

Joint Resolution of the City of San Carlos and the San Carlos School District in Support of Restoring Public Bus Routes within the City of San Carlos

Whereas the City of San Carlos and the San Carlos School District desires resumption of the public transportation routes and service throughout the areas formerly served by SamTrans;

Whereas the residents of the City are currently underserved by public transportation, with a great many residents living greater than one mile from a bus stop;

Whereas the residents of the City of San Carlos, through their taxes, contribute proportionately to SamTrans budget, yet receive disproportionately fewer services compared to similar Peninsula cities;

Whereas the population of the City of San Carlos continues to increase and with it an increase in automobile traffic throughout the city;

Whereas the student population of the San Carlos School District has increased 47% between 1994 and 2013, and is expected to reach a capacity of 4,000 students in the coming years;

Whereas the San Mateo County Transit District Strategic Plan states its intent to “find ways to provide quality, cost-effective service in smaller communities that lack frequent service but have important senior and youth populations”;

Whereas the San Mateo County Transit District Strategic Plan identifies the need to promote a transit oriented culture in the communities it serves

Whereas the San Carlos Council of PTAs has pledged to support bus ridership for students;

Whereas the San Carlos Youth Center would benefit by public transit that would serve youth wishing to take advantage of these services after school;

Whereas student athletes participate in team practice at city parks and playfields on a daily basis, which currently necessitates transportation by personal vehicle;

Whereas a Four Corners working group consisting of the City of San Carlos, the City of Belmont, the San Carlos School District and the Sequoia Union High School District has been created to remedy the ongoing congestion and traffic bottlenecks on San Carlos Ave and Alameda de las Pulgas;

Whereas the City of San Carlos and the San Carlos School District have implemented a school crossing guard program at strategic locations through the city, in order to reduce vehicle traffic and promote walking to/from school;

Whereas the San Carlos School District has implemented a variety of strategies to address the traffic congestion around the arrival and dismissal times at all schools and supports the principles of Safe Routes to Schools and the implementation of those principles;

Whereas the San Mateo County Sheriff's department has assigned officers to patrol schools at peak traffic times when possible;

Whereas the forthcoming development, population growth, and construction in the city will result in a reduction in parking spaces and increased traffic congestion;

Whereas residents desire additional transportation options for themselves and family members;

Therefore, be it resolved that the City of San Carlos and the San Carlos School District pledges support to SamTrans in increasing public transit routes within the city to serve the entire population of San Carlos.

Signed: San Carlos City Council

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San Carlos School District Board of Trustees

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