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1. Agenda 10d - Comments on Regional Measure SamTrans Local Expenditure Plan
2. Sb 63 public comment

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Dear SamTrans board meeting,

Attached please find a letter from members of TEAMC, the San Mateo County transportation justice coalition, with comments on the Draft Local Investment Plan for Potential Senate Bill 63 Regional Tax Measure Return-to-Source Funds for San Mateo County Transit Purposes (Agenda 10d).

Thank you for your consideration,

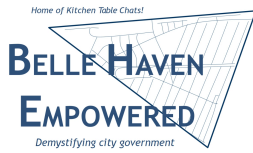
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To: SamTrans board
Re: SamTrans SB63 Local Investment Plan - Agenda 10d [staff report](#)
Date: May 5, 2026
From: TEAMC San Mateo County Transit Justice Alliance

Honorable SamTrans Board members and staff,

Thank you very much for considering the expenditure plan for the SamTrans discretionary portion of the Connect Bay Area ballot measure.

The measure as a whole is critically important for the county; without it, Caltrain and BART service would be cut drastically, harming mobility for people who depend on transit, leading to crippling increases in traffic congestion, making life more expensive in a high-cost area.

In addition to the funds dedicated to Caltrain, BART, and Muni that serve San Mateo County, the Connect Bay Area ballot measure would provide \$50 million annually in "return to source" local funding – which has the potential to provide valuable improvements for San Mateo County.

TEAMC is the transit justice alliance in San Mateo County, composed of community-based organizations and nonprofits. The group first organized around transportation Measure W, when it provided feedback on the expenditure plan and policies, and then organized to pass the measure.

For the locally-controlled SamTrans investments as part of the ConnectBayArea measure, we want to see priority on serving people who depend on transit, improving the cost-effectiveness of the transit system to serve more people per dollar, supporting affordability for residents at a time of skyrocketing gas prices.

With these goals and values, we want to see spending that prioritizes:

- Maintaining and improving service frequency, including service at more times of the day and week when people need to travel, including evenings and weekends and in underserved areas. This also helps paratransit service, which is linked to fixed route service
- Making bus service faster, more reliable, and more cost-effective
- Improving bus stops to provide shade, lighting and benches for safety, comfort and dignity
- Maintaining fare discounts for youth, seniors, and people with disabilities
- Maintaining and improving the RidePlus micromobility service, with better connections to fixed route service to enable people to conveniently get to more places.
- Improving connectivity with other agencies and counties

We understand SamTrans and our communities have other important goals such as protecting the bus yards from sea level rise, however, there are other funding sources that can and should be used for these priorities.

At a time when affordability is a priority for many San Mateo County residents, we urge you to focus these investments from this local source where they can be the most uniquely beneficial.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Honorable Sam Trans Board,

I am writing you today to speak for my over 7000 constituents in my district and 37,000 at large in my community. As vice mayor of Pacifica I want to be very clear about how we view the return to source funding included in SB 63. As a starting place I would like to point out that 5 of the six sales tax measures in the county serve transportation all with a heavy investment in public transit. Your proposal while being questionably called a citizens led initiative would be another and totally dedicated to public transit. While I totally support public transit and firmly believe if we build it they will come I question the choices you are making with the return to source funding. A survey of 1800 does not compare to the several thousand I represent and speak for. Pacifica is a transit dessert with some of the worst roads in the county. I would strongly advocate that 50% of the return to source funds be directed to roads along your transit routes. Additionally I would advocate for the other fifty percent be used to support express busses along route one meeting every train going north and south in Colma, Daly City and Millbrae with last mile micro transit connectivity to meet each of those busses. As you are aware and we have discussed we are not laid out on a grid system so efficient public transit is difficult at best this concept is meant to address that. Additionally the coast has traditionally been significantly underserved yet our tax dollars have gone to help support the public transit infrastructure that those cities fortunate enough to have incorporated within their bounds have benefited from for years. It is time to support the coast as well. This regressive tax will only add insult to injury if a more equitable approach is not taken. I look forward to being able to support a measure that addresses these challenges.

Regards,

Greg Wright

Pacifica Vice Mayor

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