



SamTrans Board of Directors

Meeting March 4, 2026

Correspondence as of February 6, 2026

Subject

1. BART Board Workshop on Thursday, February 12
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From: [Molly Burke](#)
To: [Board \(@samtrans.com\)](#)
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Dear friends at SamTrans,

Please see attached letter from our Director regarding a potential sponsorship of our 22nd annual **Disaster Preparedness Day**.

An event that is totally free to the public - thanks to generous sponsors such as your organization - full of entertainment, workshops, and resources to help our residents throughout San Mateo County build confidence, skills, and resilience to better face any emergency.

Sincerely,



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February 5, 2026

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Subject: Invitation to Sponsor Disaster Preparedness Day 2026

Dear SamTrans,

Every year, San Mateo County faces severe storms and flooding from atmospheric rivers, the ever-present threat of wildfires, and the reality that a major earthquake could strike at any moment. These aren't hypotheticals—they're the conditions that shape life on the Peninsula.

San Mateo County Emergency Management is reimagining what preparedness and readiness mean for our 775,000 residents. We're doing things differently—building a culture where communities don't just react to disasters but are equipped and confident to face them.

Disaster Preparedness Day 2026 is at the heart of that vision, and we're inviting you to be part of it.

This will be our **22nd annual event**, taking place **Saturday, August 1, 2026**, at the San Mateo County Event Center. Last year, over **1,600** residents connected with **44+ agencies**—first responders, CalFire, the Red Cross, SFO Airport, and dozens more—to build life-saving skills. It remains free to attend because of sponsors like you.

There's something powerful about a child meeting a firefighter or paramedic before a crisis—so that in the moments that matter, they're not frightened by the flashing lights and intensity of an emergency. At last year's event, we watched kids walk through ambulances and fire trucks, ask questions, and bring their stuffed animals for pretend emergency care. Children as young as eight participated in CPR and Stop the Bleed classes and crawled through a mock smoke tunnel to learn how to get out of a fire safely. Families enjoyed Storytime with a Firefighter and hundreds of community members of every age took preparedness workshops in Spanish and Mandarin. It was fun, engaging, and genuinely life-changing.





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Visibility from your support is significant. Disaster Preparedness Day generates extensive coverage across local television, radio, and print outlets leading up to and during the event. Your sponsorship places your organization alongside trusted public safety agencies in a highly positive, community-focused setting—demonstrating your commitment to the residents and neighborhoods you serve.

We're offering several sponsorship tiers this year, from premier event recognition to targeted activity sponsorships. To help us understand your interest and preferred level of involvement, please complete this brief form:

<https://forms.office.com/g/kuJDZLEGvP>

We're happy to schedule a brief call to discuss how your support can be recognized in a way that aligns with your community engagement goals. Sandra Firpo – one of our Emergency Management Coordinators – is the Program Manager for Disaster Preparedness Day. She can be reached at sfirpo@smcgov.org.

When disaster strikes, preparation makes the difference between panic and resilience. Thank you for considering a partnership that helps our entire county face the future—together.

Warm regards,

Shruti Dhapodkar
Director, Department of Emergency Management
San Mateo County



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Good afternoon Samtrans Board Members and staff:

As a follow up to my email earlier this week about the upcoming BART Board Workshop on Thursday February 12, please find below a link to the final materials.

The information included provides the most detailed specifics released to date outlining what an "Alternative Service Framework" would look like if a November 2026 ballot measure fails and no other operating revenue source is identified.

No action will be taken by the Board at the workshop. Staff plan to return to the Board on February 26, having taken their feedback from the workshop into account, with a resolution to adopt an "Alternative Service Framework." This is a necessary step to educate the public about what is at stake if operating funding is not secured and to plan for worst-case scenarios.

Thank you for your continued partnership as we navigate this unprecedented moment.

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