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From: [Peyton C](#)
To: [Board \(@samtrans.com\)](#)
Subject: Samtrans ableism buses
Date: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 7:45:22 AM

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Hello!

I just wanted to inform you that your policy regarding electric scooters is ableist and wrong.

I cannot drive. I have been using your buses to get to work from the train station for two years. Now all of the sudden they're apparently banned?? That's ridiculous.

My scooter is small, fits behind my feet, under my seat. It's not a danger, it's not in the way, it's not harming anything. But I cannot walk long distances and it's dangerous for me to go long distances on my scooter because of my disability.

I am absolutely furious that you guys are suddenly banning my way to work and essentially forcing me to risk my safety to get to work for NO reason.

SHAME ON YOU.

From: [Tina Dubost](#)
To: [Board \(@samtrans.com\)](#)
Subject: FW: Ableist bus
Date: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 3:16:17 PM

From: Tina Dubost <dubostc@samtrans.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 3:11 PM
To: Peyton C <ryzz.inks@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Ableist bus

Hi Peyton:

Again, I apologize for the negative experience.

We appreciate the feedback regarding electric scooters on the SamTrans buses.

We understand your frustration and are working for a safe and accessible environment for all riders.

I spoke with the SamTrans team, and we are currently reviewing the policies and hope to make changes.

Thanks for riding SamTrans.

Tina Dubost
Manager, Accessible Transit Services

From: [James Coleman](#)
To: [Board \(@samtrans.com\)](#)
Subject: SMC Local Elected Leaders Letter of Support for SB63
Date: Thursday, September 11, 2025 2:47:37 PM
Attachments: [SMC Electeds Letter to State Delegation on SB 63.pdf](#)

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On behalf of over thirty local elected officials from across San Mateo County, please see the attached letter expressing our strong support for San Mateo County's continued inclusion in SB 63.

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Sincerely,
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September 11, 2025

The Honorable Josh Becker
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Dear Senator Becker,

On behalf of the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans), I am writing to thank you for carrying SB 272, which authorizes SamTrans to use Job Order Contracting (JOC) under the same standards as other local transportation agencies. Your support will help us streamline small maintenance and repair projects, saving time and resources while getting critical work underway at an accelerated pace.

Thank you for your leadership in advancing SB 272 and your commitment to strengthening public transit and transportation in our region. We are grateful for your partnership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "April Chan", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

April Chan
General Manager/CEO

CC: San Mateo County Transit District Board of Directors
San Mateo County Transit District State Legislative Delegation

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Re: Senate Bill 63 (Wiener, Arreguín) - Support for San Mateo County Opt-In Commitment

September 11, 2025

Dear Senators Wiener, Arreguín, and Becker and Assemblymembers Papan, Berman, and Stefani,

We write to express our support for San Mateo County's continued inclusion in Senate Bill 63 (Wiener, Arreguín). The regional transit revenue measure enabled by SB 63 is urgently needed for San Mateo County to preserve and improve our local transit service. The strong accountability provisions included in the most recent draft of SB 63 are tough, unprecedented, and responsive to prior input from San Mateo County elected officials and transit agency staff.

On August 6, 2025 the SamTrans Board of Directors voted 8-1 to support San Mateo County's inclusion in SB 63. The SamTrans Board's decision was informed by the urgent need for local transit funding in San Mateo County, by extensive polling information, and by prior votes by the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA) and City/County Association of Governments (C/CAG) supporting an "opt-in" decision. **Included in the SamTrans motion was language directing the Bay Area Delegation to include strong accountability measures while "preserving San Mateo County's ability to participate in the measure."**

Thousands of San Mateo County residents rely on public transit to access their essential destinations, and there is strong support among likely voters for the approach contemplated in SB 63. [May 2025 polling](#) conducted on behalf of SamTrans and SMCTA showed that 57 percent of likely voters support a half-cent sales tax to fund public transit operations in San Mateo County. SB 63 authorizes a citizens' initiative which can pass with a simple majority. Polling showed that a local alternative structured around an increased local Measure A sales tax would not pass the necessary two-thirds margin. Thus, the regional transit measure enabled by SB 63 is the only viable path forward to meet the urgent transit funding needs of transit agencies serving San Mateo County residents.

County leaders and transit agency staff have engaged in months of constructive conversations with the authors of SB 63. We thank Assemblymember Diane Papan for her advocacy for robust accountability measures and SamTrans/SMCTA staff for their tireless work negotiating a strong deal for San Mateo County. **We thank the bill authors for including the following components in SB 63 that address San Mateo County's concerns and requests:**

- **Preserving opt-in decision:** The authors agreed to provide San Mateo County with the voluntary option to opt in or out of SB 63, which was not offered with SB 1031.
- **Protecting Measure A renewal:** SB 63 can only go on the November 3, 2026 ballot, and reduces pressure on Measure A renewal to provide funding for Caltrain. Without SB 63, San Mateo County would potentially have to cut millions in local funding to fund Caltrain through our planned 2028 Measure A renewal.
- **Increasing transparency:** San Mateo County requested that an independent consultant be contracted to review operator deficits. That independent review was conducted earlier this year, helping inform the expenditure plan.
- **Setting a fair BART contribution:** County leaders worked with the authors to negotiate a lower and fairer contribution to BART. This amount corresponds to a fair share of adjusted fare loss from the pandemic instead of adjusting for existing local commitments to operations from every county—reducing San Mateo’s BART funding obligation by tens of millions.
- **Maximizing Return to Source:** All funds in excess of the agreed-upon amounts to other operators and initiatives from the county in SB 63 will be returned to SamTrans, constituting roughly \$50 million each year in transformative funding for local transit projects in San Mateo County. There will be no ability for that funding to be withheld, conditioned, reduced, modified, or delayed by the newly established special district. Additionally, recent negotiations provided even more return-to-source funding for our county. SamTrans will receive these revenues and will have decisionmaking authority over these revenues - **this is taxation with direct representation on our return to source dollars.**
- **Requiring a robust fiscal efficiency review:** In large part due to advocacy by San Mateo County, SB 63 requires BART, Muni, Caltrain, and AC Transit to submit a two-phase comprehensive financial efficiency review and implementation plan overseen by an independent oversight committee. The committee will include an equal balance of operator representatives and independent experts, as well as a member of the commission from the geographic boundaries of the measure. Operators will have to maintain these efficiencies in order to continue receiving funding from the measure.
- **Strengthening accountability:** Significant accountability concessions were made as a direct result of Assemblymember Papan’s pressure and negotiations.
 - For each agency that receives funding from multiple counties in SB 63, there will be a new *ad hoc adjudication committee* composed of equal representatives from each county served by that agency (i.e. for Caltrain: San Mateo, San Francisco, and Santa Clara would each get two seats).
 - In San Mateo County, SamTrans or the Board of Supervisors will be able to petition these ad hoc adjudication committees if they believe an operator they are funding is unfairly or inconsistently applying adopted policies.
 - An ad hoc adjudication committee can withhold up to 3.5%, and then after 90 days if an operator has yet to comply, up to 7%, of an operator’s funding, as a result of a petition. This is an increase from the 5% withholding the authors had previously agreed to.
 - In the event of a tie, funds are withheld from the transit agency with the grievance against them.

- For these withheld funds to be released after an issue is resolved, at least one commissioner from each county on the ad hoc adjudication committee has to vote to release the funds, or a simple majority vote or tie after 180 days.
- **Clarifying the role of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission**
 - The measure is administered by MTC, which brings decades of financial and legal expertise and has successfully delivered two prior regional measures. This ensures professional, efficient administration and reliable delivery.
 - At the same time, the counties remain firmly in the driver's seat. The expenditure plan is prescriptive—counties determine how funds are allocated, and MTC's role is to carry out those decisions.
 - The measure also directs MTC to verify compliance with financial efficiency requirements and a maintenance of effort standard, while ensuring that counties—through the ad hoc committees—are the ones that have the final say if operators are meeting standards on cleanliness, safety, service, and fares.
 - Additionally, MTC has no ability to allocate or withhold SamTrans return-to-source funds.
 - This approach offers the best of both worlds: MTC's proven administrative capacity paired with county control over priorities and accountability.

This accountability structure is extremely strict not only in relation to earlier versions of SB 63, but in relation to other tax measures more broadly. It is highly responsive to San Mateo County's persistent advocacy and is the strongest possible accountability system that the authors were able to feasibly achieve in the legislature.

The benefits of SB 63 to San Mateo County are immense, and there is no feasible path to funding our County's urgent transit needs in the coming years without San Mateo County's inclusion in SB 63. Tens of thousands of residents in our county including our workers, youth, seniors, low-income families, and individuals with disabilities depend on our transit systems. Through the housing element process, cities across San Mateo County have planned for transit oriented development to both meet their affordable housing goals and create demand to sustain our transit systems long term. Letting transit fail is not an option, and SB 63 gives transit agencies serving San Mateo County residents the funding they need to adapt to new realities and bring ridership back to pre-pandemic levels. Caltrain's highly successful electrification project increased ridership 76 percent from June 2024 to June 2025, and BART's customer satisfaction rating is the highest it has been in years. While there is much more work ahead, SB 63 will allow transit agencies to avert catastrophic cuts and build on the progress that has already been made.

We urge you to support San Mateo County's continued inclusion in Senate Bill 63 and thank you for your continued leadership advocating for the needs of San Mateo County.

Sincerely,

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From: [Chrissy Field](#)
To: [Board \(@samtrans.com\)](#)
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Date: Saturday, September 13, 2025 8:01:54 PM
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Dear Members of the SamTrans Board,

I am writing to bring to your attention a matter concerning the use of long-term consulting services within the organization.

It is my understanding that **Ms. Sherry Bullock** has served as a consultant for Caltrain/SamTrans for approximately **18 years**. Her role has consistently involved management-level responsibilities that would typically be assigned to a full-time employee. Agency policies and best practices generally discourage the long-term use of consultants in positions that function as permanent staff roles, recommending instead that such functions be transitioned to employees.

My concern is twofold:

1. **Governance and Compliance** – The prolonged engagement of a single consultant in a staff-like role raises questions about compliance with procurement policies and appropriate oversight of contracting practices.
2. **Cost Implications** – Consultants are billed at a significantly higher rate than full-time employees performing comparable functions. By continuing this arrangement for nearly two decades, the agency may have incurred costs substantially above what a staff position would require.

To be clear, I am not alleging misconduct by Ms. Bullock. Rather, my concern lies with the agency's reliance on a long-term consultant arrangement that may not align with established policies and principles of prudent public fund management.

I respectfully request that the Board and management review this matter to ensure:

- Compliance with procurement and contracting requirements,
- Alignment with agency policy regarding the use of consultants, and
- Appropriate consideration of transitioning long-term consultant roles into staff positions to safeguard public resources.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

[Anonymous]

From: Mass Transit <mass@news.southcommmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2025 7:46 AM
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Subject: DART's Silver Line to begin passenger service Oct. 25; Updates from HDR

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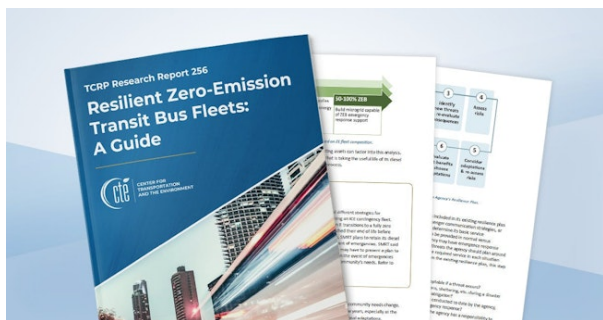
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MTA's Staten Island Railway begins operating R211S subway cars

The cars include pre-installed security cameras in each car, as well as additional accessible seating, digital displays that will provide more detailed station-specific information and brighter lighting and signage.

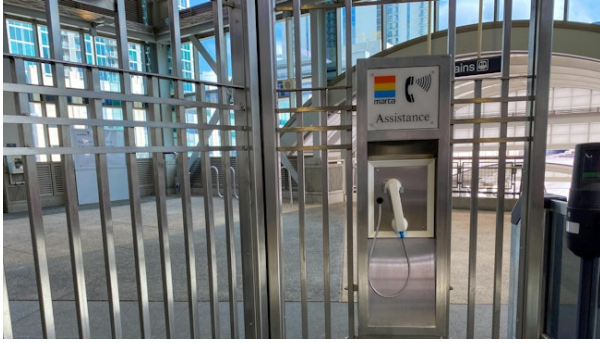
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The Honorable Gavin Newsom
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**RE: SB 71 (Wiener) CEQA Streamlining for Clean
Transportation Projects – Request for Signature**

Dear Governor Newsom,

On behalf of the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans) and the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA), I write to respectfully request you sign **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 extending the law's January 1, 2030 sunset date for most of the projects permitted by the statute to January 1, 2040. This bill would also add additional project-types to the list of exemptions, including ferry terminals, microtransit, paratransit, and more.

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.

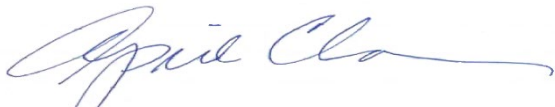
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Along with conversion of our fleet to zero emission technology, SamTrans has many projects that may benefit from this bill. The agency fully implemented the changes from the last transit operational analysis and plan. SamTrans is in the process of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

As such, we support SB 71 to create 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.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact Government and Community Affairs Director Jessica Epstein at epsteinj@samtrans.com if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,



April Chan
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RE: AB 394 (Wilson) Public Transit Operator and Rider Safety – Request for Signature

Dear Governor Newsom,

On behalf of the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans), I write to respectfully request that you sign **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 key ways. First, the bill expands existing law to protect *all* transit employees against battery. Second, the bill clarifies that our state's public transit operators are employers for purposes of seeking temporary restraining orders (TRO) against violent offenders and that "unlawful violence" as defined in TRO law includes battery committed against passengers and transit workers pursuant to Penal Code Section 243.3.

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.

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September 12, 2025

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
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RE: AB 1250 (Papan) Paratransit Eligibility: Recertification – Request for Signature

Dear Governor Newsom,

On behalf of the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans), I write to request that you sign **AB 1250 (Papan)**, to create a streamlined paratransit recertification process for Californians with permanent disabilities.

Paratransit service plays a vital role in our society and is an essential component of public transportation. As a transit agency, we are committed to ensuring our riders with disabilities can comfortably and safely use this service to access jobs, healthcare, and educational opportunities, among other things. SamTrans' paratransit services (Redi-Wheels and RediCoast) serve 5,375 eligible individuals throughout San Mateo County.

We understand that transit agencies' existing paratransit recertification processes may include requirements that are difficult for individuals to navigate, including in person interviews. By making it easier to recertify individuals whose disabilities are unlikely to change, the bill reduces hurdles for riders and improves efficiency for transit agencies.

For example, under AB 1250, the proposed recertification process for riders with permanent disabilities will use a mail-in form, online webform, or phone interview, completed once every five years. It would not require riders with permanent disabilities to come in person for recertification.

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AB 1250 not only honors the dignity of Californians with disabilities but also enhances operational efficiency for transit agencies. For these reasons, we strongly support it and hope you will sign it into law.

Please contact SamTrans' Government and Community Affairs Director, Jessica Epstein, at epsteinj@samtrans.com if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



April Chan
General Manager/CEO

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The Honorable Gavin Newsom
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RE: AB 476 (González) Metal Theft – Request for Signature

Dear Governor Newsom,

On behalf of the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans) and the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA), I write to respectfully request that you sign **AB 476 (González)**, to enhance enforcement measures against precious metal theft. This bill will help protect California's public infrastructure and ensure the safety and functionality of essential services that our communities rely on.

Metal theft has become an increasingly widespread and costly issue, severely affecting infrastructure, construction, and transit projects. Thieves often target these public assets due to the high value of precious metal, specifically copper, leaving behind significant damage that endangers public safety and imposes burdensome repair costs on local agencies.

AB 476 provides much-needed enforcement tools to deter copper wire theft and hold perpetrators accountable for the harm they cause to public safety and infrastructure reliability. The bill would require junk dealers and recyclers to collect more detailed transaction records and provide access to these records to law enforcement. AB 476 also updates restrictions on possessing materials from public agencies and increases the fine for junk dealers or recyclers who fail to follow the law.

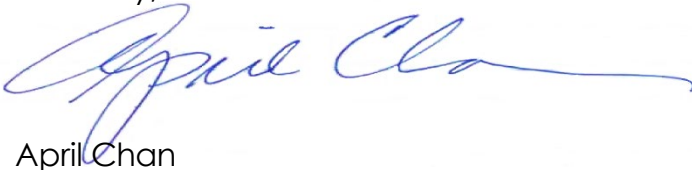
Given the significant impact of metal theft on Caltrain and the threat that this poses to the public safety and service reliability of Caltrain's newly electrified infrastructure, SamTrans and SMCTA believe that this bill will strengthen the legal framework needed to safeguard critical transit infrastructure in San Mateo County.

Furthermore, metal theft is a potential source of construction cost drivers for SMCTA due to copper thefts at construction sites.

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For these reasons, we request your signature on AB 476 (González). Thank you for your time and consideration. Please contact Government and Community Affairs Director Jessica Epstein at epsteinj@samtrans.com if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



April Chan
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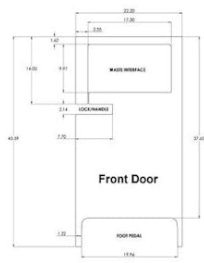
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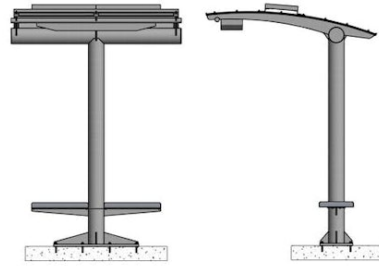
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The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (L.A. Metro) released the final environmental impact report (FEIR) for the [C Line Extension](#) to Torrance, Calif. The project would expand rail service deeper into the South Bay from the L.A. Metro K Line's Redondo Beach (Marine) Station to the planned Torrance Transit Center station, providing faster and more reliable connections while giving riders a 19-

minute trip from Torrance to Los Angeles International Airport (LAX).

L.A. Metro notes the project, which could start construction as early as 2027, is funded in part by the voter-approved Measures R and M.

“This project represents a major step forward for the South Bay and for the entire [L.A.] Metro system,” said L.A. Metro Board Chair and Whittier City Council Member Fernando Dutra. “By extending rail service to Torrance, we are giving more Angelenos access to good jobs, faster commutes and cleaner air. We look forward to working hand-in-hand with our community partners to ensure that this project best serves the needs of the community now and for generations to come.”

According to the agency, the FEIR reflects input from more than 2,000 public comments and includes design refinements, clarifications and corrections. L.A. Metro also released updated cost estimates and a report about the real estate acquisitions that would be required to complete the project.

In May 2024, the L.A. Metro Board approved the proposed route, the hybrid alternative, also known as the locally preferred alternative, to follow L.A. Metro’s existing Harbor Subdivision right-of-way. It combines elevated, at-grade (street level) and trench (below street level) sections. At key crossings, such as 170th Street and 182nd Street, the agency notes the tracks will be placed below roadways in trenches to improve safety, reduce noise and avoid traffic delays for pedestrians and motorists.

L.A. Metro also has proposed improvements to an existing freight line to create a safer, quieter rail corridor, minimizing the impact to local property while balancing cost efficiency and community concerns.

According to the agency, the extension will allow riders to travel to Inglewood entertainment venues, including SoFi Stadium, the YouTube Theater, the Kia Forum, Intuit Dome, LAX and downtown Los Angeles with convenient transfers to L.A. Metro’s rail system that serves Santa Monica, East Los Angeles and beyond. The alignment would extend the line approximately 4.5 miles from Marine Station to the Torrance Transit Center and includes two new stations serving Redondo Beach and Torrance. Once in operation, the extension would support more than 11,500 daily trips, attract up to 1.49 million new riders annually and reduce vehicle miles traveled on local roads by nearly 19.5 million miles each year.

“The C Line Extension to Torrance is about connecting people and

places,” said L.A. Metro CEO Stephanie Wiggins. “It will allow riders to travel between LAX and Torrance via rail, link local communities to our expanding transit system and provide a faster, more reliable alternative to sitting in traffic.”

The L.A. Metro Board of Directors is expected to consider certification of the FEIR and project approval this fall. If approved, L.A. Metro will move forward with design and engineering, first/last Mile planning with cities and preparations for construction.

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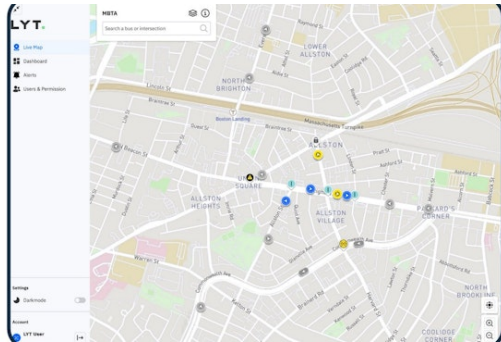
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UPDATED: OCTA completes initial beach nourishment effort on San Clemente rail line

The beach nourishment is the first step in the agency's plan to place approximately 540,000 cubic yards of sand along San Clemente's beaches to protect the rail line.

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CUTA urges Canadian government to bolster transit funding for future of its systems

The association seeks to ensure the launching Canadian Public Transit Fund is ready to handle upgrades and future needs.

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Both TODs will be built next to the BelRed light-rail station and will advance multiple city goals related to housing and economic development.

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Metrolinx partners with No Frills supermarkets to sell and manage PRESTO cards

The partnership also launches limited edition cards for sale at the partner locations.

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City of Raleigh to build new GoRaleigh Access facility

The new office space will support the operations team, provide ADA eligibility testing for the paratransit program and host call centers for both Raleigh and Wake County.

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BARTA partners with Modeshift to upgrade fare collection system for paratransit service

CA: More money, less red tape. Here's CA high-speed rail's wish list for success

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CA: Long-term funding for Bay Area transit agencies a step closer to ballot after Legislature's OK

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From: SamTrans BOD Public Support
Sent: Thursday, September 18, 2025 6:44 PM
To: bayareaperson@yahoo.com
Cc: Board (@samtrans.com)
Subject: RE: Bus shelter covers in Bus stops and digital display

To Jyothsna Chodagam,

Thank you for reaching out. Your request to add bus shelter covers to all of our stops with digital displays was forwarded to the proper parties for consideration.

The proper parties in question would be the SamTrans staff on our Facilities and those who had been working on the Bus Stop Improvement Plan (BSIP), which identified bus stop features and amenities that SamTrans riders, local governments, and community members value, and lays out a plan for improving bus stops across the SamTrans network. You can find more information about BSIP on our website:

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The good news is we are indeed planning to add more shelters, shades, benches, and other amenities at a number of our stops through BSIP. However, while BSIP has been officially adopted by the SamTrans Board of Directors for implementation, please keep in mind that these improvements will still take time to complete. SamTrans is working with limited resources, so we have to prioritize which improvements to move forward with first using a methodology that considers multiple factors, like equity, ridership, and environmental vulnerability.

We appreciate your patience and understanding in the matter, and we apologize for any inconvenience this may cause in the interim.

Your SamTrans BOD Public Support Team

From: J J <mvgal222@gmail.com>
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Thank you for taking the time to provide us with your comments. Your feedback will be forwarded to the appropriate staff to handle. Below you will find the details of your submission. Please refer to the tracking number in any follow-up communications relating to this specific issue.

We rely on passenger and community input to make SamTrans a better service. Thanks again for being part of the process.

SamTrans Customer Service

Tracking Number: 985758

First Name: Jyothsna

Last Name: Chodagam

Email: bayareaperson@yahoo.com <<mailto:bayareaperson@yahoo.com>>

Phone:

Category: Other - Complaint

Comment: Please add Bus Shelter covers for all bus stops with digital display of timings for time of arrival of bus. Please do not send USA tax money to Ukraine and Israel. Please help use the USA tax money in a smarter way only for USA. Please add bus schedules on the buses and at the bus stop.

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Transit agencies, state DOT's celebrate See Tracks? Think Train® Week
By Brandon Lewis

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The study also seeks to improve current routes and terminals with possible multimodal access upgrades.

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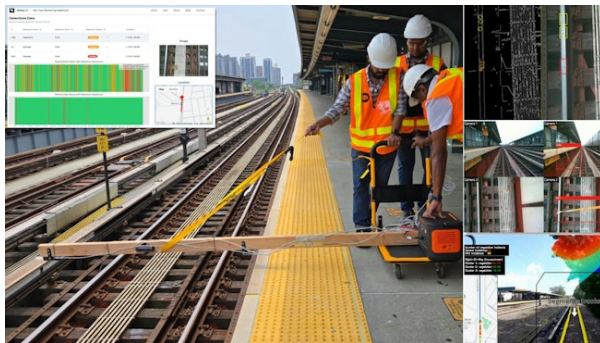


Caltrain to hire a Chief Officer, Diridon Redevelopment Program-San Jose, CA

From Caltrain

Caltrain's historic Diridon Station in San Jose, CA has received funding for the redevelopment of the station and the surrounding area improving multimodal transportation for the San Jose Community. Caltrain is actively recruiting a qualified executive leader. Visit Caltrain's website for job information.

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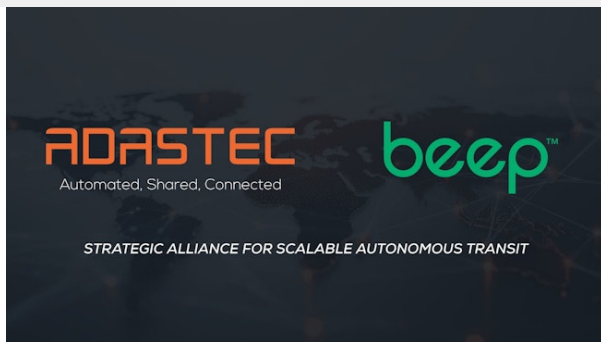
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City of Brunswick launches Brunswick Breeze on-demand ride service

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ADASTEC and Beep partner for scaled autonomous transportation solutions

The partnership pairs ADASTEC's autonomous tech and Beep's supervision and management platform.

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People on the move: TriMet adds two to leadership team

The agency has tapped Inessa M. Vitko to serve as chief operations officer and promoted Mary L. Hill to executive director of transportation.

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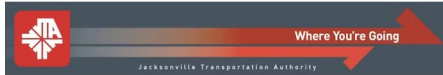
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