



PUBLIC COMMENT

BART Board Meeting

May 12, 2022

Item 3-I

From: [Harry Burrowes](#)
To: [BART Board](#)
Cc: [Kimberly Koempel](#); [Robert Powers](#); [Tom Williams](#)
Subject: Letter of Support - Property Exchange Between BART and Millbrae Adrian Science Park, LLC
Date: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 5:19:41 PM
Attachments: [Millbrae Adrian Life Science - BART Property Exchange.pdf](#)

President Saltzman and Members of the Board of Directors,

Attached please find a letter from the City of Millbrae in support of your consideration of a property exchange and right-of-way agreement adjacent to the Millbrae Station. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions, thank you.

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May 10, 2022

President Rebecca Saltzman and Members of the Board of Directors
San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District
P.O. Box 12688
Oakland, CA 94604-2688

RE: Property Exchange Agreement with Millbrae Adrian Science Park, LLC
Grant of Right-of-Way for Harriet Tubman Way

Dear President Saltzman and Board Members,

We are pleased to submit this letter to the BART Board of Directors in support of your proposed consideration of an agreement for a property exchange and right-of-way agreement as part of a new life science development project adjacent to the Millbrae BART station being developed by Longfellow Real Estate Partners.

In conjunction with this new development project, the property exchange benefits both the City and BART by improving circulation from the BART Station and new TOD development (Gateway at Millbrae Station) and providing enhanced pedestrian and bicycles access. Additionally, the new Longfellow building is part of a larger life science campus adjacent to the Millbrae Station that will bring over 3,000 new employees literally to the station's doorstep.

We look forward to seeing this project come to fruition and appreciate BART's support in the approval of this important property exchange.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Anne Oliva".

Anne Oliva, Mayor

cc: Millbrae City Council
City Manager



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Item 4

From: [aleta dupree](#)
To: [BART Board](#)
Subject: Comments from the line
Date: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 9:36:42 AM

Secretary April Quintanilla please forward this message to the full BART Board for the Regular Meeting of 12 May, 2022.

Good morning President Rebecca Saltzman and Members.

Aleta Dupree for the record. (she, her).

I bring you my general thoughts concerning the work and mission of the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District.

“Finding the way.”

I consider the work of Neil Tennant who in 1986 gave the world a song called West End Girls. Though the song and video take place in London, when I first heard it, I was in New York. Perhaps Mr Tennant was speaking of a young man from another state, or another country finding himself in New York City. Surely he was in Times Square, and Forty Second Street, in the days of the low rent movie theaters. Perhaps the young man discovered the importance of the Subway, and sought to find his room for the night, perhaps on West End Avenue, or in one of the grittier sections of the city to the south. And so I have found myself on BART frequently, for short visits, in order for me to get to and from Oakland Airport, and to go on to many other places.

And so I think of the importance of BART often. You see, I am very afraid of flying on airplanes, and have done so twenty five times since last June. And so when I land in Oakland, and go out the front doors, I see the familiar wayfinding signage that leads me to BART, where then I can get about my business of the day. Perhaps someday I will go to the San Francisco International Airport, and use BART in it's traditional sense of ten car trains old or new. Such is more reminiscent of the New York City Subway, or Grand Central Terminal. But yet even at the Coliseum Station, once on the main platform, I think this to myself, BART is The Peoples System.

“On Equity and Definitions.”

I hear often about equity work at BART, and support the general principle of that, given that I am a person with equity needs. However, it seems to me that many of our equity based presentations and goals are predicated on defined subsets of people according to societally established definitions. I see demographics as an important part of trend analysis with the hope of setting reasonable goals. Yet I never seem to hear mentions about people like myself who do not fit such definitions. And so what seems to me to be silence on that matter implies to me that I risk exclusion by default. I ask of you to consider equity in an expansive light, that the world is more diverse than meets the eye. It is my hope that anyone at BART would welcome those who are different. I do still often sense that many, if not most people at BART, whether employed or sit on advisory bodies, literally do not know what to do with me. But this is what I do expect BART to do with me. I ask of this system that is BART to welcome me as a Fare paying user that follows the Rules of Conduct. I am not asking anything special, but to simply be able to access what anyone else seems to receive by default. I am not entitled, but I am simply a person just as much. I ask that you not consider me to be disposable, but simply different. I believe that most of all that BART is not simply a system of dynamic infrastructure, but more so a System that rises to meet the diverse community that is Bay Area Soil.

“Reflection.”

I do reflect on your most recent meeting, much of which concerned the matter of wearing masks on the System. I thank you for passing the resolution concerning the importance of the wearing of masks on BART, as it was written. You see, as a person who is different in many ways, I am often most at risk. I ask that you continue to support me as a person who is vaccinated and wears a mask in order to prevent myself and others from contracting COVID-19.

I have often spoken of using BART within San Francisco as opposed to MUNI. I have found in my last trip that I was using BART not just because BART is less expensive, but also because of your resolution passed concerning the wearing of masks. I ask that you continue to frame your decisions in equity and inclusion, as you did with this matter. I did fly on airplanes some more, and went into airports as part of that, and wore a mask. I ask that you continue to emphasize the importance of scientifically based facts, and make BART into a system that is more inviting and welcoming to use.

“Building a better BART.”

I contemplate the idea of a better BART, and that is something that comes from continuous improvement. Yet I don't often hear of building a better BART, but much more of what I see as partisan bickering in the community. I hear much of things advocated for specific subgroups, yet those undefined like myself are often left out of the mix. Yet I come to you as someone who speaks from broad and global perspectives. I can't claim to be an expert, but we do have Bob Powers and his team to take care of the day to day issues of running BART. For me I seek a BART that works. A BART that can provide me with the safe, reliable, and affordable service I think any person of reasonable mind should expect. I would like to see a BART that has inspiration, much like thinking of Gerry Rafferty when on Forty Second Street in New York City. I contemplate the idea of getting Right Down the Line, through the Park Avenue Tunnel and into the light. I believe in a BART that can be legendary and stately. Perhaps I am more well versed on matters of the New York City Subway and Grand Central Terminal, given my longer resume with those systems. But I feel what is most important to me is this ideal, that BART is indeed the Peoples System.

Thank you.



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Item 6-B

From: [Dan Schulman](#)
To: [BART Board](#)
Subject: Comments regarding Board Meeting Agenda Item: Service Levels
Date: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 1:01:38 PM

Dear BART Board:

I saw in the meeting packet that changes to service levels are being planned. I would like to strongly encourage BART to:

- Do whatever it takes to get the time between trains to be less than 30 minutes at all times
- Do whatever it takes to make sure timed transfers are never missed

I live in El Cerrito and frequently go into San Francisco in the evening for events. When returning home, it is often stressful and frustrating to find that the next train to take me home is not coming for 25+ minutes. The stress and frustration multiplies when timed transfers are missed, or trains are outright canceled, which is happening far too often. There have been multiple occasions in the past month alone where the failed "timed transfer" at 19th St Oakland led to an additional 25+ minutes of waiting for the final train to finish my trip home. There have also been times when evening trains have been canceled, creating a 60 minute (!) wait for the next train. Spending 60+ minutes in total just waiting for trains to arrive, when driving or taking rideshare would get me home in less than 30 minutes, is not acceptable. For people going home from work at night, the last thing they need is to wait so long for trains to arrive. The current service in the evenings should not be viewed as acceptable in any way, and I hope you will do whatever it takes to improve it.

This also matters for protecting the vulnerable from COVID. When transfers are missed and there are such long waits for trains, significantly more crowding occurs. Masks help, but standing shoulder to shoulder on a packed car for an extended period of time is not helpful for avoiding COVID.

Thank you,
Daniel Schulman
El Cerrito, CA

Sent from [Outlook](#)