



TA Board of Directors

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Subject

1. Paris transit transformation

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ATTENTION: This email came from an external source. Do not open attachments or click on links from unknown senders.

Please watch this fantastic short video on how Paris transformed transit. Title says "in 20 years". Really is in the 10 years since Mayor Anne Hidalgo was elected. And most of that since 2020, when Covid provided the chance to make fundamental changes.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zvvyxFbXuuU>

NOTE: Not only is the city a more vibrant and livable for all, not only is transit better for non car users, it is actually vastly better for car drivers too. 50% traffic reduction is a boon for car drivers!

San Mateo county could easily do many of the same things. Stop prioritizing cars and only cars. Prioritize mass transit: frequent CalTrain service, every 6 to 10 minutes. Ditto SamTrans buses. Add Bus Rapid Transit lanes to ECR and other arterial routes. Prioritize safe cycling, creating a network of connected arterial cycling routes that go where people want to go. Create safe neighborhood streets, that prioritize the people who live there over those who transit through; for example, add modal filters so that streets are not used as alternatives to arterial routes.

San Mateo could see the same 50% congestion reduction in 10 years. We could see the vastly improved livability of our environment. If only we made it a priority.

It was impossible in Paris. Until Hidalgo. It was impossible here. Until you. Have the courage to do what you know can and must be done.

Thanks,

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Drive a bike a bit more often and cars a bit less. You'll be healthier and happier, and so will our world.

Reach out if you'd like to learn to cycle more safely ([LCI #7105](#)).

<https://bikesiliconvalley.org>

<https://www.peopleforbikes.org/news/your-bike-advocacy-playbook>