



SamTrans Board of Directors

Meeting of August 6, 2025

Correspondence as of July 3, 2025

Subject

1. Letter of Support from SamTrans and TA re: SB 63 (Wiener) Regional Transportation Funding

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July 3, 2025

The Honorable Lori Wilson
Chair, Assembly Transportation Committee
1021 O Street, Room 1100
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 63 (Wiener) Regional Transportation Funding

Dear Assemblymember Wilson:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Transit District (SMCTD) and the San Mateo County Transportation Authority, we are writing to share our perspectives on SB 63, including the remaining issues that must be resolved, either through the legislation or agreements with outside partners, for San Mateo County to participate in the proposed regional measure.

San Mateo County is, and has been, a partner and active participant in developing a regional transportation funding measure. We have worked closely with Senators Wiener and Arreguín, other transit agencies, transportation authorities, and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, as well as key stakeholders in our county.

Our leadership is actively considering joining this regional measure with the final decision to be made at the August 6, 2025, San Mateo County Transit District Board of Directors meeting. Our goal is to balance the funding needs with appropriate and reasonable conditions for disbursing those funds.

Below are the areas where it is critical that we reach agreement with the funded agencies:

BART and Muni:

- Reasonable service levels in San Mateo County
- Quality of life standards at San Mateo County BART stations: cleanliness, lighting, safety, and infrastructure (e.g. operational elevators, escalators, etc.)
- New surcharges that could disproportionately impact San Mateo County riders
- Unexpected contingencies (e.g. external funding windfalls coming to the agencies, insolvency, inability to provide service)
- Focused San Mateo County expenditure updates
- Local monitoring and oversight of side-letter agreements

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Additional Board Priorities:

- Return-to-source funds for SMCTD public transit
- Transit Transformation: limited funding, local impact
- MTC oversight: only commissioners from participating counties
- MTC authority: 2026 Regional Measure only and sunsets with the regional measure
- Full funding for Caltrain
- No consolidation of Caltrain or SamTrans

We look forward to developing a clear and concrete process to ensure funding for vital public transit services across the Bay Area, while also ensuring that important transit service needs and related San Mateo County priorities are adequately addressed. If you have questions please contact Jessica Epstein, Government and Community Affairs Director, at epsteinj@samtrans.com.

Sincerely,



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