

## Memorandum

### AGENDA ITEM 3

**DATE:** February 24, 2025

**TO:** Treasure Island Mobility Management Agency Board: Commissioners Dorsey (Chair), Mandelman (Vice Chair), Chan, Chen, Engardio, Fielder, Mahmood, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill, and Walton

**FROM:** Tilly Chang - Executive Director

**SUBJECT:** 02/25/25 Board Meeting: Executive Director's Report – **INFORMATION**

### REGIONAL, STATE AND FEDERAL ISSUES

**TIMMA Receives \$20 million U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Grant, Updates TIDA Board.** We are excited to report that last December the EPA awarded a \$20 million Community Change Grant for a collection of Treasure Island transportation improvements called Treasure Island Connects that we applied for at the request of Chair Dorsey. This grant funds several priorities identified in the Prop K Neighborhood Transportation Program-funded District 6 Supplemental Transportation Plan, including a microtransit pilot service to San Francisco, a free on-island shuttle, and a Transportation Resource Center to be operated by One Treasure Island to provide information on transportation services on Yerba Buena and Treasure islands. The grant also funds a new electric bus and enhanced Muni service on the 25 line, electric ferry charging infrastructure, and bikeshare expansion to Treasure Island. We thank the EPA for this transformational grant, along with Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi who advocated along with others for our application. While EPA staff notified us in January that the grant is paused at the moment, we are standing it up in the hopes that it will be activated soon. Thank you to City Attorney David Chiu and his office for helping to protect this funding.

In January, TIMMA staff, along with One Treasure Island Executive Director Nella Goncalves, shared an update about the Treasure Island Connects EPA grant to the Treasure Island Development Authority (TIDA) board. TIDA board members were appreciative and excited about the grant, emphasizing the need for connections between the ferry building and other destinations on Treasure Island, including the new parks on Yerba Buena Island. Board members were also very supportive of the Transportation Resource Center and Community Ambassadors program, priority recommendations from the Prop K transportation sales tax-funded Supplemental Transportation Study. We thank

the TIDA Board for their support and will keep them informed about the status of the grant and these projects.

**Multimodal Bay Skyway Project - \$71 Million SCCP Application Submitted.** I'm pleased to share that in November, the Transportation Authority, Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA), and California Department of Transportation submitted a \$71 million application to the statewide competitive Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (SCCP) for the Multimodal Bay Skyway Project. Created by Senate Bill 1, SCCP funds projects designed to reduce congestion in highly traveled and highly congested corridors. This funding would help construct dedicated facilities for transbay cyclists, pedestrians, and transit riders. If successful, the Transportation Authority's Yerba Buena Island Multi-Use Path & Transit Lane (YBI MUP) project, a component of the overall Multimodal Bay Skyway, will receive \$38.4 million of the SCCP award. We anticipate hearing the results of the SCCP application this summer.

Prior to the grant application submittal, last fall the Transportation Authority staff partnered with MTC/BATA to conduct outreach events to inform the community about the Multimodal Bay Skyway project, including two well attended events (270 participants) at the Ferry Building Farmers Market and at TreasureFest. Our staff also joined Chair Dorsey, TIDA, and other agencies for an Open House at One TI to showcase projects and community development efforts on Treasure Island. Our staff shared information about the YBI Multi-Use Path and Multimodal Bay Skyway projects among other projects.

**Multimodal Bay Skyway Project - \$25 Million Conditional RM3 Award.** This month, we were very happy that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC's) Programming and Allocations Committee recommended a \$25 million conditional Regional Measure 3 (RM3) Safe Routes to Transit & Bay Trail program award to the Multimodal Bay Skyway, of which YBI MUP would receive \$16.25 million for construction. MTC selected Multimodal Bay Skyway as one of just seven projects recommended to receive funding. The recommended award, which will be considered by the MTC later this month, is contingent on securing additional funding from SCCP (see above entry) or presenting MTC staff with a deliverable segment that maintains the project benefits.

**New York City's Congestion Pricing Program Launches - Early Data Shows Significant Benefits in Congestion Reduction and Increased Transit Ridership.** We were excited to see New York City (NYC)'s Congestion Pricing system, the nation's first, turned on in early January, after many years of analysis, approvals, and legal and political hurdles. The system got off to a smooth start, and the data so far shows the \$9 toll to enter the congestion reduction zone (CRZ) successfully reducing congestion into the

Manhattan core. Traffic was down 16% and vehicle trip times 30% faster as of late January, with transit ridership up 6% on express buses and 7% on subways. Last week US Department of Transportation Secretary Duffy rescinded federal approval of the program and New York's Metropolitan Transportation Authority immediately filed a lawsuit to challenge the administration's action. While NYC's system is very different from the congestion pricing system included in the Treasure Island transportation program, we can learn valuable lessons for our system design and implementation from New York City's example. I want to thank the New York MTA for exploring a potential study tour for members of our Board and staff to visit this first-in-the-nation system to see the program in action.

## **PROJECT DELIVERY**

### **West Side Bridges Retrofit Progress and Housing Incentive Program, BATA Funding.**

The Transportation Authority continues to make good progress on the West Side Bridges and Hillcrest Road Improvement projects, which are part of a larger multi-modal infrastructure improvement program on the Islands that supports the Treasure Island Transportation Program. The West Side Bridges Retrofit project will rehabilitate or reconstruct eight bridge structures along Treasure Island Road and is about 50% complete. The Hillcrest Road Improvement project, which is about 35% complete, will upgrade the roadway to modern roadway and seismic standards and provide additional space for pedestrians and bicyclists. Last fall, we were pleased to secure \$10 million in federal Housing Incentive Pool funds BATA toll revenues (via Senate Bill 1 Local Partnership Program fund exchange) to construct additional retaining walls that will accommodate the Multi-Use Path.

**West Side Bridges Retrofit - OTI Construction Program Graduate Hired.** And in another good turn of events, following One Treasure Island's (One TI) recent training program graduation, our construction teams hired one of the eleven graduates, a carpenter apprentice, to work on our WSB project. The WSB project has had a total of 15 apprentices at various times throughout the construction duration, with currently about 3 or 4 apprentices on site depending on subcontractor work tasks.

## **MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION**

**Congratulations to AnMarie Rodgers, Deputy Director of TIDA, on her Retirement.** In her short tenure as Deputy Director of TIDA, AnMarie helped usher through the amended Disposition and Development Agreement for Treasure Island, a major accomplishment that helps maintain the momentum on Yerba Buena and Treasure islands. She also

helped advance TIDA's equity initiatives to ease the transition for residents. We thank AnMarie for her 30+ years of service to TIDA and the San Francisco Planning Department and wish her well in her next chapter.