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Good evening esteemed SamTrans Board,

My name is Ben Mangiafico. I'm a senior at Carlmont High School in Belmont avid about improving public transportation and vice chair of the SamTrans CAC speaking as an individual.

I'm emailing you this evening to request an investigation into schedule changes on routes 60 and 61. This is a topic I've brought up at CAC meetings and over email with staff, but for the most part, I haven't felt heard on. Staff have said that the changes have been forwarded to the appropriate parties, but I've been talking about this for months and no changes are being made during the November runbook change.

I've been riding route 61 for seven years and been hearing about my friends' experiences on route 60 for three. Things used to be better. On route 61, several years ago, there was a bus that served students at San Carlos Charter School and Tierra Linda Middle's zero period. The buses in the morning were not constantly bunching and thus went faster and weren't always behind schedule. I was never afraid of being late to my first period class. Now these things aren't true. On both routes 60 and 61, departures in the afternoon from Carlmont are now scheduled at 4:10 and often happen closer to 4:20, despite school ending at 3:45 and 4:00 bus departures being the norm for the previous three years. The earliest some students can get home now is over an hour after school lets out. I know SamTrans is capable of more student-friendly schedules.

I'm not a planner, but I am asking to be heard by SamTrans planners, and I think the better scenarios I laid out are logical and feasible. For instance, they only require moving bus timings and are thus cost-neutral. Lastly, I am by no means the only one with these concerns. I speak for a large number of students and parents (those with which I am closest are cc'd here) who may be less knowledgeable about the process of asking for change or who might not have the time to email, and I speak in hope that the even larger number who drive to school may be incited to ride the bus instead by improved schedules.

Thank you so much for your consideration,

Ben Mangiafico