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RE: JAK Public Comment for 21-1454, MTC Workshop

Dear Metropolitan Transportation Commission;

Thanks for taking my public comment. I rode several transit systems last week on my latest visit to the Bay Area and learned of your meeting on fare integration.

First, I can't get around w/o public transit or expensive ride-hailing. Nor should MTC Commissioners want everyone who walks off a plane or Amtrak or cruise ship coming into the Bay Area to do so if you want to reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT) with the concurrent congestion and emissions problems.

Second I wish for an integrated transit system with simplicity for transit riders both local and outside, with subsidy for low-income locals. Fare equity policies *do* matter.

Third, I rode BART + SF Bay Ferry + Golden Gate Coach + Muni Metro + Muni bus + Muni Streetcar (F Market & Wharves Line) + Golden Gate Ferry during my last trip. I have to say I liked Muni's \$5 all-day pass I could just use my smartphone to show proof of payment and pay once. I really wish there was more of an effort to integrate these systems in a similar way - pay once, ride all day. I am also excited at the thought of free transfers and a regional pass as part of upcoming fare reforms.

Fourth, I also find it difficult to have to go to every single transit board to ask for better transit like with fare integration and safer transit like a vaccine mandate. There is a clear need for a regional manager for the Bay Area to help manage things.

Very thoughtfully;

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