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DOWNTOWN SAN MATEO

October 8, 2026

SamTrans Board of Directors
April Chan, General Manager/CEO
166 N Rollins Road
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Re: End Route 294 at San Mateo Caltrain station

Dear Chair Marie Chuang and Members of the Board,

The Downtown San Mateo Association, representing more than 600 businesses in downtown San Mateo, joins the community petition to connect SamTrans Route 294 to Caltrain. We ask that the route's eastern terminal move from Hillsdale to San Mateo station, in the heart of our downtown.

Route 294 is the only fixed-route bus between Half Moon Bay and the bayside Peninsula. Today it ends at Hillsdale Boulevard and Edison Street, a quarter mile of parking lot from the nearest Caltrain platform, and westbound it does not stop on El Camino Real at all. For downtown businesses, this means Coastside residents, workers, and visitors can't practically reach us without a car.

Our members feel this in two ways. The first is hiring. Downtown restaurants and retailers compete hard for staff, and many people who work Peninsula service jobs can't afford to live near them. A reliable bus from the coast that ends a block from our storefronts widens the pool of people who can work here without needing a car or a parking space. The second is customers. Every visitor who arrives by bus is one fewer car circling for parking on a Friday night. The connection also works in the other direction. Weekend Caltrain riders headed to the coast would start that trip in downtown San Mateo, and many will stop for a meal or coffee while they wait.

The Hillsdale Mall redevelopment will require SamTrans to replan the route's east end regardless. San Mateo station already has a dedicated bus bay, and nearly 200 restaurants and shops sit within a five-minute walk of it, so time spent waiting for a connection is time spent in local businesses rather than in a parking lot.

We recognize that ending the route downtown adds distance. Recovering the time the route loses today should pay for it: Saturday westbound trips are scheduled at 45 minutes against 31 minutes eastbound. We ask SamTrans to work with Caltrans and C/CAG on transit priority

along SR-92 and in San Mateo to recover that time. We also ask SamTrans to schedule and publish 294 trips timed to specific Caltrain departures, because an hourly bus that misses its train by four minutes is not a connection. As an interim step, it should add a westbound stop on El Camino Real near 28th Avenue.

SamTrans's Connect Bay Area Local Investment Plan names Coastside and east-west service as funding priorities. Route 294 is where that priority becomes visible to riders, and downtown San Mateo is ready to be its eastern anchor.

Sincerely,

Rafat Haddad
President of the Board of Directors
Downtown San Mateo Association



From:	Kim Boverio
Cc:	Kate Hiester; Kim Boverio
Subject:	Urgent: 2030 Census Proposed Federal Rule Comments– Certified Resolution No. 082152 (Regional Partners)
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Hello.

Attached is a certified copy of Resolution No. 082152, adopted by the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors on October 6, 2026, supporting the County of San Mateo's making or joining in comments opposing a proposed federal rule that would change the conduct of the 2030 Census.

The Resolution directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy to the appropriate federal, state, and regional agencies and other entities identified in the Resolution and, for regional agencies of which the County is a member, request that such agencies submit or join in a comment consistent with the Resolution.

There are only 14 days remaining to submit comments, so timely action by our regional partners is especially important. We encourage you to review the Resolution and take any appropriate action before the comment period closes.

Please retain the attached certified copy for your records.

Thank you,

Kim Boverio
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COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

RESOLUTION NO. 082152

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION SUPPORTING COUNTY OF SAN MATEO'S MAKING OR JOINING IN COMMENTS OPPOSING A PROPOSED FEDERAL RULE THAT WOULD CHANGE THE CONDUCT OF THE 2030 CENSUS TO EXCLUDE MANY NONCITIZEN RESIDENTS FROM THE APPORTIONMENT COUNT, ELIMINATE RACE AND ETHNICITY QUESTIONS, AND ADD A LEGAL-STATUS QUESTION TO THE DECENNIAL CENSUS QUESTIONNAIRE

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, Article 1, Section 2, Clause 3 of the United States Constitution "Enumeration Clause and Apportioning Seats in the House of Representatives" requires "actual enumeration" or taking a census of the population of the United States for purposes of apportioning seats in the House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Section 2 of the Fourteenth Amendment provides that "Representatives shall be apportioned among the several States according to their respective numbers, counting the whole number of persons in each State;" and

WHEREAS, an accurate decennial census is foundational to representative democracy, congressional apportionment, Electoral College allocation, redistricting, voting rights enforcement, public planning, and the equitable allocation of public resources; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo is home to diverse communities, including immigrant residents, mixed-status families, diverse sexual orientations and gender identities, limited-English-proficient residents, and communities of color whose full and accurate inclusion in Census data is essential to equitable representation, public service planning, and effective government; and

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2026, the United States Department of Commerce, through the United States Census Bureau, published a proposed rule entitled "Decennial Census of the Population of Americans; Proposed Residence Criteria and Proposed Regulations for Demographic Questions," Docket No. USBC-2026-0628, RIN 0607-AA75 ("Proposed Rule"); and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Rule would define "usual residence" for purposes of congressional apportionment in a manner that would count United States citizens and lawful permanent residents, while excluding all other foreign citizens from the apportionment count, including people who reside in, work in, attend school in, pay taxes in, and otherwise are part of communities in San Mateo County and throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, excluding residents from the apportionment count based on immigration status risks reducing California's and other affected states' representation in Congress and the Electoral College, while weakening the principle that political representation should reflect the people who live in and are served by a community; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Rule also would prohibit questions concerning race and ethnicity from appearing on the decennial census short-form questionnaire or any other questionnaire used for enumeration; and

WHEREAS, decennial census race and ethnicity data are critical benchmarks for measuring demographic change, identifying disparities, informing equitable public policy and service delivery, supporting civil rights compliance and enforcement, conducting fair and effective redistricting, and enabling government agencies and community organizations to assess whether all communities are being reached and served; and

WHEREAS, eliminating race and ethnicity questions from the decennial census would impair the availability of authoritative, nationwide, community-level demographic information and would make it more difficult to identify and remedy inequities affecting historically underserved and underrepresented communities; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rule change rationale for removing race and ethnicity could also be utilized to remove the question included in the 2020 survey regarding "opposite-sex" or "same-sex" partnership, eliminating the opportunity to generate statistics that could help support the LGBTQ+ population; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Rule also solicits comment on adding a legal-status question to the decennial census short-form questionnaire; and

WHEREAS, a question concerning citizenship or legal status on the decennial census questionnaire could deter participation among immigrant households and mixed-

status families, thereby increasing the risk of an undercount and diminishing the accuracy of Census data used for apportionment, redistricting, voting rights protections, public planning, and public resource allocation; and

WHEREAS, the Census Bureau is considering expanded use of administrative records, including records from federal, state, local, tribal, and third-party sources, to assess legal status and residence, which raises significant concerns regarding data accuracy, completeness, due process, privacy, public trust, and the potential chilling effect on Census participation; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo has a compelling interest in a decennial census that counts every person residing in San Mateo County once, only once, and in the right place, without regard to citizenship or immigration status, and that preserves the demographic information necessary to advance equitable democracy and evidence-based government.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo:

1. Opposes the Proposed Rule's exclusion, for purposes of congressional apportionment, of persons who reside in the United States but are not United States citizens or lawful permanent residents; and
2. Urges the United States Department of Commerce and the United States Census Bureau to retain a residence-based decennial census enumeration that counts every person residing in each state, consistent with the Fourteenth Amendment's

requirement to apportion Representatives based on the whole number of persons in each state; and

3. Opposes the Proposed Rule's prohibition on collecting race and ethnicity information through the decennial census questionnaire and urges the United States Census Bureau to retain meaningful, self-reported race and ethnicity questions in the 2030 Census; and
4. Opposes the addition of a citizenship, immigration-status, or legal-status question to the 2030 Census short-form questionnaire and urges the United States Census Bureau not to use Census responses or administrative-record matching in a manner that discourages participation, undermines confidentiality, or results in the exclusion of residents from the apportionment count; and
5. Urges the United States Department of Commerce and the United States Census Bureau to withdraw or substantially revise the Proposed Rule to protect an accurate, inclusive, confidential, and equitable decennial census; preserve fair representation and voting rights; and ensure that Census data remain fit for public planning, civil rights enforcement, and the equitable delivery of public services; and
6. Authorizes and directs the County Executive, or designee, in coordination with the Office of Community Affairs, Office of Racial and Social Justice, Office of Legislative Affairs, County Attorney's Office, and other appropriate County departments, to submit or join in a comment letter consistent with this Resolution to the United States Census Bureau in Docket No. USBC-2026-0628 by the applicable public-comment deadline; and

7. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Secretary of Commerce; the Director of the United States Census Bureau; the County's federal legislative delegation; the California Governor; the California Attorney General; the California Secretary of State; the California Complete Count Committee; all regional agencies of which the County is a member and request that such agencies submit or join in a comment consistent with this Resolution; and such other entities as the County Executive or designee determines appropriate.

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RESOLUTION NUMBER: 082152

Regularly passed and adopted this 6h day of October, 2026

AYES and in favor of said resolution:

Supervisors: *JACKIE SPEIER*

NOELIA CORZO

RAY MUELLER

LISA GAUTHIER

DAVID J. CANEPA

NOES and against said resolution:

Supervisors: *NONE*

STATE OF CALIFORNIA }
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO } ss.

MICHAEL P. CALLAGY, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, does hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of:

Resolution No. 082152

entered in the minutes of said board.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of said Board this 10th day of October, 2026

MICHAEL P. CALLAGY, Clerk of the Board

By Kim Borenio Asst. Deputy

Noelia Corzo

President, Board of Supervisors
County of San Mateo
State of California

Certificate of Delivery

I certify that a copy of the original resolution filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County has been delivered to the President of the Board of Supervisors.

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CLERK OF BOARD
BY Kim Borenio DEPUTY Asst.

Kim Borenio

Assistant Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

From: Mass Transit <mass@news.southcommmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 21, 2026 8:06 AM
To: Board (@samtrans.com)
Subject: L.A. Metro breaks ground on East San Fernando Valley LRT project; Updates from SacRT

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By Noah Kolenda

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October 21, 2026

Tanisha Taylor, Executive Director
California Transportation Commission
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RE: Letter of Support for the Solutions for Congested Corridors (SCCP) Request for Caltrain's Advancement Toward the Long-Range Service Vision Project

Dear Director Taylor,

On behalf of the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans) and the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA), I am writing in support of Caltrain's application to the California Transportation Commission's Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (SCCP) for the **Advancement Toward the Long-Range Service Vision Project** (Project). Caltrans and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission jointly nominated the Project with Caltrain serving as the implementing agency.

SamTrans is the managing agency for Caltrain and SMCTA provides funding for its capital program. Caltrain is seeking $50 million for a package of four components focused on improving safety and reliability. The Project is critical for Caltrain's broader Long Range Service Vision, which seeks to expand frequent, high-quality rail service on the San Francisco Peninsula, one of the state's most constrained and economically significant transportation corridors. The four components include the following coordinated investments along the 51-mile corridor from San Francisco to Tamien Station in San Jose:

- System Modernization and operational enhancements
- Grade Crossing Improvements
- Right-of-Way Fencing
- Fiber Optic Infrastructure

SMCTA and SamTrans support this Project because it advances important safety, reliability and mobility outcomes for the San Francisco Peninsula and the broader Bay Area transit network. SMCTA continues to fund and support advanced grade crossing improvements along the Caltrain corridor, and this Project is consistent with those efforts to improve crossing safety, reduce service disruptions and support a more efficient transportation system. The Project also advances SMCTA's priorities to improve mobility, address congestion and support multimodal travel throughout San Mateo County.

For SamTrans, a more reliable Caltrain system will strengthen connections between rail and bus service and support more dependable transit travel for riders making trips across the Peninsula and the region. Fewer disruptions associated with grade-crossing incidents can help reduce impacts on transit operations and passenger connections near affected crossing locations.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please contact Government and Community Affairs Officer Michaela Wright Petrik at petrikm@samtrans.com with any questions.

Sincerely,

April Chan
General Manager/CEO, Executive Director

CC: San Mateo County Transit District Board of Directors
San Mateo County Transportation Authority Board of Directors

From: Tina Dubost
To: Board (@samtrans.com)
Subject: FW: Inquiry Regarding Systemic Paratransit Eligibility Abuse at Fair Oaks Community Center
Date: Thursday, October 22, 2026 8:34:48 AM
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Dear Mr. Chapline:

Thank you for writing to us with your concerns about Redi-Wheels service and eligibility of riders at the Fair Oaks Community Center.

In September seventeen individuals made Redi-Wheels trips to or from this location. We reviewed the applications for each of these individuals, and we did not identify an administrative bypass, direct-enrollment practice, or other exception to the established application process for these applicants.

Redi-Wheels trips are closely monitored, and drivers are instructed not to allow a person to board the vehicle unless they confirm their name or drop off location.

Redi-Wheels eligibility is based on an applicant's functional ability to use fixed-route bus under some or all circumstances. Eligibility determinations are made through a robust application process, during which the applicant submits information through a paper application and telephone interview and provides the name of a medical professional. Disability-related limitations are not always apparent to others; a person may have a disability or condition that affects their ability to use fixed-route transit even when that limitation is not visible. Observations of a rider's appearance alone cannot determine whether the rider is eligible for ADA paratransit service.

SamTrans takes stewardship of public resources and compliance with ADA paratransit requirements seriously.

Thank you again for bringing your concerns to our attention.

Sincerely,
Tina Dubost
Manager, Accessible Transit Services

Tina Dubost, Manager, Accessible Transit Services
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From: chuck chapline <chuck.chapline@gmail.com>
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Subject: Inquiry Regarding Systemic Paratransit Eligibility Abuse at Fair Oaks Community Center

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Dear SamTrans Board of Directors,

I am writing to report a recurring, daily pattern of suspected paratransit fraud and intake policy violations involving the Redi-Wheels service at the Fair Oaks Community Center in Redwood City.

There is a consistent daily volume of individuals among Hispanics utilizing Redi-Wheels vehicles at this specific location who do not appear to meet any of the functional physical, cognitive, or sensory criteria established under ADA guidelines. Information from the location suggests that individuals are systematically bypassing standard functional screening assessments and are being fast-tracked for ride enrollment via administrative assistance or direct intake passes distributed internally from their Hispanics friends at this community center.

Because this points to a potential systemic failure or an internal bypass of the official screening process, I request that the SamTrans compliance or internal audit team dispatch an investigator to observe the Redi-Wheels pickups at this location and audit the origin of the paratransit enrollment applications associated with users at this community center.

Thank you for your attention to ensuring the integrity of our regional transit programs.

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As a taxpayer, I want to ensure that public funds are being used responsibly and that these vital resources remain available for those who genuinely meet the legal qualifications. Thank you for your attention to ensuring the integrity of our regional transit programs.

Chuck