



JPB Board of Directors
Meeting of May 2, 2024

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Hi Caltrain team,

My family lives in San Francisco and I work in Redwood City. I've lived in the Bay Area for 11 years and I've loved every part of it. But I'm always sad when I see other cities in the US and overseas have much better coordinated, operated, and funded transit systems. To that end, I urge you to work to consolidate Caltrain, SamTrans, BART, Muni and all the other Bay Area agencies. We should have a single agency with the authority to plan and operate all public transportation across the Bay Area.

I also urge you to Implement VMT fees to fund transit. That will further go to support our region's growth.

Finally, let's work with Sacramento to exempt all transit projects from CEQA. We need to build lots of dense housing around transit stations and implement Transit-Oriented Developments in order to reach our goals of sustainability, equality, and growth. Thank you for doing the right thing for our kids and our future.

From: [Jan Guffey](#)
To: [Board \(@caltrain.com\)](mailto:Board (@caltrain.com))
Subject: The Bay Area Deserves better transit-- support SB 1031, the Connect Bay Area Act.
Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 7:25:12 AM

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From: [Zoe Spiropoulou](#)
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From: [AJ Cho](#)
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From: [Sam Crocker](#)
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From: [Diandra Rodriguez](#)
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From: [Chris Brown-Bourne](#)
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From: [Michael Shiplett](#)
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From: [Hoai-An Truong](#)
To: [Board \(@caltrain.com\)](mailto:Board (@caltrain.com))
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From: [Samuel Johnston](#)
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Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 1:55:14 PM

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The bill, while promising, could be improved by forgoing highway expansions and focusing on progressive funding sources. Collaborating with the bill's authors, transit agencies, and community stakeholders is essential to refine the bill without compromising its passage. Without this legislation, the Bay Area risks reduced transit services, which would inconvenience residents, increase road congestion, worsen air quality, and hinder economic progress.

I strongly urge support for SB 1031, the Connect Bay Area Act, for a better-connected, sustainable, and equitable transit future.

Sincerely,
Samuel Johnston

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From: [Julia Diaz](#)
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From: [Natawut Monaikul](#)
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Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 1:46:50 PM

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Having grown up in the public transportation-friendly city of Chicago, I am a major proponent of public transportation and believe it should be a high priority for other cities. Investing in public transportation means a more accessible, environmentally-conscious, affordable, and welcoming city. And even personally, I rely on public transportation to commute to work, to see friends, to explore new areas, and to generally get from place to place stress-free and cost-effectively.

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Sincerely,
Natawut Monaikul

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To: [Board \(@caltrain.com\)](mailto:Board (@caltrain.com))
Subject: Please support SB 1031, the Connect Bay Area Act.
Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 1:29:47 PM

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Caltrain Board of Directors Board of Directors,

I have a disability and have, at times, lost my ability to drive. Even though I qualified for Paratransit, your disconnected options made Paratransit very difficult to use because I had to change transit at each county line. In addition, Paratransit doesn't offer to help with car seats so I couldn't travel with my young children.

The answer is to make transit accessible to all. In addition, my low-income neighbors and students use transit instead of driving. Our Safe Routes to Schools depend on reliable transit around school hours.

We invest so much in roads and yet comparatively little in transit even though investing in better transit will help our region meet its climate, economic growth, affordability, air quality, public health, and justice goals

It's high time the Bay Area stopped prioritizing cars and made the investments needed for us to have affordable, abundant, accessible mobility.

Each of our 27 transit agencies needs to provide significantly more service. That means more frequency, more routes, more hours of service, and better coordination between agencies. We deserve to be able to depend on transit for all our various mobility needs in our neighborhood and throughout the wider community.

We must be given the opportunity to vote for additional funding for transit agencies to provide the high-quality transit services our communities deserve. The State and Federal governments also need to step up and provide funding for transit service, but we can't wait for help from above.

I urge you to support SB1031 (Wiener/Wahab), the "Connect Bay Area Act." It would authorize putting a critically important regional public transportation measure on the 2026 ballot that would enable voters to provide the funding needed to stop service cuts to Caltrain, BART, and Muni, and fund service improvements in VTA's visionary network, SamTrans, as well as all 27 Bay Area transit agencies.

The measure would also strengthen service coordination among the agencies. Please work together to solve our many transit woes.

The bill can and should be strengthened— for example, highway expansion is unnecessary,

and it should prioritize progressive revenue sources. Please work with the bill authors, transit agencies and community stakeholders to make this essential bill the best it can be for our communities, climate, and economy.

Being on a Board or a legislature involves the art of compromise. No bill is perfect and neither this bill, but please support it even if it doesn't have everything you want. Without this bill, no Bay Area transit agency will be able to offer the coordinated service our communities need. Also, without this bill, many transit agencies will be forced to slash service: stranding riders, clogging our roads, fouling our air, and stalling our economy.

I urge you to support SB 1031, the Connect Bay Area Act.

Sincerely,

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Subject: The Bay Area Deserves better transit- Please support SB 1031
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But efforts to strengthen the bill should not threaten its viability. Without this bill, no Bay Area transit agency will be able to offer the coordinated service our communities need. Also, without this bill, many transit agencies will be forced to slash service: stranding riders, clogging our

roads, fouling our air, and stalling our economy. Cutting service at this point post pandemic would lead to a downward spiral that would be hard to recover from and would push many away from using transit and back into car dependency.

I urge you to support SB 1031, the Connect Bay Area Act.

Sincerely,
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From: [Benjamin Guillet](#)
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Subject: The Bay Area Deserves better transit-- support SB 1031, the Connect Bay Area Act.
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I urge you to support SB 1031, the Connect Bay Area Act.

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From: [Kathryn Hedges](#)
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Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 12:50:07 PM

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Caltrain Board of Directors Board of Directors,

I live in a transit oriented development near about a dozen VTA routes, on the shuttle route from Diridon to Berryessa BART. But people in other areas don't have adequate transit at the current levels. Cutting funding will lead to a death spiral where ridership drops, service is cut further, etc.

VTA can't even maintain the LED destination signs on the buses at current funding levels; I see broken signs every day near San Jose City Hall even when I'm only walking to Grocery Outlet and not waiting for a bus.

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I urge you to support SB 1031, the Connect Bay Area Act.

Sincerely,

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From: [Daniel Brant](#)
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I urge you to support SB 1031, the Connect Bay Area Act.

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I urge you to support SB 1031, the Connect Bay Area Act.

Sincerely,

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Subject: The Bay Area Deserves better transit-- support SB 1031, the Connect Bay Area Act.
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The bill can and should be strengthened—for example, highway expansion is unnecessary, and it should prioritize progressive revenue sources. Please work with the bill authors, transit agencies and community stakeholders to make this essential bill the best it can be for our

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I urge you to support SB 1031, the Connect Bay Area Act.

Sincerely,

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From: [Megan Conn](#)
To: [Board \(@caltrain.com\)](#)
Subject: The Bay NEEDS better transit to thrive - support SB 1031, the Connect Bay Area Act.
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roads, fouling our air, and stalling our economy.

I urge you to support SB 1031, the Connect Bay Area Act.

Sincerely,

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From: [Ken Kershner](#)
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Caltrain Board of Directors Board of Directors,

Bay Area residents deserve reliable, affordable, and accessible public transportation that meets our region's climate, economic, and equity goals. However, our transit system is at risk of drastic service cuts due to funding shortfalls, which would undermine our ability to address pressing issues like climate change, traffic congestion, housing affordability, and social justice.

To truly serve the diverse mobility needs of our communities, each of the Bay Area's 27 transit agencies must significantly increase service levels, including more frequent routes, extended hours of operation, and better coordination between agencies. Residents should be able to depend on transit for all their transportation needs, whether within their neighborhood or across the wider region.

While state and federal funding is crucial, we cannot wait for assistance from above. Bay Area voters must have the opportunity to directly support the transit services our communities deserve through additional local funding measures.

That is why I urge you to support SB 1031, the "Connect Bay Area Act," introduced by Senators Wiener and Wahab. This critically important legislation would authorize a regional public transportation measure to appear on the 2026 ballot, empowering voters to provide the necessary funding to:

1. Prevent service cuts to essential transit systems like Caltrain, BART, and Muni.
2. Fund service improvements and expansions across all 27 Bay Area transit agencies, including VTA's visionary network and SamTrans.
3. Strengthen coordination and integration between agencies, creating a seamless transit experience for riders across the region.

Unlike our interconnected road network, our current transit system lacks cohesion, making it unnecessarily difficult for riders, especially those with long commutes due to the housing crisis. SB 1031 would address this by enhancing regional coordination and integration.

While the bill can be further strengthened – for example, by prioritizing progressive revenue sources and eliminating unnecessary highway expansions – these efforts should not threaten its viability. Without SB 1031, our transit agencies will be forced to slash service, stranding riders, worsening traffic and air quality, and hindering economic growth.

I urge you to support SB 1031, the Connect Bay Area Act, and work with stakeholders to refine

and improve this essential legislation for the benefit of our communities, our climate, and our economy.

Sincerely,
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