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**Message:** Hello, I am a member of Move San Mateo, a sub branch of Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition. I am also a member of Peninsula For All. My comments are my own.

I recently attended the General Plan Subcommittee Meeting #12 held on 8/30 at 6pm. One of the subcommittee member's comments was about policy Policy C-P5.1. They asked why it was necessary to have this goal in the General Plan, as the city cannot do much to increase ridership.

I argue that there are ways the city can create policies in the general plan to help increase ridership and reduce single occupancy vehicle trips. One way is to create a policy within goal LU-3 to actively find ways to rezone single family zones in underserved neighborhoods to mixed use zoning. Underserved communities are often food/service deserts because the nature of single family zoning excludes retail and services businesses from operating in those areas. By creating diverse zoning in food deserts, the city can encourage active transportation over vehicle use, and work with transit agencies to expand bus routes into these neighborhoods.

Additionally, the city can use Policy LU-P14.1 Inter-Agency Cooperation as an example for increasing transit ridership. The city should create a policy to find ways for Caltrans and Samtrans to cooperate with other transit agencies to coordinate schedules and create synergistic transit routes. One example would be for Caltrans and BART to cooperate more on seamless transfers between stops at the Millbrae station. Seamless transfers create a positive and realistic alternative to vehicle trips. Another would be for SamTrans and AC Transit to bring back the Hayward-Hillsdale bus line, but with more frequent trips to encourage service workers and shoppers alike to use the bus over vehicles for trips across the San Mateo bridge.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,  
Sean Lacson

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