Pennsylvania governor highlights need to invest in transit during visit at Rabbittransit

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CA: Plan to raise \$500 million in annual sales taxes for beleaguered Bay Area transit advances in Legislature

IL: Decatur approves \$14 million contract for 'a rideshare program that anybody can use'

PA: Josh Shapiro and top Democrats say SEPTA and mass transit funding is a priority, but won't say whether they'll hold up the budget over it

CA: Senate passes bill to allow housing up to seven stories near public transit

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Seamless Wayfinding: Enhancing the Passenger Experience in Public Transit

A commuter rushes through a busy train station, eyes darting between overhead monitors and their phone. Their first train was delayed, and the app they rely on doesn't show real-time updates, like the updated track for their connecting train. Frustrated and



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By Eman Abu-Khaled

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Good morning,

My name is Kyla Valenti and I'm a 4-year resident of Redwood City, San Mateo County employee, and member of the Peninsula DSA. I'm writing again in regards to SB63 and the importance of your support for the regional funding measure.

I use SamTrans regularly to visit friends and attend events in San Jose, SF and beyond, and would be very disappointed to see cuts to these vital services that affect the daily lives of many fellow residents. Public transportation is something I've loved about living in the Bay after moving from a place with almost no public transit, and I hope to see it grow even more robust as the years go on.

Myself and others from Peninsula DSA are proud to advocate for the following recommendations:

1. That SamTrans join the regional funding measure (SB 63);
2. That SamTrans preserve funding for inter-agency coordination;
3. That SamTrans pursue progressive funding solutions, rather than a regressive sales tax that penalizes the working class; and
4. That SamTrans conduct polling on potential progressive tax measures.

Thank you for your consideration of these important steps.

Kyla Valenti
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From: James Malone <maloneise@gmail.com>
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Caltrain Board of Directors,

I'm a San Mateo resident and I'm urging you to support San Mateo County & Samtrans participation in the regional transit funding ballot measure, SB 63, and to advocate for a progressive gross receipts tax on businesses to help fund our transit systems.

As a frequent rider of Caltrain, using bay area's transit systems is what makes work and life in San Mateo County accessible for me and many others. The consequences of a transit budget shortfall is not something San Mateo County can afford to turn a blind eye towards. Support from San Mateo County is critical.

Keeping transit funded is not only crucial, it's also popular and achievable: A gross receipts tax on businesses to fund transit [already has 61% support from likely voters](#).

Please support San Mateo County & Samtrans opting into SB63 now, and keep transit working for our community.

Sincerely,
James Malone

From: [Public Comment](#)
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Dear Members of the Board,

I'm a multimodal transit rider who depends on SamTrans, BART, and Caltrain to get around San Mateo County and to reach the rest of the Bay Area. Please support opting in San Mateo County to the 5-county regional funding measure (SB 63) so people like me aren't cut off from work, school, shopping, and loved ones.

I am horrified by the slashing and burning of federal funding, plus Governor Newsom's proposed cuts to CA transit. It's even more essential that our transit agencies take bold action at the local level to preserve our vital services for the hundreds of thousands of people who rely on them. Do we really want to push people to private single-occupancy vehicles by *reducing service* of our wonderful new twice-per-hour electrified trains right when the economy is tanking, the climate is warming faster than expected, and traffic is as bad as it's ever been?

Please push for maximal funding for Caltrain and San Mateo by using a progressive solution such as a gross receipts tax (which is supported by 61% of likely 2026 voters):
<https://www.politico.com/newsletters/california-playbook-pm/2025/06/02/exclusive-transit-unions-launches-effort-to-rework-2026-bay-area-transit-measure-00380857>

Thank you,
Allison Chang (she/her)
San Carlos

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By Peter Gertler

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The budgets invest in safe, reliable public transportation for the community while taking early steps to manage a projected budget shortfall beginning in FY27.

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The Heartland Flyer service is operated in partnership with TxDOT and ODOT and has been in service for more than 25 years.

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By Brandon Lewis

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By Megan Perrero

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Dear Members of the SamTrans Board of Directors,

My name is Raiyan Seede, and I'm a resident of San Mateo. I'm writing to urge you to take bold action to protect public transit in San Mateo County and across the Bay Area.

As you know, agencies like BART, Caltrain, Muni, and even SamTrans are approaching a dangerous fiscal cliff. If we don't secure sustainable funding, we risk massive service cuts that will devastate riders—particularly working-class residents who rely on transit the most. Eliminating BART night and weekend service, reducing Caltrain to one train per hour, and cutting free transfers from SamTrans would disconnect our communities and limit access to jobs, healthcare, and education.

That's why I strongly urge SamTrans to:

- Join the regional funding measure (SB 63) to help keep Bay Area transit running and coordinated.
- Preserve inter-agency coordination, which is essential for a functional and equitable system.
- Support a gross receipts tax on large businesses instead of another regressive sales tax. Working people shouldn't bear the burden while corporations avoid paying their fair share. This proposal already has 61% support among likely voters—this is a popular and fair path forward.

We have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to prevent disaster and build a more connected, sustainable, and equitable transit future. Please don't let hesitation lead us into crisis.

Thank you for your service and for considering the needs of riders like me.

Sincerely,

Raiyan Seede, Ph.D.