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**TRANSIT DISTRICT**

**NEWS**

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**Transit District Boards Recognize Employee's Acts of Heroism**

This week, the Boards of Directors for both [SamTrans](#) and [Caltrain](#) will be recognizing some of their respective employees for acts of heroism above and beyond the call of duty.

On July 31, two RediCoast vehicle operators, Hector Tagal and Jaime Gonzalez, came upon the scene of a car accident on La Honda Road in La Honda. A car was overturned with the driver unconscious inside the vehicle. The two operators had RediCoast dispatch call 911 and proceeded to get the driver free of the vehicle by the time paramedics arrived. A 911 dispatch officer called the RediCoast office to thank them for saving the man's life. Tagal and Gonzalez will be honored at the SamTrans Board Meeting on Wednesday, September 5.

Deputy Pedro Miqueo responded to a domestic violence call at the Belmont Caltrain Station on May 31, in which an assailant was holding his girlfriend over the train tracks

with a train incoming in front of her four year old son. Deputy Miqueo arrested the assailant, and treated the woman and child with care and compassion, connecting them with crisis counselors at Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse (CORA), driving her to the child's school when she was unable to do so herself and staying in contact with her after the incident to provide further support. CORA will be honoring Deputy Miqueo with an award at the Joint Powers Board meeting on Thursday, September 6.

"Our District is lucky to have a dedicated group of employees and dedicated law enforcement professionals that take their work very seriously," said Jim Hartnett, General Manager and CEO of the San Mateo County Transit District. "It is of no surprise to me that, when dangerous situations come up, that they rise to the occasion and do what they can to keep the public safe."

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*About SamTrans: SamTrans operates 70 routes throughout San Mateo County. Funded in part by a half-cent sales tax, the San Mateo County Transit District also provides administrative support for Caltrain and the San Mateo County Transportation Authority. SamTrans has provided bus service to San Mateo County customers since 1976.*

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*About Caltrain: Owned and operated by the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board, Caltrain provides commuter rail service from San Francisco to San Jose, with limited commute service to Gilroy. Caltrain enjoyed five years of consecutive monthly ridership increases, surpassing more than 65,000 average weekday riders. While the Joint Powers Board assumed operating*

*responsibilities for the service in 1992, the railroad celebrated 150 years of continuous passenger service in 2014. Planning for the next 150 years of Peninsula rail service, Caltrain is on pace to electrify the corridor, reduce diesel emissions by 97 percent by 2040 and add more service to more stations.*

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*About the TA: Created to administer Measure A, San Mateo County's half-cent sales tax, the Transportation Authority provides funding for transportation and infrastructure improvement projects. In 2004, more than 75 percent of San Mateo County residents voted to reauthorize Measure A for an additional 25 years.*