



SamTrans Board of Directors
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Correspondence as of September 3, 2025

Subject

1. Letter to Governor Gavin Newsom from SamTrans General Manager - RE: SB 272 (Becker)
Job Order Contracting – SPONSOR – SIGNATURE REQUEST (August 29, 2025)



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August 29, 2025

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 272 (Becker) Job Order Contracting – SPONSOR – SIGNATURE REQUEST

Dear Governor Newsom,

On behalf of the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans), I write to request your SIGNATURE on SB 272 (Becker). SamTrans is pleased to SPONSOR this important piece of legislation, which would authorize our agency to use Job Order Contracting (JOC), subject to the same standards applicable to other local transportation agencies using JOC and modeled after the authority recently established in AB 499 (L. Rivas, 2023).

JOC is a competitively solicited, fixed-price contracting method used for small maintenance and repair work. JOC results in on-call construction service contracts under which public agencies issue work orders for specific jobs at pre-determined prices. JOC contracts can help agencies save time and staff resources when compared to typical bidding processes, allowing projects to begin faster than under traditional procurement methods.

SB 272 would require consultation with local building trades and all work would be subject to a project labor agreement. SamTrans will use JOC to accelerate project delivery, reduce administrative costs, and lower direct construction costs while simultaneously meeting all federal, state, and local procurement requirements. SamTrans would use JOC for jobs like painting, bus shelter repairs, concrete/asphalt repairs, fencing repair and installation, lighting repairs, etc. As transit agencies across the state look for ways to reduce costs and enhance operations, SamTrans believes the use of JOC would support its efforts in this regard.

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For the above reasons, SamTrans is proud to SPONSOR SB 272 (Becker), and respectfully requests that you SIGN this measure. Please contact SamTrans' Government and Community Affairs Director Jessica Epstein at epsteinj@samtrans.com if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,



April Chan
General Manager/CEO

Cc: San Mateo County Transit District Board of Directors
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