

Joint Committee on Transportation,

I am a 73-year old retired Senior who uses a cane to walk. Having moved here from the Bay Area, I would love to take public transportation (although I'm still driving) at times. But until you solve the crime issue on your public transportation, and you actually have seats for us to sit on, enclosures for the rain and snow, and more bus stops for the elderly (I find this city not very accommodating for seniors), I will not take your public transportation. I remember when I first came to visit this city and you have free transportation to the downtown area and it was safe and lovely. I find it so sad that our leadership has allowed our city to have gotten so bad that between the drug users and mentally ill, we don't feel safe. I know our problems are not easy to solve. I believe much of it has happened due to the toxic drugs flowing into this country and financial inequality here in the US.

I truly wish you well on making the quality of life here better which includes your public transportation system, one we can use and feel safe that would accommodate people at all ages.

Sincerely,  
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