



SamTrans Board of Directors

Meeting March 4, 2026

Correspondence as of February 13, 2026

Subject

1. Mass Transit: City of Edmonton, HRC, strike contract for high-floor LRV order; Updates from BART
2. FW: Suggestion for Temporary U.S. Flag Display and Commemorative Design on SamTrans Buses
3. RE: Customer Letter from E. Lawrence re Bus Route ECR – *Staff response*

From: Mass Transit <mass@news.southcommmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 6, 2026 8:25 AM
To: Board (@samtrans.com)
Subject: City of Edmonton, HRC, strike contract for high-floor LRV order; Updates from BART

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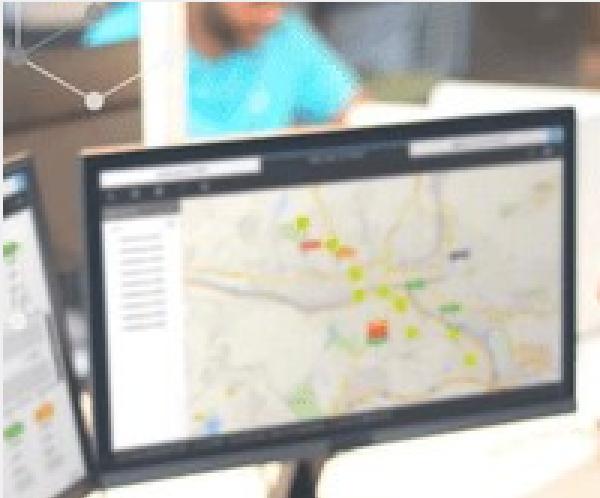


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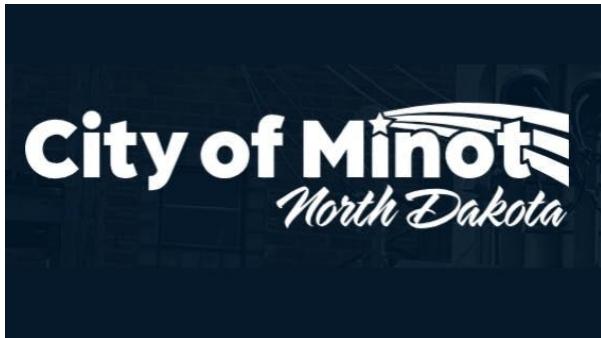
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The overhauled bus will allow Minot to begin fleet replacements more quickly for less cost.

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By Brandon Lewis

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From: [Loana Lumina-Hsu](#)
To: [Board \(@samtrans.com\)](#)
Subject: FW: Suggestion for Temporary U.S. Flag Display and Commemorative Design on SamTrans Buses
Date: Monday, February 9, 2026 9:48:52 AM

From: Orlando Nell <orlando@orlandonell.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 7, 2026 3:42 PM
To: PRA <pra@samtrans.com>
Subject: Suggestion for Temporary U.S. Flag Display and Commemorative Design on SamTrans Buses

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To SamTrans Customer Relations and Executive Leadership,

I am writing to suggest a simple, temporary, and nonpartisan way SamTrans could help recognize upcoming national and international events taking place here in the United States and in the Bay Area.

With the FIFA World Cup approaching, along with upcoming U.S. Olympic and Paralympic participation, SamTrans buses will be carrying both local riders and international visitors. During major global sporting events, it is customary for host countries to display national symbols as a sign of welcome and civic pride. A small U.S. flag decal placed on the front of SamTrans buses, even on a temporary basis for this month or for specific event periods, would be an appropriate and inclusive way to mark these moments.

I would also encourage SamTrans to consider a future commemorative design or wrap in anticipation of the 250th anniversary of the United States in 2026. This could be handled similarly to other time-limited special liveries used across the country for anniversaries, milestones, or community celebrations. Such a design would not represent politics or ideology, but rather national history and shared civic identity.

Displaying the U.S. flag or a commemorative design during globally recognized events is not partisan. It is widely understood as cultural representation and hospitality, particularly in transit systems that serve as a first impression for visitors. Keeping this

effort temporary and clearly tied to specific events would allow SamTrans to participate without altering long-term branding.

Thank you for your time and for considering this suggestion. I appreciate the role SamTrans plays in representing San Mateo County to the wider world.

Sincerely,
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From: [SamTrans BOD Public Support](#)
To: [Board \(@samtrans.com\)](#)
Subject: RE: Customer Letter from E. Lawrence re Bus Route ECR
Date: Monday, February 9, 2026 6:52:30 PM
Attachments: [998544.Response.doc](#)
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Good evening.

Here is a copy of the letter Customer Service is sending this customer in response to his concerns.

Your SamTrans BOD Public Support Team

From: Board (@samtrans.com) <Board@samtrans.com>
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2026 2:24 PM
To: SamTrans BOD Public Support <SamTransBODPublicSupport@samtrans.com>
Subject: FW: Customer Letter from E. Lawrence re Bus Route ECR

From: Paola Ledezma <LedezmaP@samtrans.com>
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2026 10:23:37 PM (UTC+00:00) Monrovia, Reykjavik
To: Board (@samtrans.com) <Board@samtrans.com>
Subject: Customer Letter from E. Lawrence re Bus Route ECR

Hi- attached is a letter from customer E. Lawrence that was addressed to the SamTrans Board that was sent through U.S. mail.

Thank you.

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February 9, 2026

Emil Lawrence
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To Emil Lawrence,

Thank you for taking the time to reach out with comments on your recent experiences on our service. Feedback from our riders is valuable to our efforts in maintaining and improving the quality of our transit system. Though we regret that a large part of what prompted your correspondence was due to how uncomfortable you found your travels on our ECR and that you had to recall the unpleasant experience in providing your feedback to us, we do appreciate your time and effort in opening this dialogue. And we assure you we very much share your interest in ensuring SamTrans is providing riders with safe, comfortable, and reliable service.

To that end, know that your feedback was forwarded to the proper parties for review. Additionally, per your wishes, a copy of this correspondence will be provided to our Board of Directors. Thank you again for sharing your thoughts with us. As noted, hearing back from our riders helps us better identify areas of improvement—or, as in the case with your trip with Operator 1447, lets us recognize the efforts of our staff who go above and beyond in their service.

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