

San Mateo County
TRANSIT DISTRICT

Quarterly Project Update: SamTrans/TA

May 2024

Agenda

TA

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Call for Projects
101/92 Direct Connector
ECR Complete Streets

SamTrans

Reimagine SamTrans Implementation Update
San Mateo County Transit District Strategic Plan

Q/A

San Mateo County Transit District

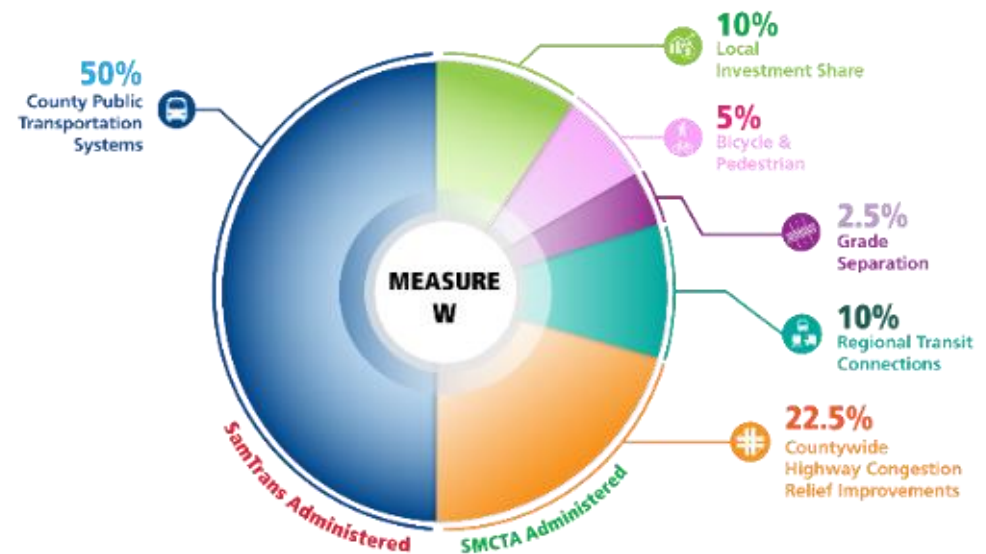
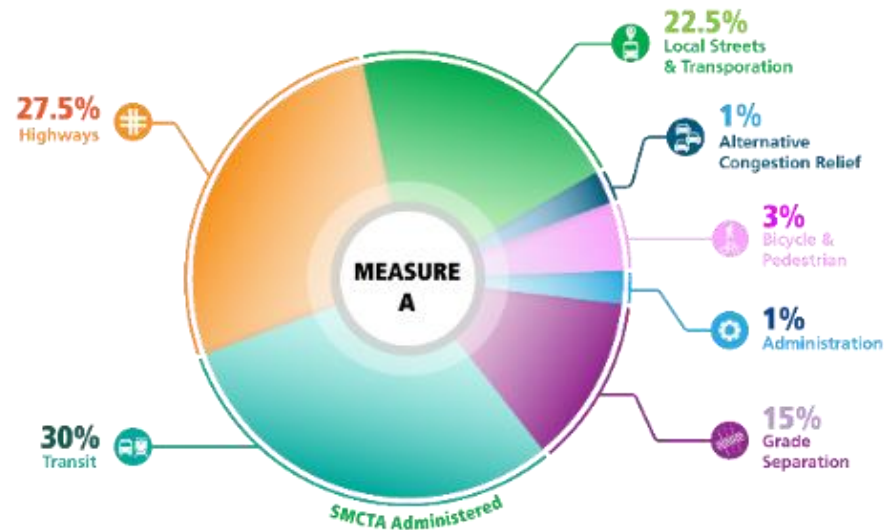
Transit District is the administrative body for three (and a half) agencies: SamTrans, Transportation Authority, and Caltrain



Note: San Mateo County Express Lanes Joint Powers Authority (SMCEL-JPA), staffed by TA and C/CAG

Role of the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (TA)

- Advocate and/or apply for funding at federal, state, and regional levels to leverage TA investments
- Sponsor Highway Projects of Countywide Significance
- Partner with MTC, C/CAG, Caltrans and local jurisdictions
- Provide technical assistance and manage projects on behalf of local jurisdictions

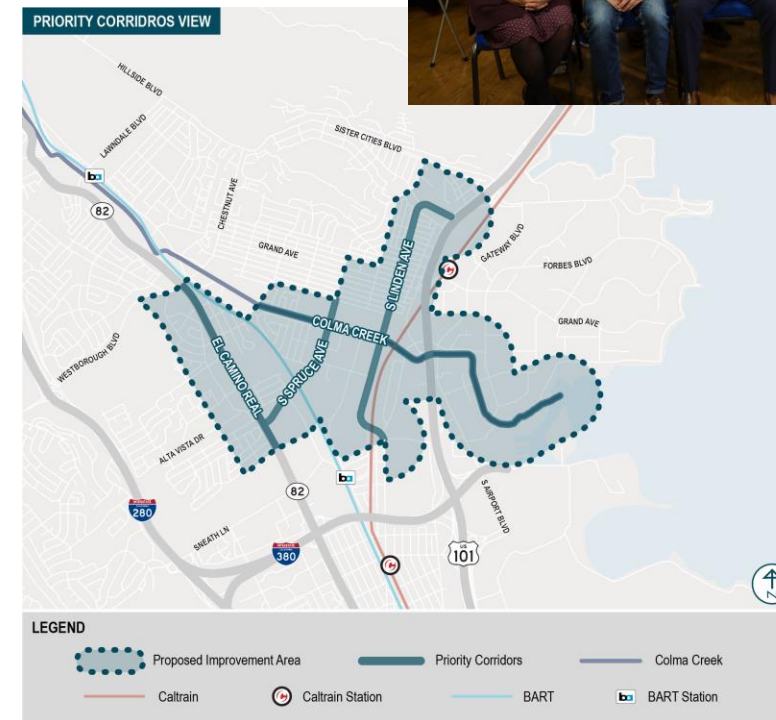


Measure A generates approx. **\$100 million** annually. **Measure W** generates approx. **\$50 million** annually for the TA. Half of Measure W funds are administered directly by SamTrans - for an additional **\$50 million** annually.



Reconnecting Communities: Connect4SSF

- TA—in collaboration with South San Francisco and OneShoreline—awarded a *Reconnecting Communities: Highways to Boulevards* grant from Caltrans
- Funding will be split between agencies across the state
- Bicycle, pedestrian and transit improvements along SR 82 (El Camino Real), Colma Creek, and other local priority corridors
- Will benefit underserved communities and strengthen connections between transit and housing, jobs and open space



Call for Projects

Pedestrian & Bicycle

- Approx \$19 million available for Cycle 7
- Large Capital Projects, Small Capital/Quick Build Projects, Planning & Promotions, Safe Routes to School

Alternative Congestion Relief & Transportation Demand Management (ACR/TDM)

- Approx \$6 million available for Cycle 2
- ITS Planning & Design, TDM Competitive Projects, TDM Planning

Key Dates (both programs):

- Release of CFPs - **June 10**
- Applications Due - **August 30**
- Expected Awards - **December 5**



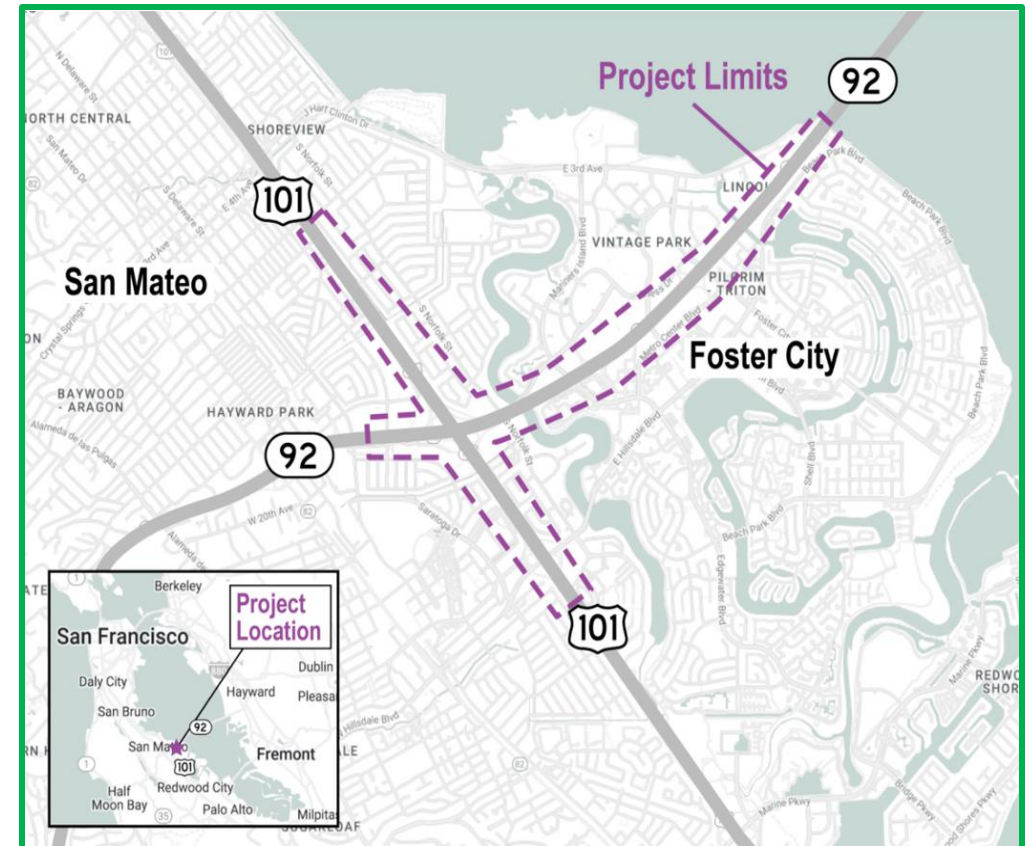
101/92 Direct Connector Project

Proposes to create a dedicated managed lane connection between SR 92 and 101 Express Lanes.

Project Goals

- Improve the travel time reliability for those traveling between US 101 and SR 92, east of US 101
- Encourage carpooling and the use of shuttles and buses to increase the number of people moved
- Improve the operational efficiency of the US 101 and SR 92 interchange

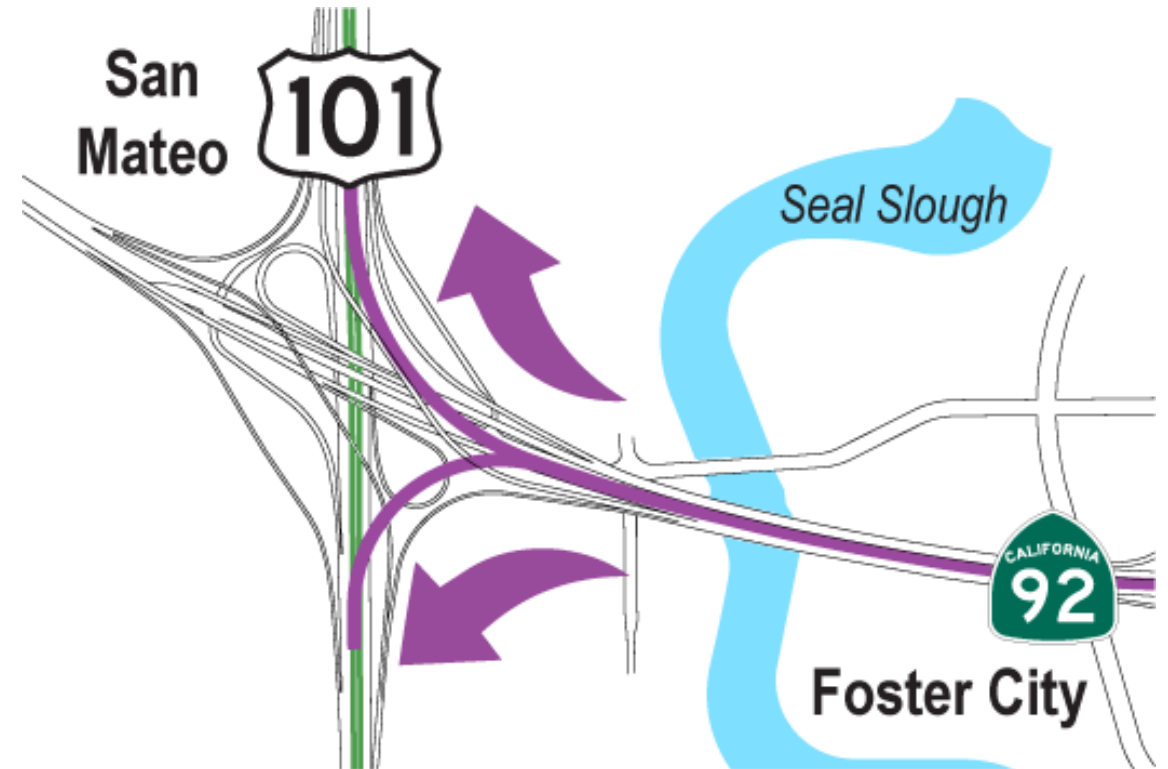
3 build alternatives, one no-build option



101/92 Direct Connector Project

Build Alternative 1: *Direct Connector from Westbound SR 92 to the US 101 Express Lanes*

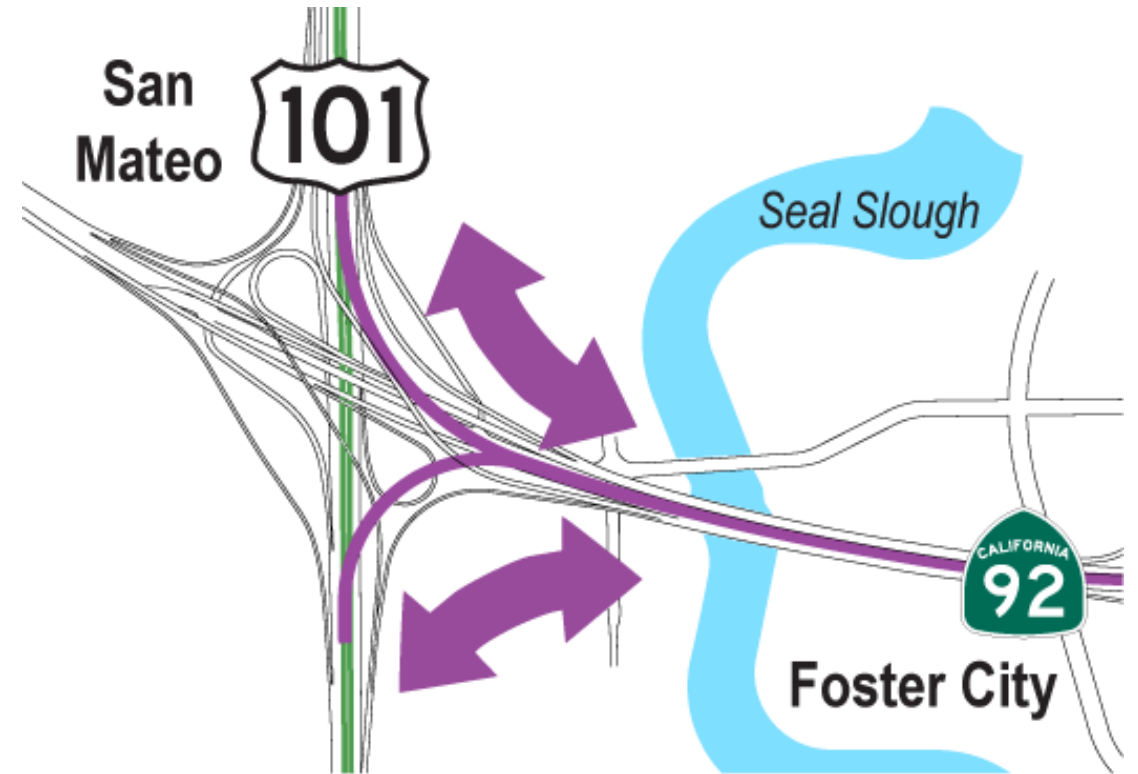
- Would provide a direct connection from westbound 92 to both directions of 101 Express Lanes
- Benefiting morning commuters



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Build Alternative 2: Reversible Direct Connector Between US 101 Express Lanes and SR 92

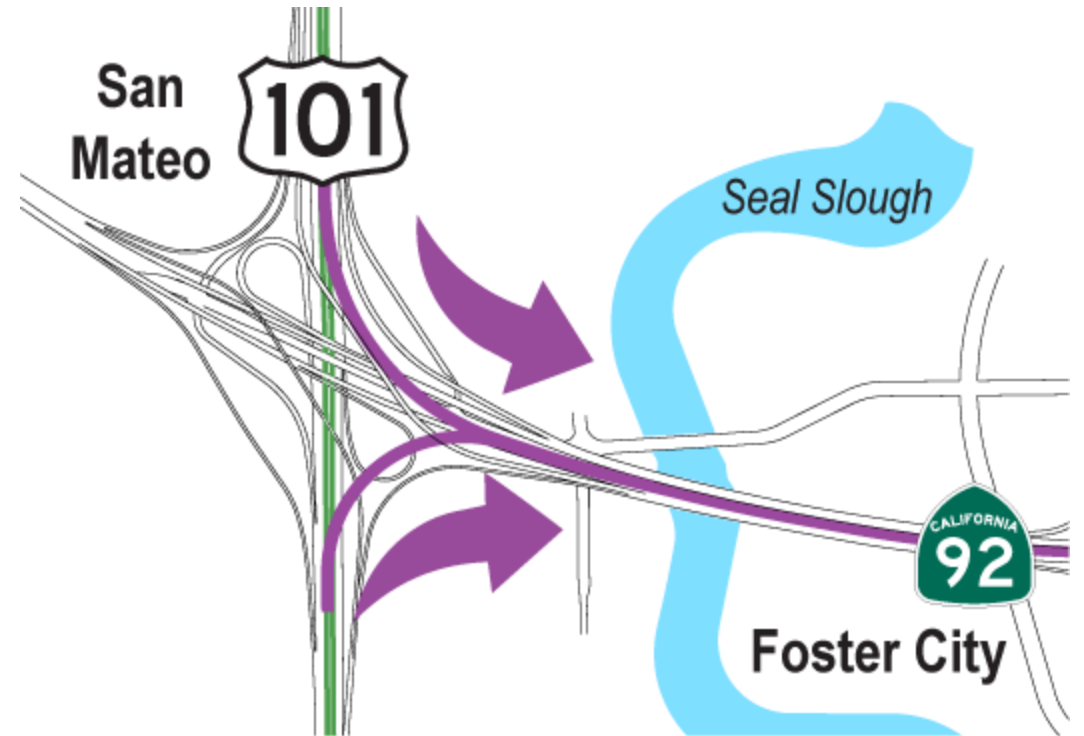
- Would provide a direct connection between 92 and 101 Express Lanes
- Connector would be a reversible lane
- Allow access from westbound 92 to 101 Express Lanes during morning commute hours, and then switch to allow access from 101 Express Lanes to eastbound 92 during evening commute hours



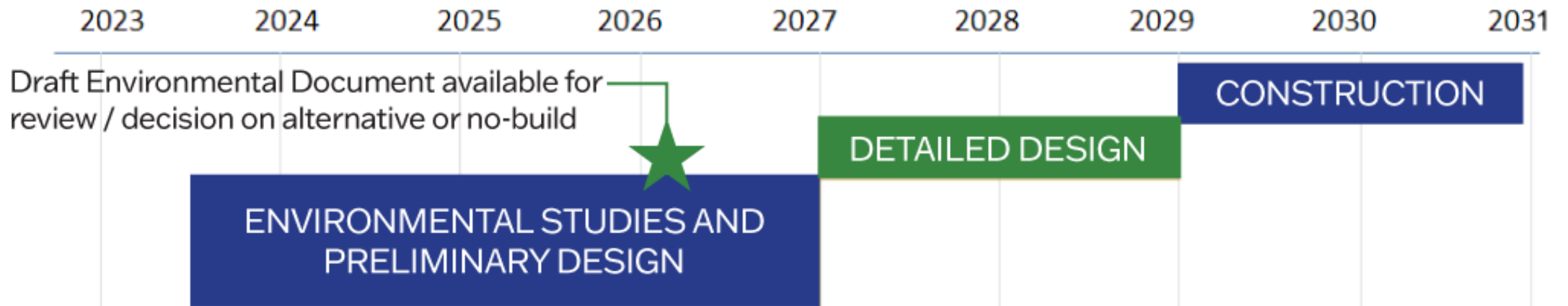
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Build Alternative 3: *Direct Connector from the US 101 Express Lanes to Eastbound SR 92*

- Would provide a direct connection from the 101 Express Lanes to EB 92 to serve traffic heading to the Hayward-San Mateo Bridge
- Would provide access from the express lanes on 101 to EB 92 without requiring a lane change
- Benefiting evening commuters

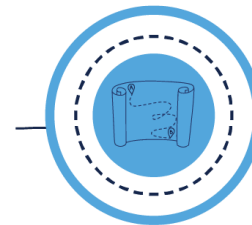


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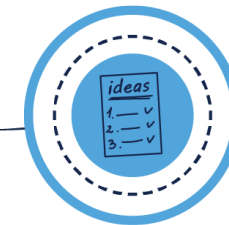


TA Technical Assistance: ECR Complete Streets

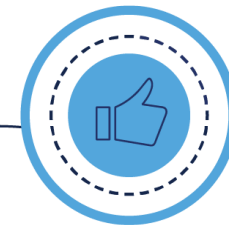
- The TA can provide technical assistance and manage projects on behalf of local jurisdictions
- The Town of Atherton is studying a 1.5-mile segment of El Camino Real (State Route 82) from Selby Lane to Valparaiso Avenue
- The lack of pedestrian facilities makes it difficult to walk along El Camino Real and to access transit
- Survey is currently open from now through mid-June
- Learn more at ecrcompletestreets.com



Spring 2024
Existing Conditions



Fall 2024
Evaluate Concepts



Winter 2025
Preferred Concept



The SamTrans System

- Operates fixed bus routes, Ride Plus microtransit service, and RediWheels for people with mobility challenges throughout San Mateo County and into parts of San Francisco and Palo Alto
- 300+ bus fleet; 30,000 weekday ridership
- Fixed route service currently at 87% of pre-pandemic ridership
- High need, transit dependent customer base:
 - 90% of riders are low income, 64% extremely low income*
 - Nearly 75% do not have access to a car
- Implementation of Reimagine SamTrans began in August 2022 and will wrap up in Summer 2024

*Based on San Mateo County Affordable Housing Index levels

Reimagine Phase 4

- Fourth and final phase of *Reimagine*
SamTrans implementation takes effect August 4, 2024
- After implementation, SamTrans' network will have:
 - Approximately 12% increase in in-service hours compared to *pre-Reimagine SamTrans* (Jan 2019)
 - Approximately 15% increase in District operator workforce
 - The improvements coming in August 2024 include:
- More frequent service on weekdays, including the midday period, on seven routes
- More frequent or new service on weekends on eight routes
- Two brand new routes to San Mateo County community colleges and reintroducing Route 118

Learn more at: samtrans.com/reimagine



Reimagine Phase 4

SamTrans is also considering some modifications from original adopted Reimagine SamTrans to:

Routes 120, 121, 249 (new route), 278, 296/296 Owl, 292, 397, FCX, EPX, and 85

Public comment period ran from April 19 to May 10th and included:

- Dedicated webpage
- Multilingual survey; feedback could also be provided via email address, and customer service line
- Multilingual take-one pamphlets on the buses
- Press release and social media posts
- Targeted outreach
- Two opportunities for public comments at meetings: April 24 CAC meeting and May 1 Board meeting



2024 Reimagine SamTrans Survey

Learn more at: samtrans.com/reimagine

SamTrans/TA Newsletters

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Questions