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February 3, 2020

Mr. Hartnett General Manager/CEO San Mateo County Transit District 1250 San Carlos Avenue San Carlos, CA 94070

SUBJECT: SAMTRANS ONDEMAND PERFORMANCE UPDATE

Dear Mr. Hartnett:

Yesterday, February 3rd, I and Pacifica Deputy Public Works Director Sam Bautista were informed by your staff that the SamTrans Board will be discussing the OnDemand pilot project in Pacifica tomorrow night, February 5, and considering your staff recommendation to discontinue the pilot by May 2020. You can imagine our surprise, and that of Pacifica City Councilmembers, when I informed them about what I had just learned a mere 48 hours before your Board meeting. Following your staff's presentation to the Pacifica City Council in November 2019, I was under the impression your staff would share the results of additional pilot data gathering with the Pacifica community prior to formulating a recommendation and presenting to the Board.

Therefore, I would like to express my concern about this extremely short notice and little time to communicate your staff's data and recommendations to the Pacifica City Council and community. I urge you to consider continuing your Board's discussion of the Pacifica OnDemand program until your March board meeting, and invite your staff to present the pilot's data and recommendations to the Pacifica City Council at our February 24th City Council meeting. In addition, I urge you to consider doing community outreach and household mailers to inform residents in the OnDemand area about your findings, similar to the outreach SamTrans performed when launching the pilot.

We appreciate your staff's work on this program, notably Jessica Epstein, Ryan McCauley, and Christy Wegener who were on yesterday's call, and look forward to the possibility of a more transparent and collaborative process moving forward.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely.

Kevin S. Woodhouse City Manager

cc: Pacifica City Council SamTrans Board of Directors