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**as of 12-05-2024**

**From:** [Adina Levin](#)  
**To:** [Board \(@caltrain.com\)](#); [Board \(@samtrans.com\)](#); [MTC-ABAG Info](#); [Board \(@smcta.com\)](#)  
**Subject:** Regionally coordinated transit funding - legislative programs  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 3, 2024 4:01:44 PM  
**Attachments:** [Regional Transit Funding Joint Letter Fall 2024.pdf](#)

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Honorable board members and staff,

Attached please find a letter signed by multiple local leaders and organizations regarding regionally coordinated transit funding, in the context of legislative programs.

Thank you for your consideration,

- Adina

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December 3, 2024

**Re: Regional Transit Funding**

To:  
SamTrans Board  
SMCTA Board  
Caltrain Board  
Metropolitan Transportation Commission

Honorable Commissioners and Board Members,

We urge you to support a regionally coordinated strategy to fund public transportation, to address the fiscal cliff facing agencies including BART and Caltrain, and to ensure progress on regional transit coordination initiatives that make the system more user-friendly and that are helping to regrow transit ridership.

To get voter support, we will need a strategy that makes the public transportation system better. It will be difficult to ask voters to increase taxes for a measure that will deliver service cuts.

Without this funding, Caltrain, BART, and the region's other highest ridership agencies will face major service cuts, which will limit access, reduce transit ridership, add to greenhouse gas emissions, and compound traffic congestion. Cuts will damage the region's economy, hurt transit-dependent people most severely, and take us further away from being able to achieve our goals for housing, livable communities and climate. And cuts to regional services will have a negative impact on ridership of connecting local services.

Improving public transportation will help boost our economy, make the Bay Area more affordable for all residents, connect our communities, reach our housing goals, and increase accessible and safe mobility options for all – but we must act quickly.

Agencies and counties have been negotiating to ensure that funding options fairly address local needs. We also must realize that as Benjamin Franklin said in 1776, we must hang together or we hang separately.

Sincerely,

Jen Wolosin Menlo Park City Council Member	James Coleman South San Francisco City Council Member
Betsy Nash Menlo Park City Council Member	John Baker South San Francisco Planning Commissioner

<p>Jeff Schmidt Menlo Park Environmental Quality Planning Commissioner</p>	<p>Tom Hamilton San Bruno City Council Member</p>
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<p>Chris Sturken Redwood City City Council Member</p>	<p>Benjamin McMullan Chair, Paratransit Advocacy Council</p>
<p>Rick Bonilla Former Mayor, City of San Mateo</p>	<p>Evelyn Stivers Housing Leadership Council</p>
<p>Max Mautner, San Mateo SamTrans Citizens Advisory Committee Member</p>	<p>Sarah Hubbard Sustainable San Mateo County</p>
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**From:** [Katie Causey](#)  
**To:** [Board \(@smcta.com\)](#); [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Holly Pedestrian and Bike Bridge  
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Hello,

My name is Katie Causey, I'm a staff member at the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition (SVBC) and I help oversee our work in the midpeninsula. I'm writing after giving public comment at San Carlos City Council regarding the recent fatality at the Holly Street 101 overpass, which underscores the urgency around addressing traffic violence, especially in [areas adjacent to highways](#).

We anticipate a number of community members might attend the meeting tonight and we wanted to present SVBC staff's perspective on this important issue. The bike community is large and has many viewpoints of how to best advocate for safer streets for all. SVBC staff believe in building partnerships with government to advance our mission.

In order to save lives it is essential for the Holly Pedestrian and Bike Bridge project to move forward, as delaying this project puts more lives at risk. Please work to allocate funding so this project can move forward. We would like higher prioritization of the bike/ped bridge over funding other projects like highway widening. Caltrain was electrified, we can encourage safer and environmentally friendly forms of transportation. We recognize the potential of SMCTA's 101 Corridor Connect effort to prioritize much-needed bike/ped bridges to connect our communities and make them safer and healthier. In the short term, however, we have urged San Carlos Council to coordinate with county agencies and Caltrans to implement quickbuild infrastructure to prevent further injuries and deaths, as we realize that we need short term fixes that can address the urgency of the problem. We strongly encourage you to work closely with cities and Caltrans to implement quick builds in high risk freeway crossings in areas like the Holly St overpass.

We need to create infrastructure designed to keep people who drive or bike as safe as possible to protect our community members and we see SMCTA as an important partner in reaching this goal. Thank you.

**Katie Causey**

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