


Memorandum

Date: 10.23.18 **RE:** TIMMA Board
October 23, 2018

To: Treasure Island Mobility Management Agency Board: Commissioners Kim (Chair), Yee (Vice Chair), Breed, Cohen, Farrell, Fewer, Peskin, Ronen, Safai, Sheehy and Tang

From: Tilly Chang – Executive Director 

Subject: **INFORMATION** – Executive Director’s Report

REGIONAL, STATE AND FEDERAL ISSUES

Regional Measure 3 – Potential Treasure Island Ferry Funding Source: Regional Measure 3, the voter-approved \$3 toll increase on the region’s seven state-owned toll bridges, provides \$300 million for ferry transportation capital projects across the region, including Treasure Island as an eligible route. BATA will host a public hearing on the toll increase in November, and they intend to bring the final toll schedule to BATA for adoption in December. Meanwhile, staff is developing policies and procedures for both the capital program and the operating program and is seeking additional project information from project sponsors as the first phase of implementation of those programs. The Water Emergency Transportation Agency (WETA) is the lead agency for the ferry category of funding. This month, staff met with WETA regarding their draft proposal for Regional Measure 3 funding implementation. The current WETA proposal excludes Treasure Island service from operations and capital funding. We will continue to negotiate with MTC and WETA on accessing this program for Treasure Island.

Regional “Mobility as a Service” Opportunities – Discussions Underway with Clipper Executive Board and Contra Costa Transportation Authority: The Clipper Executive Board, comprised of executives from MTC and Bay Area transit agencies, provides policy oversight and for the region’s Clipper fare payment system. The Clipper Board oversees the system’s next generation upgrade, known as C2. At its September 2018 meeting, the Clipper Executive Board awarded a contract for the development of C2. The C2 platform is one pathway to incorporating the region’s transit services into “Mobility as a Service” or “MaaS” platforms. MaaS is an alternative to vehicle ownership where travelers are able to access a range of shared mobility services, available on demand through a user interface that integrates trip planning, payment, and navigation. Executives from transit operators and CMAs continue regular discussions of the role of Clipper in Bay Area MaaS, and potential partnerships with mobility services, through staff and Board level working groups. TIMMA staff are also jointly developing, in collaboration with Clipper staff and the Contra Costa Transportation Authority, a Caltrans planning grant application that would fund a Concept of Operations for digital MaaS infrastructure in the region and to support TI specifically. Finally, this month, Transportation Planner Priyoti Ahmed spoke on a SPUR panel, titled “More Than a Ticket to Ride,” on the future of transit fare payment in the Bay Area.

Water Emergency Transportation Agency – Small Vessel Study Draft Findings: At its March 2018 meeting, the WETA Board of Directors authorized staff to proceed with an exploratory study of potential small vessel operations. The study considers the purchase of smaller, potentially cleaner propulsion vessels that can be delivered relatively quickly for initial service to locations such as Treasure Island, Berkeley, Mission Bay, Redwood City, and Carquinez Strait. The study is overseen by a Committee of the

Board comprised of Directors Intintoli and Josefowitz. On October 15, we met with WETA staff to review draft findings that recommend Treasure Island as a use case for small vessel service. We will continue to work with WETA to shape the recommendations and service plan.

LOCAL ISSUES

Tour of Islands for Commissioners – Held This Month: In response to Commissioner Ronen’s office request, we hosted a tour of Yerba Buena and Treasure Island construction and redevelopment earlier this month. Participants included representatives from the Treasure Island Development Authority, the developer Treasure Island Community Development, and One Treasure Island. Commissioners and their aides experienced a ride on a small ferry vessel similar to those under consideration for initial water transit operations to Treasure Island.

Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Grant Program – Application Under Development: Mercy Housing and the Treasure Island Development Authority are exploring the potential to submit an application to the state Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) grant program for the FY18/19 cycle. The AHSC program funds affordable housing and supportive transit-oriented transportation infrastructure. We are considering several transportation components, including all-electric bus vehicles for AC Transit, as well as a contribution to a new pedestrian-bicycle connection on Yerba Buena Island between the east span path touchdown and the new intermodal terminal on Treasure Island. Mercy Housing and TIDA will be the lead agencies on the application. Up to \$15M is available for housing and \$5M for transportation. Applications are due in February 2019.

Transit Pass, Toll Policy, and Affordability Program – Open Houses Held Earlier this Fall: In September and October, we hosted two on-Island Open Houses to present draft recommendations for the planned Transit Pass, toll policy, and affordability programs, as required by the 2011 Disposition and Development Agreement for redevelopment of Treasure and Yerba Buena Islands. The events were well attended. Participants expressed desire for more and better transit services, as well as for mobility solutions to address challenging trip types such as school, grocery and medical care. At the same time, participants expressed concern about the toll policy and proposed affordability provisions, indicating concern about the affordability of San Francisco for low income households and the lack of neighborhood amenities currently available on Island. In response, staff is revising the proposals, and we plan to conduct additional outreach on the revisions in the next month. Details will be posted on the TIMA website at www.timma.org.

PROJECT DELIVERY

YBI Construction – Status/Update: At the June 19th TIMMA Committee meeting, staff provided an update on the construction of new roadway infrastructure on Yerba Buena Island. The new I-80 westbound on and off ramps, completed in 2016, included delivery of a Vista Point for the east span bicycle and pedestrian pathway touchdown. We are working with Bay Area Toll Authority and TIDA staff to make the Vista Point facilities permanent. Treasure Island Community Development has started Macalla Road and Forest Road Detour reconstruction work. The I-80/Southgate Road interchange reconstruction, which will start in Spring 2019. The final project which will complete the set of new roadway facilities on YBI is the Westside Bridges reconstruction, currently seismically deficient, which will be replaced or retrofit. The I-80/Southgate Road interchange and Westside Bridges projects will be delivered by the Transportation Authority and are funded by federal and state funds leveraged by local match provided by TIDA. All new roadways and structures are expected to be completed by Summer 2021.