



SamTrans Board of Directors
Meeting June 3, 2026

Correspondence as of May 8, 2026

Subject

1. Agenda 10d - Comments on Regional Measure SamTrans Local Expenditure Plan
2. Letter from Kevin Ramos
3. Unsafe driver

From: Adina Levin <adina@seamlessbayarea.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 6, 2026 3:49 PM
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Subject: Agenda 10d - Comments on Regional Measure SamTrans Local Expenditure Plan
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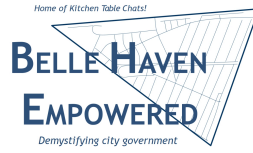
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Honorable board members,

Attached please find the TEAMC joint letter with additional organizational signers 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, - Adina Adina Levin Seamless Bay Area

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TRANSFORM

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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Housing Campaign Organizer
Youth United for Community Action

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Program Manager
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Executive Director
Climate Resilient Communities

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Organizing Manager
Housing Leadership Council of San Mateo County

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Rise South City

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To:

Upcoming potential individual defendants affiliated with San Mateo County Transit District: CEO April Chan; Board of Directors members Marie Chuang, Brooks Esser, David Canepa, Marina Fraser, Jeff Gee, Rico Medina, Josh Powell, Peter Ratto, Jackie Speier

From:

Kevin Ramos, the plaintiff

On May 17 2024, Kevin Ramos was injured while being a passenger on a San Mateo County Transit District bus (hereafter referred to as "INCIDENT"). Between May 17 2024 and January 2025, Kevin Ramos submitted multiple complaints to San Mateo County Transit District regarding INCIDENT, submitted paperwork to San Mateo County Transit District for an insurance claim to obtain compensation for his injuries, and made several attempts at speaking with SamTrans' associates Steve Wagman, Marshall Rush, Ann Lee of Carl Warren & Company LLC, and SamTrans' legal counsel.

Everyone involved misled Kevin Ramos and falsely claimed that there was no evidence of INCIDENT happening and that they were unable to find any related bus identification nor bus driver identification. SamTrans and Carl Warren & Company LLC rejected Kevin Ramos' insurance claim.

In January 2025, Kevin Ramos filed a civil complaint that initiated a case against SamTrans and their associates for premises liability and causes of action related to the conspiracy to hide evidence of INCIDENT. In February 2015, the plaintiff Kevin Ramos started the discovery process by submitting Request For Production Set #1 (hereafter referred to as "RFP#1"). RFP#1 requested records related to INCIDENT such as:

1. Audio recordings of INCIDENT
2. Video recordings of INCIDENT
3. Incident reports and other reporting related to INCIDENT

In the March 2025 response to those requests, SamTrans, Steve Wagman, and SamTrans' legal counsel refused to produce the requested records to Kevin Ramos and falsely stated (under oath and penalty of perjury) that such records "have never existed" and that such records were unrelated to INCIDENT and not likely to lead to admissible evidence.

In April 2025, SamTrans and their counsel filed 2 anti-slapp motions (based on California Civil Code 425.16) claiming that accusing them of conspiracy was a violation of their rights to free speech and litigation privilege. California Civil Code 425.16 and litigation privilege were not intended to protect perpetrators of such a conspiracy:

- California Civil Code 47:

- 1 o "This subdivision does not make privileged any communication made in
- 2 furtherance of an act of intentional destruction or alteration of physical evidence
- 3 undertaken for the purpose of depriving a party to litigation of the use of that
- 4 evidence, whether or not the content of the communication is the subject of a
- 5 subsequent publication or broadcast which is privileged pursuant to this section."
- 6 • Such a conspiracy to withhold, conceal, destroy, or otherwise interfere with evidence is
- 7 unlawful based on California civil discovery laws and based on California Penal Code
- 8 135:
- 9 o "A person who, knowing that any book, paper, record, instrument in writing, digital
- 10 image, video recording owned by another, or other matter or thing, is about to be
- 11 produced in evidence upon a trial, inquiry, or investigation, authorized by law,
- 12 willfully destroys, erases, or conceals the same, with the intent to prevent it or its
- 13 content from being produced, is guilty of a misdemeanor."

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15 However, during the October 2025 hearings related to their anti-slapp motions, SamTrans,

16 SamTrans' associates, and SamTrans' counsel lied to the court in combination with withholding

17 the evidence that Kevin Ramos asked for in RFP#1. That dishonest combination appears to (in

18 the most forgiving interpretation of the court's actions) have caused the judge to believe that

19 SamTrans didn't conceal anything and that SamTrans never knew about INCIDENT and thus

20 granted SamTrans protection pursuant to CCP 425.16. To make matters even more extreme,

21 subsequently, SamTrans and their counsel asked the court to take ~\$15,000 from Kevin Ramos

22 for having to defend against the allegations of conspiracy. The court granted that cruel request

23 for \$15,000.

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25 However, there is now no doubt that SamTrans, their associates, and their legal counsel

26 intentionally withheld evidence to 1) avoid liability for the May 17 2024 incident and 2) to steal

27 ~\$15,000 from Kevin Ramos.

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29 By the time of writing this in April 2026, Kevin Ramos has acquired multiple records related to

30 INCIDENT that SamTrans and their counsel claimed (under oath and penalty of perjury) "have

31 never existed":

- 32 1. An audio recording of part of INCIDENT. In this recording, the bus driver is reporting
- 33 INCIDENT to others at SamTrans. SamTrans claimed that this audio recording never
- 34 existed and that they searched very hard for it. Through alternative means, Kevin Ramos
- 35 obtained the audio recording in less than a day despite Kevin Ramos not knowing the
- 36 identity of the bus nor the identity of the bus driver and not being familiar with SamTrans
- 37 records and systems. There is no legitimate explanation for why SamTrans, their
- 38 associates, and their counsel could not find & obtain the audio recording after claiming
- 39 1.5 years of looking for it (for example, but not limited to, claiming under oath that a
- 40 "diligent search and a reasonable inquiry" were performed for the evidence).
- 41 2. A customer service complaint from May 31 2024. Since May 17 2024, Kevin Ramos has
- 42 made multiple complaints to SamTrans regarding INCIDENT. In the record of this May
- 43 31 2024 complaint, Kevin Ramos didn't tell SamTrans the identity of the involved bus nor
- 44 the identity of the involved bus driver yet both identities are shown in the record of the

1 complaint. Also in the complaint, it is shown that the complaint was sent to multiple
2 people at SamTrans and there is an acknowledgement that Steve Wagman received the
3 complaint (despite SamTrans and Steve Wagman claiming under oath and penalty of
4 perjury that such a complaint has never existed nor any records related to INCIDENT).

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6 Both the obtainment of the audio recording and the obtainment of the May 31 2024 customer
7 service complaints show that SamTrans, their associates, and their legal counsels have known
8 the whole time about INCIDENT, the bus involved, and the bus driver yet have claimed
9 otherwise and have even gone so far as to use such a lie to take ~\$15,000 from Kevin Ramos.

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11 In the present time (around May 2026), SamTrans and their counsel continue to refuse to
12 produce records requested by Kevin Ramos, refuse to answer the special interrogatories
13 submitted by Kevin Ramos, and continue to provide nonsensical objections to discovery
14 responses which can only be interpreted as a continuing effort to withhold evidence and
15 records.

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17 In this communication, Kevin Ramos is giving the SamTrans CEO and Board of Directors, as
18 potentially upcoming individual defendants, an opportunity to immediately correct this situation
19 and to immediately compensate Kevin Ramos for all of the pain, suffering, embarrassment,
20 intentional infliction of emotional distress, etc. Otherwise those individuals will be considered
21 co-conspirators.

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23 Any individual in receipt of this letter or any individual that is made aware of the letter's subject
24 matter will have less than 12 hours (starting from the time of delivery) to cease the withholding
25 of evidence, to cease the intentional infliction of emotional distress, to cease the discovery
26 abuse, to immediately return the ~\$15,000 to Kevin Ramos, and to financially compensate
27 Kevin Ramos for injuries and other damages.

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29 If those individuals do not immediately (within 12 hours of receiving or becoming aware of this
30 situation or this letter) correct this situation, then they will be undeniably considered as a part of
31 the conspiracy. As the leadership of SamTrans, they have the authority to control SamTrans'
32 actions and will be judged as liable.

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The May 31 2024 Customer Service Complaint That SamTrans Claimed Has Never Existed



Basic Information

Urgent	Urgent
Potential Safety Issue	No
Group	SamTrans
Division	SamTrans
Facility / Department	Multiple SamTrans Departments
Preparer ID	2755
Preparer Name	Jan Alexis Sajandanan
Preparer Job Title	Customer Service Rep 2
Direction	South
Location of Occurrence	
Section	Bus Route
Detailed Location	Bus Route ECR
Run Number or Train Number	Bus Run 279
Bus #	437
Badge #	1803
Bus Driver Name	OROPEZA, CENOBIO
Gender	
Customer Service Report Status	Referred
Customer First Name	Kevin
Customer Last Name	Ramos
Customer Address	
City	
State	CALIFORNIA
Zip	
Phone	
Email Address	
Occurrence Date	5/17/2024
Occurrence Day	Friday
Approximate Time	hh:mm am/pm
Occurrence Description / Comments	*In reference to incident noted in CR 930014

Customer feels SamTrans needs to do more to keep riders safe from

problematic individuals. Customer noted the other rider he had an altercation with on the bus had been an issue on SamTrans for months before the customer's own incident with this individual. Customer said he had observed this rider harassing other passengers in a number of ways, from yelling at them to even spitting on them, without seeing any sort of intervention by SamTrans staff.

Customer said his own encounter had left him worried about riding the bus, leaving him with stress and pain. Customer said he would prefer not to escalate his issue with how SamTrans has approached these sort of safety concerns, so he he is requesting that SamTrans take some sort of action to keep other passengers safe from this individual.

Customer wanted his concerns forwarded to the parties who could address what he sees as a serious safety and--if unaddressed to his satisfaction--potentially litigious issue.

Categories	Other
Method Received	Phone
Date Received	5/31/2024
Time Received	12:23 PM
Received by	Alexis Salandanan

CSR2 - Referrals

Referred to 1	Said El-Khatib
Referred to 2	Josepito Santos
Referred to 3	Wilfredo Alvarez
Referred to 4	Francis Sanchez, Marshall Rush III, Steven Wagman, Transit Police

E-mail Notification	[REDACTED]@samtrans.com - 5/31/2024 3:49:36 PM, [REDACTED]@samtrans.com - 5/31/2024 3:49:36 PM, [REDACTED]@samtrans.com - 5/31/2024 3:49:36 PM, [REDACTED]@samtrans.com - 5/31/2024 3:49:36 PM, [REDACTED]@samtrans.com - 5/31/2024 3:49:41 PM, [REDACTED]@samtrans.com - 5/31/2024 3:49:41 PM, [REDACTED]@mcgov.org - 5/31/2024 3:49:43 PM
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Date Referred	5/31/2024
CSR 2 Initials	AS

Responders

Response to Customer Service	Please provide an approximate time so that we can request the DVR.
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6/2/24. Rec'd by Claims Specialist Steve Wagman.

Response Status Pend
Response Date 5/31/2024
Name of Responder Francis Sanchez
Valid?

CSR2 - Follow Up

Method Customer Contacted by Letter
 Email
 Call

Date Contacted mm/dd/yyyy

Response to Customer
File Number

Additional Features

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An excerpt from SamTrans' response to RFP#1 falsely claiming that records have never existed

1 This responding party further objects to this request on the ground that this request is overly
2 broad, cumulative, burdensome, and harassing. This request fails to specifically describe any
3 individual item or reasonably particularize any category of items to be produced in violation of
4 Code of Civil Procedure section 2031.030(e)(1). Responding Party is under no duty to make an
5 inquiry from independent witnesses in order to respond to this request. (*Huligan v. Superior*
6 *Court* (1972) 22 Cal.App.3d 813, 821.)

7 Without waiving said objections, this responding party responds as follows:

8 This responding party has conducted a diligent search and reasonable inquiry. This
9 responding party does not have any documents responsive to this request in its possession,
10 custody or control. This responding party is unable to respond to this request as this responding
11 party does not know which bus Plaintiff was on for the date of May 17, 2024, and this
12 responding party is further unable to identify any bus that Plaintiff was on for the date of May
13 17, 2024.

14 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 3:**

15 From May 17 2024, produce all communication records between PLAINTIFF and
16 SAMTRANS.

17 **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 3:**

18 Objection. This responding party further objects to this request on the grounds that this
19 request is burdensome and harassing, and is not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of
20 admissible evidence.

21 Without waiving said objections, this responding party responds as follows:

22 This responding party will produce all documents responsive to this request that are
23 within this responding party's possession, custody, and control.

24 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 4:**

25 From May 17 2024, produce all communication records between SAMTRANS staff and
26 the driver(s) of the bus that PLAINTIFF was on.

27 **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 4:**

28 Objection. This responding party objects to this request on the grounds that this request is

1 vague and ambiguous as to the phrase "the bus that PLAINTIFF was on." This responding party
2 further objects to this request on the grounds that this request also calls for speculation, assumes
3 facts, lacks foundation, is overly broad, seeks information that is not relevant, and is not
4 reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. This responding party
5 further objects to this request on the ground that this request is overly broad, cumulative,
6 burdensome, and harassing. This request fails to specifically describe any individual item or
7 reasonably particularize any category of items to be produced in violation of Code of Civil
8 Procedure section 2031.030(c)(1). Responding Party is under no duty to make an inquiry from
9 independent witnesses in order to respond to this request. (*Holguin v. Superior Court* (1972) 22
10 Cal.App.3d 813, 821.)

11 Without waiving said objections, this responding party responds as follows:

12 This responding party has conducted a diligent search and reasonable inquiry. This
13 responding party does not have any documents responsive to this request in its possession,
14 custody or control as responsive documents have never existed. This responding party does not
15 know which bus Plaintiff was on for the date of May 17, 2024, and this responding party is
16 further unable to identify any bus that Plaintiff was on for the date of May 17, 2024.

17 **REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 5:**

18 Produce all internal reporting related to the incident and created on May 17 2024 or
19 proximate to May 17 2024 such as incident reports, dispatch records, emergency requests, law
20 enforcement requests, and otherwise similar reporting

21 **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION NO. 5:**

22 Objection. This responding party objects to this request on the grounds that this request is
23 vague and ambiguous as to the phrases "all internal reporting" and "the incident" and "otherwise
24 similar reporting." This responding party further objects to this request on the grounds that this
25 request also calls for speculation, assumes facts, lacks foundation, seeks information that is not
26 relevant, and is not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. This
27 responding party further objects to this request on the ground that this request is overly broad,
28 cumulative, burdensome, and harassing. This request fails to specifically describe any individual

From: [Julio Velasquez](#)
To: [Board \(@samtrans.com\)](#)
Subject: Unsafe driver
Date: Friday, May 8, 2026 12:56:14 PM

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Hello. I wanted to reach out and let you know about a scary experience with your driver on bus #1016.

Am not much for complaining but this driver was acting extremely unsafe and unprofessional.

Monday evening I boarded bus at veterans Blvd in Redwood City towards San Bruno BART.

Pick up time was @5:27 P. M.
Route EPX.

I don't think there's a camera onboard this bus (seems fairly new)

Your driver was speeding, he got in the freeway and went across all lanes in one single movement to the express lane.

Once there he was speeding and following other vehicles externally close. (1 seconds) following distance.

Once we were close to our SFO Airport exit he waited until the last minute to sweep across all lanes again cutting other vehicles off to get to the exit.

During his turns and driving in rural streets extremely fast and unsafe.

I didn't think he's portraying the Safe Motto that SamTrans claims and is known for.

I didn't want the driver in trouble, but someone might need to give him some secret ride eval, a trail check, perhaps some coaching, and even retraining.

Thank you.

Good day.

Sent from my iPhone