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Hello there,

I am an El Cerrito resident and enthusiastic transit rider and am writing now to urge you to look beyond the current proposal for the RNM Executive Board, which looks an awful lot like the existing board of folks who manage Clipper. That's not good enough!

Under the existing system of an executive board composed of managers of the participating agencies, riders calling for intelligent consistency among the Bay Area transit agencies in terms of fares, maps, schedules and routes have seen very little change, and that little, extremely slowly. We need rides and policymakers on the RNM, and it needs to exist independent of and above the managers of the individual agencies or we will not see adequate transformation. It's not just the current riders who have a stake in a better functioning, less duplicative and wasteful transit system; we will never be able to get people out of their cars and burning less fossil fuels unless we can offer them a system that functions better than today's fragmented collection of turf-guarding agencies.

It's too late for incremental change that assumes the status quo is acceptable.

Sincerely,

Coriander Reisbord