



SamTrans Board of Directors

Meeting November 5, 2025

Correspondence as of October 31, 2025

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**From:** [SamTrans BOD Public Support](#)  
**To:** [Board \(@samtrans.com\)](#)  
**Subject:** SamTrans Comment - 990976  
**Date:** Friday, October 24, 2025 6:56:36 PM  
**Attachments:** [990976.pdf](#)

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Good evening.

Customer Service received this letter today address to the Board. This has been entered into IndustrySafe as CR 990976 and forwarded to Operations Planning for review.

Thank you.

**Alexis Salandanan**

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**Subject:** Community Request to Reevaluate and Expand SamTrans Route 278 Service Through Woodside

Dear Members of the Board,

My name is **Orlando Nell**, and I'm a Woodside resident who's been actively participating in the Town Center improvement discussions. I'm writing to respectfully ask that the Board consider reevaluating and potentially updating the **SamTrans Route 278 bus service** better to serve the community of Woodside and the surrounding area.

At present, Route 278 runs a limited path between **Cañada College** and **Redwood City Transit Center Bay C (AKA Redwood City Caltrain Bus Bay C)**, bypassing most of Woodside's core. I strongly believe that extending or adjusting the route to include more of the Town Center would provide major benefits for residents, students, and workers while also supporting local traffic and parking goals.

When I previously reached out to SamTrans staff, I was told that current ridership didn't justify an expansion. However, based on daily activity in town, that assessment doesn't reflect how people actually move through the area. Between employees at Roberts Market, Buck's, and the Village Bakery; students traveling between **Woodside High School** and **Cañada College**; and visitors frequenting the Town Center, there's real and steady demand.

I've developed a **Google My Maps draft** illustrating a potential realignment of Route 278 that would better serve these needs:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/2/edit?mid=1IO8VADm7sCBRqZclXw20w-nUwN5b4v0&ll=37.4302914767577%2C-122.25508931456154&z=19>

On this map:

- The **purple line** shows the current 278 route.

- In the **mornings**, the bus would run north on I-280, looping through the Town Center before continuing toward Redwood City.
- In the **afternoons**, it would follow the current southbound pattern.
- Each icon marks potential stops near businesses, community areas, or schools.

Here's why this change matters:

- There are **no existing bus stops between Cañada College and Woodside High School**. Adding one or two would allow students who live in Woodside to take the bus instead of driving alone.
- Local businesses could benefit by having employees commute by bus rather than parking in the back lots behind Buck's or Roberts Market—freeing more space for customers and reducing congestion.
- For visitors and residents, improved transit access would reduce car dependence and support the Town's sustainability goals.

I realize route changes require careful study and cost consideration, but this is one of those small improvements that could have a big, positive impact on both daily traffic and community accessibility. I'd be glad to meet or provide additional details, including the community feedback I've gathered during the Town Center open house and from local business owners.

Thank you for taking the time to review this request and for all the work you do to keep our county connected.

Respectfully,  
**Orlando Nell**

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**From:** Mass Transit <mass@news.southcommmail.com>  
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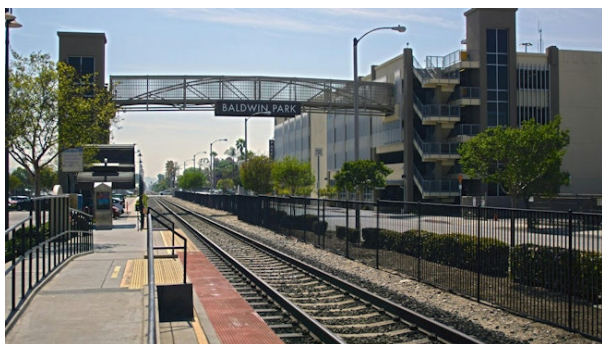
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**Subject:** RE: Route SKY Weekend Service  
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To Nash Manalili,

Thank you for taking the time to send us your feedback about our Route SKY. Your comments were forwarded to our Operations Planning team for review, including, of course, your request to implement weekend service for Route SKY. A copy of this correspondence will also be provided to our Board of Directors.

Our Operations Planning team were happy to hear how positively you and your community have received our Route SKY. As for your recommendation for weekend service, know that SamTrans staff will soon be evaluating our Reimagine SamTrans project to see what parts worked and what parts may need adjustment. Route SKY will be part of this evaluation, and Operations Planning will ensure that potential weekend service for the bus line is in consideration. This evaluation is set to begin sometime this fall, and its results will be shared early 2026.

Thank you again for reaching out. We look forward to continuing to provide you and your community with safe and effective transit service.

Your SamTrans BOD Public Support Team

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**From:** Nash Manalili <[nashhbm05@gmail.com](mailto:nashhbm05@gmail.com)>  
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**Subject:** Route SKY Weekend Service

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Hello, my name is Nash Manalili. I am a daily samTrans rider based in Daly City. The introduction of Route SKY has completely changed my commute for the better. I use it for recreation and leisure, school, shopping, and visiting friends and family. I have lived in the south side of Daly City for over 13 years; I moved to the neighborhood when Route 123 was in service (the original Route SKY that went to Colma instead of Daly City BART). Route SKY is extremely convenient as it allows me to catch a bus without having to walk through very hilly areas for 7-10 minutes, sometimes 15 or more minutes, to catch alternative routes 122 and 130 (which also have longer travel times to reach the same destinations that SKY serves). The hills in my neighborhood make it especially hard for seniors who take transit, and I know and have seen quite a few from my area. Route SKY is used by people of all ages; it is not just Skyline students riding this line. People have jobs on the weekends too – my mom and brother would strongly benefit from weekend SKY

service. I notice a lot of seniors taking the bus to and shopping at Manila Oriental Market at King Plaza and Seafood City at Westborough Hills Plaza. I see many people and families taking samTrans to Serramonte on weekends – arguably the busiest time of the week for that mall. Route SKY providing supplemental service on Saturday and Sunday would make it so much easier and faster to get around for these riders, especially those living on the stretch of Callan/the other nearby streets that routes 121 and 122 do not serve. SKY's counterpart, Route CSM – which serves the same purpose SKY does, but down south in San Mateo – has weekend service. Daly City/South San Francisco deserve weekend service too.



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