

# Speak Out Now at BART (February 3, 2026)

## Eyes Open

The Super Bowl is bringing a LOT of people to town; some to see the game and many just to party. There is real concern that ICE will also be coming. Local politicians are trying to quell fears but admit that those in D.C. will not give a definite response regarding what forces will be deployed. Big surprise!

The only thing that seems certain is that Trump will not be coming. He claims it's "too far." So, it's no Nobel Peace Prize and no ticket to the Super Bowl for him.

It's not just ICE forces that have been attacking people in Minneapolis and elsewhere. Border Patrol agents and others have been involved.

Regardless of whether ICE is sent to the Bay Area now or not. The threat continues and there is no time like the present to get ready. Passenger safety is the job of everyone at BART, from the maintenance of cars and the trackways to entering the station and riding a train. Waiting until something happens is too late.

Workers need a plan and like many workplaces, BART Management is saying what? That's not uncommon. In workplaces where workers are also responsible for people's safety, like hospitals and schools, workers had to develop their own protocols if ICE showed up. Management then adopted them.

People have been hit by a car and killed, running across roads fleeing ICE. What happens if ICE gets into a station and goes after someone on the platform?

## ICE Is A Danger To Us All

In the Bay Area there are **Rapid Response Networks** that respond to ICE activity. We can all participate wherever we are – at work or at home. And BART workers can call, if ICE tries to come in. People can work something out among themselves to let other workers in the station know, without alarming passengers. And notify workers in nearby stations. And call one of the numbers below.

## Respond to ICE! Rapid Response Networks

Save their number in your phone.

- Alameda County 510-241-4011 M-F, 6 to 6
- San Francisco : 415-200-1548 (24/7)
- San Mateo County 203-666-4472
- Santa Clara County: 408-290-1144
- Stand Together Contra Costa: 925-900-5151

## Who Do they Work For?

Recently, BART Management proudly announced that, *"BART is partnering with Uber Transit to fully integrate seamless end-to-end journey planning and payment all within the BART app."*

Is this a BART marketing strategy or for Uber? It can be difficult to get to a BART station or to where you want to go by just taking BART. That's one reason why people don't use BART. The public transit system in the Bay Area isn't very good, to say the least.

But Uber? When Uber went public, to be able to sell stocks, like every other company, it had to declare its goals. It did so stating, *"We believe we can continue to grow the number of trips taken with our Ridesharing products and replace personal vehicle ownership and usage and public transportation one use case at a time."*

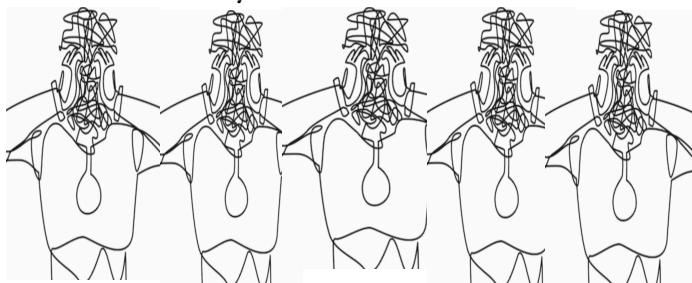
Is BART one of these "cases" that Uber plans to replace? This deal wasn't even made with the agreement of the elected BART Board. Is part of the deal for BART workers to drive for Uber after they run BART into the ground?

## Tap and Ride or Tap and Tap?

BART is always proud of its new innovations. There are the new gates which make it more difficult for some people to get in without paying. But piggybacking does aggravate some passengers. There's the new "tap and ride" which has become an aggravation for some passengers, who don't seem to have the right rhythm. Or for some reason, their cards won't work. And there are the new card readers, which are as useless as the upgraded gate software that won't read the cards.

And now, 5 years after the BART Board approved a deal with Boldyn Networks for Wifi throughout the system, BART is bringing Wifi to 5 stations.

Just in time for the Super Bowl visitors. Won't they be impressed! Especially after getting on the train at SFO and starting to figure out where they are going and getting on the train where they won't have Wifi access. That's BART.



BART management technology development committee developing ideas for the next rollout



# Speak Out Now

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## Minneapolis Shows the Power We All Have!

Last Friday, tens of thousands of people gathered in Minneapolis for a second day of No Work, No School, No Shopping, No ICE mass demonstrations. Schools shut down and hundreds of small businesses closed, and thousands of workers did not go to work. And this time, Minneapolis called on cities across the country to do the same. And the people responded!

In addition to Minneapolis, we saw over 300 protests in cities across the country, from New York, Chicago, and San Francisco to cities in Maine, Nebraska, Arizona, and many more. Thousands of middle and high school students walked out of class as small businesses closed their doors and workers skipped work to attend rallies held during school and work hours. The message across the country was clear: we will not accept ICE terror in our cities; we will organize to defend our communities; and we will stop business as usual until ICE leaves. This is exactly what needs to happen, and last Friday was another important step towards building up our forces and seeing the power we have. The people of Minnesota have shown us that no one is coming to save us, and it depends on us.

For weeks, the Trump administration has sent an occupying army of 3,000 ICE and Border Patrol agents to terrorize the Minneapolis region. They have ripped people from their cars and homes, detained and disappeared children, and racially profiled people walking down the street, demanding proof of citizenship. And despite their blatant murders of Renee Good and Alex Pretti, caught on video for the world to see, they have faced no consequences. Instead, the Trump administration has continued their support of ICE, even saying that it was appropriate to kill Good and Pretti because they were “domestic terrorists.” It’s clear that ICE has full immunity to terrorize our communities and even kill those who dare to stand up.

But the people of Minnesota have refused to cave to ICE terror and intimidation. They have continued to show up in greater and greater numbers. They’ve formed neighborhood networks to monitor ICE, communicating through chat groups. They’ve organized foot patrol teams to blow whistles when ICE is present, grouped together to get in ICE’s way, and use their phones to film everything. They were able to show the rest of the country and the world the extent of the terror and brutality ICE was raining down on their city. The footage of these masked ICE thugs

brutalizing workers, young students, and entire families, and blatantly murdering two innocent civilians was impossible for people to accept. People need a place to put their outrage, and the people of Minnesota have shown all of us that we can put it into organizing our communities just as they have done.

If ICE does retreat from Minnesota, it is only because tens of thousands of ordinary people have been willing to stand up to ICE. It is not because of the politicians and their empty words. Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey and Democratic Governor Walz have done nothing but talk. Despite what comes out of their mouths, they have both used local police and the National Guard to attack protestors, ultimately providing cover for ICE’s brutality.

The daily resistance to ICE along with these days of mass demonstrations with no work and no school show the power we all have. They remind us of how many people cannot just sit back as this administration carries out its terror at home and abroad. We have to keep building on this momentum. We must deepen our organizing and connections to each other. In our communities, we can begin to connect with our neighbors and prepare what to do if ICE comes to our city or a neighboring city. In our schools, we can coordinate a response to support and defend our immigrant students and colleagues. In our workplaces, we can build up a network to take action in opposition to ICE when they show up. And we can connect all of these efforts, so we defend our whole city together. Even if ICE hasn’t yet raided every city like it has the Minneapolis region, we still need to get organized and prepared for when they do. And together, we can follow the lead of Minnesota and work to organize city-wide days of mass protests of No Work, No School, No Business as Usual until ICE is driven out of our communities.

With this organizing, we can see our common interests and our potential to resist the terror of this administration. It is these efforts that build our power to stand up against ICE and all of the attacks that the Trump administration and the billionaires are imposing on our lives. It is our collective power that has the potential not just to resist their brutal system of exploitation, but to end it, and transform our world to meet the needs of all working people. This is the present that we have to fight against, and the future that we need to fight for.