

Hi Doug, Rana and Dara,

I attended the joint CARB and CTC Meeting on June 27, but was unable to stay for public comment as I needed to leave for another meeting.

I am, therefore, submitting my comments below.

Eileen Boken, Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods.

Here on my own behalf.

Victor Hugo, who authored the play Les Miserables, also wrote "Nothing is more powerful than an idea whose time has come."

AB179 from the 2017-2018 legislative session is an idea whose time has come.

I would like to acknowledge Assemblymember Sabrina Cervantes for her leadership on this issue.

I believe this joint endeavor of CARB and CTC could accelerate innovation particularly in the area of light rail vehicles (LRVs).

The concept of the next generation of light rail vehicles has been brought to the attention of CalSTA Secretary Brian Annis at the Planning and Conservation League symposium earlier this year.

The concept of next generation light rail vehicles was also brought to the attention of CalTrans Director Laurie Berman recently at the Commonwealth Club of San Francisco.

CTC Commissioner Carl Guardino also participated in this Commonwealth Club of San Francisco event on SB1.

I would urge CARB and CTC to engage the University of California Institute of Transportation Studies in this endeavor.

The current Transit and Inter City Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) grant cycle is 5 years. This would give a 5 year timeframe to develop next gen LRVs.

Besides the next gen LRV issue, I would urge CARB in conjunction with CTC to accelerate the adoption of the Innovative Clean Transit regs.

In addition to the regs themselves, I would urge CARB and CTC to accelerate the conversion to zero-emissions buses.

Even though transit agencies have committed to the early adoption of the Innovative Clean Transit regs, they continue to purchase diesel hybrid buses which will be in service for years to come.

This ends my public comments.

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