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SENIORS IN BAY AREA AND FACE POOR ACCESS TO TRANSIT BY 2015

Quote Sheet

On Cuts to Transit Service:

- “The cuts they made a few years ago really bothered me. Since they took buses out of service, there are certain places I can’t get to. It irks me that I can’t take my grandson to Chabot Science Center. There are no buses at all that go there anymore. And, Little Harbor Park, the bus doesn’t go there on the weekends – it’s a really underused park now. [Since the cuts to bus service,] the buses are more crowded because certain routes are less frequent.” -- *Karen Smulevitz, a senior from East Oakland*
- “I’ve been using transit for 25 years. I got rid of my vehicle. I found that public transit was very accessible [in the past].” – *Wayne Kirchoffer, a senior from Oakland, near Lake Merritt*

On Bus Rapid Transit:

- “The fact that they’ll have dedicated lanes for the [Bus Rapid Transit] buses is good. That’ll get people where they’re going in a hurry and complement BART.” -- *Wayne Kirchoffer, a senior from Oakland, near Lake Merritt*
- “I believe [BRT] will make it safer to cross the street, and it’ll be safer to wait for the bus.” -- *Karen Smulevitz, a senior from East Oakland*

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