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Dear SMCTA, C/CAG, and County officials,

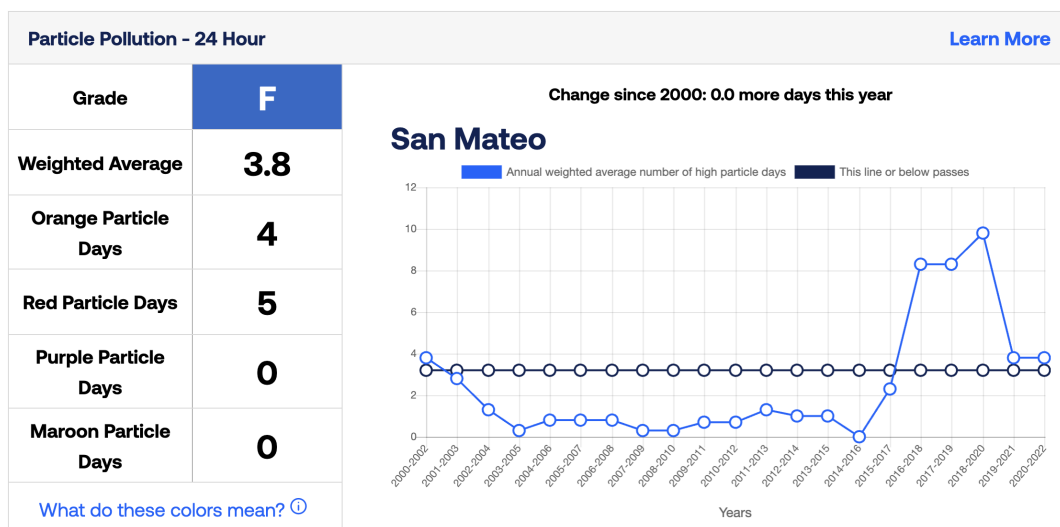
Today the American Lung Association reported that air pollution in the Bay Area is among the worst in the nation:

<https://www.cbsnews.com/sanfrancisco/news/new-report-shows-california-and-the-bay-area-struggling-with-air-pollution/>

According to the report, "The combined readings for San Francisco, San Jose and Oakland ranked 12th worst for high ozone days, 7th worst for 24-hour particle pollution and fifth worst for annual particle pollution out of the over 200 metropolitan areas of the United State measured in the report."

I hope that we will continue to make transportation decisions that do not worsen this concerning situation. As I am sure you are aware, the [air pollution burden is most felt by lower income and diverse populations living adjacent to our highways](#).

[Current pollution report in San Mateo County](#):



Populations At Risk	Learn More
Total Population:	729,181
Children Under 18:	140,498
Adults 65 & Over:	133,557
Pediatric Asthma:	7,877
Adult Asthma:	51,381
COPD:	29,161
Lung Cancer:	238
Cardiovascular Disease:	44,709
Pregnancy:	7,442
Poverty Estimate:	52,227
People of Color:	461,508

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