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Hon. Cyril G. Bologoff
City of Brisbane
50 Park Place
Brisbane, CA 94005

Dear Mayor Bologoff,

We are all concerned about the future of Caltrain, the critical transportation spine of our community, and that future is by no means assured.

With that in mind, I write to you today as a member of the Board of Supervisors, but also as a member of the Board of Directors Caltrain and SamTrans and as chair of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission to ask that we begin working together to help ensure a Caltrain that not only survives, but thrives.

With the essential financial assistance of MTC and the partners in Caltrain – SamTrans, Muni and the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority -- considerable progress has been achieved in resolving the rail agency's immediate budget crisis and averting drastic cuts to what could be the most successful transit system in the region.

Caltrain, however, will never be the stable, well-funded entity we need it to be without a permanent, dedicated source of funding. Significant efforts are underway to explore options for just such a source of revenue.

As this effort goes forward, we must assure that there is a meaningful San Mateo County presence so that the unique concerns and interests of our constituents are heard and that public support is built and maintained.

We have a role to play in any coalition that comes together to save Caltrain, and we should begin now to understand the issues, define that role and begin to participate in the positive, constructive way that characterizes San Mateo County policy-making.

As the first step toward rallying around Caltrain, I would like to invite you or your designee to a meeting with your colleagues to hear a presentation on the current and future conditions affecting Caltrain and Samtrans, and to discuss building a coalition of community leaders and the public. The meeting will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 3rd, 2011, at SamTrans, 2nd Floor Auditorium, 1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos.

Please let me know as soon as possible if you or your designee will be participating in this meeting. I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Supervisor Adrienne J. Tissier