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Hello:

It is my understanding that the proposal under consideration at the November 14 meeting will call for an Executive Regional Network Management Board to oversee transit system integration efforts in the San Francisco Bay region and that this Board would consist of transit agency general managers.

I believe this structure is inadequate because transit managers are most likely to represent the parochial interests of their agencies and the maintenance of the status quo as much as possible. The Bay Area public transit system needs new, rider-centric leadership, not a good old boys club.

While transit providers should be part of the conversation, independent transit experts, representatives of transit riders (especially transit-dependent riders) and representatives of the communities in which transit companies operate should also be part of the system integration decision-making body.

Regards,

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