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Dear Mr. Mencis,

The San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) recognizes the profound cultural importance of this transit system’s history and the many technological innovations it has born. Now celebrating a half-century of service, BART continues to proudly serve the people of the Bay Area.

As BART transitions from the equipment with which it was founded to the Fleet of the Future, we understand that the preservation of our history is important not just for the Bay Area but transit history as a whole. We recognize that the Bay Area would be a deeply different place had BART not been implemented.

BART is pleased to donate to the Bay Area Electric Railroad Association and its Western Railway Museum (WRM) a set of original BART legacy cars for preservation. The BART Rapid Transit History Center will provide a home to the historically significant legacy cars, as well as important BART artifacts, including the system’s earliest technologies. The educational impacts of the Rapid Transit History Center will reverberate among transit enthusiasts, researchers, and museum guests for years to come.

We recognize and support WRM’s mission of preserving a collection that represents more than a hundred years of Bay Area electric rail transit. By safekeeping BART trains, documents, and artifacts, BART’s past will help to inform the future generations to come.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Powers  
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cc: Bob Simon, Director (WRM)  
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