



Memorandum

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To: Transportation Authority Board: Commissioners Wiener (Chair), Mar (Vice Chair), Avalos, Breed, Campos, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Peskin, Tang and Yee

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

REGIONAL, STATE AND FEDERAL ISSUES

San Francisco Named a US DOT Smart Cities Challenge Grant Finalist: On March 12, US Secretary of Transportation Anthony Foxx announced San Francisco among seven cities that are finalists for the US DOT’s \$50 million Smart Cities challenge grant program. The program’s goals are to showcase innovative ways that cities can apply new technology to address mobility and environmental challenges such as congestion reduction and traffic safety through partnerships with the Federal government and private sector. San Francisco’s application was led by SFMTA in coordination with the Mayor’s Office and our agency, among others. The city’s proposal features a Community Mobility Challenge whereby new transportation technologies and shared mobility services would be implemented as pilot programs in at least one city neighborhood selected through a citywide application process. The winning city will be announced in June.

Assembly Transportation Committee Hearing on Transportation Research: On March 14, I was pleased to join with staff from Los Angeles DOT and Contra Costa Transportation Authority to provide testimony from the local level about the importance of state funding for transportation technology and policy research. As Chair Frazier noted, transportation technology is accelerating at a rapid pace and yields tremendous benefits for our economy and livability, yet funding levels have been flat for 20 years, in real terms. Our local government panel emphasized the benefits of state research in supporting local studies and pilots and ways to leverage our local funds as well as Federal and private funds such as through the Smart Cities Challenge.

Doyle Drive Named Project of the Year by California Transportation Foundation (CTF): On March 21, the CTF announced the 27th Annual Transportation Award winners and Doyle Drive was named Project of the Year. Congratulations to the Board and to staff (past and present) whose hard work and leadership made this project a reality, as well as to Caltrans, the National Park Service, Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, and the Golden Gate Bridge District for their work on this project. The award winners will be announced and trophies will be awarded at the Transportation Awards Luncheon on May 25. The CTF Transportation Awards recognizes excellence in California transportation, including all modes, public and private sector, and from all regions of the state.

Plan Bay Area (PBA) – Preliminary Draft Project Performance Results Released; Preferred Scenario Adoption Anticipated in September: The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) are currently developing PBA 2040, the region’s Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy that adopts a land use vision and a transportation system to govern the region’s growth and investment through 2040. It has been relatively quiet over the last few

months as the regional agencies focused on key tasks that will inform discussions leading up to selection of the preferred scenario, which is currently anticipated this September. That quiet period is now over with the release of the preliminary draft project performance evaluation results, which are in the process of being vetted by project sponsors and the congestion management agencies (including the Transportation Authority) to ensure that assumptions used and draft results make sense. In coordination with ABAG and the San Francisco Planning Department, we expect to provide an update to the Board in April on the three land use scenarios being developed by ABAG. This spring/summer we will bring items to the Citizens Advisory Committee and Plans and Programs Committee on the project performance evaluation results, the draft scenarios and final preferred scenario for info/action, as appropriate.

BART Perks Incentives Program – Pilot Nearing Launch: We have been working closely with BART over the last several months to develop a pilot program - called BART Perks - to reward BART riders for traveling outside of the most congested periods. All BART riders who sign-up for the program and use their Clipper Card will earn points through the program. Those points can be exchanged for cash via PayPal or used to play for a chance at bigger prizes. Participants will also be able to earn points just by signing up for the program and referring friends. BART Perks complements long-term efforts to reduce crowding and congestion on trains and in stations including upgrading train controls and other major system infrastructure, adding more trains to the fleet, and running trains closer together. The Transportation Authority and BART expect to launch the program this spring, possibly as early as March. For more information, contact Ryan Greene-Roesel, ryan@sfcta.org, 415-522-4808, or visit www.sfcta.org/bart-travel-incentives-pilot-program.

LOCAL ISSUES

TIMMA –Three Grant Applications Submitted This Month: We led or supported three grant application efforts this month to advance implementation of the Treasure Island Mobility Management Program. We supported Treasure Island Community Development (TICD) in its submittal of a state cap and trade HCD Affordable housing and sustainable communities grant application for the street network infrastructure around the intermodal hub, and a vanpool service for existing residents to be designed and managed in partnership with the Treasure Island Homeless Development Initiative (TIHDI). We also submitted to the MTC a letter of intent to apply for federal TIGER funds for the toll system, and ferry vessel and terminal. Finally, we submitted an application for the federal Inclusive Planning Impact Grant to conduct robust outreach to existing residents, but particularly seniors, youth, people with disabilities, low-income, and non-English speaking residents as we design the transit pass and Transportation Affordability Program (TAP). For more information, contact Rachel Hiatt, rachel.hiatt@sfcta.org, or visit timma.org.

Neighborhood Transportation Improvement Program – Scoping of New Grants Continues: We are continuing to work closely with the Commissioners’ offices and our project partners to advance NTIP projects across the city. In District 11, we are working with Commissioner Avalos’ office, SFMTA, BART, SF Planning, SFPW and the Balboa Park Station Area Community Advisory Committee on scoping the San Jose and Geneva Avenue Intersection Safety Project, and expect to have a preliminary scope completed later this month. We are also working with Commissioner Kim’s office on a new District 6 capital NTIP project to invest in traffic calming at South Park.

District 9 NTIP Alemany Interchange Improvement Project – Outreach Upcoming: The [Alemany Interchange](#)—where U.S. 101, I-280, Alemany Boulevard, Bayshore Boulevard, San Bruno Avenue and several other local streets intersect—presents major challenges to pedestrian and bicycle safety and accessibility. The interchange has the potential to provide critical connections between the adjacent communities of Bernal Heights,

the Portola, Silver Terrace, and the Bayview, as well as surrounding neighborhoods. We are leading a series of outreach events that started March 19, the purpose of which is to obtain input on project goals, objectives, and preliminary improvement concepts. Outreach materials are available in English, Chinese, Spanish, and Tagalog. For more information, contact Rachel Hiatt, 415.522.5809, or visit www.sfcta.org/alemany-interchange-improvement-study.

District 2 NTIP Managing Access to the Lombard Crooked Block – Outreach Upcoming: A popular tourist destination, the 1000 block of Lombard Street attracts an increasing number of visitors on foot and by car, which creates congestion in multiple forms. At the suggestion of community members, Commissioner Farrell requested a planning study to identify strategies for managing access to San Francisco's famous “Crooked Block”. The purpose of the effort is to identify and evaluate a range of options to manage visitor access and circulation on the Crooked Street while maintaining the character of the street, managing vehicle and pedestrian congestion, avoiding spillover effects into adjacent streets, and other goals. We are leading a series of outreach events that started March 21, the purpose of which is to obtain input on existing conditions and identify a range of potential demand and access management strategies. For more information, contact Andy Heidel, or visit www.sfcta.org/lombard-study-managing-access-crooked-street.

Late Night Working Group – Second Meeting Held: The Late Night Transportation Working Group (LNWG) met for the second time during its Phase 2 work this month. We shared draft service guidelines and performance metrics for late night transit, a task we are leading. The Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD) presented a draft marketing and information campaign for current late night transit services. OEWD is also developing a pilot challenge grant program for neighborhood-scale late-night streetscape amenities. Following the meeting, Transportation Authority staff will prepare a market analysis of late night transportation travel demand and refine the draft service guidelines accordingly. We anticipate providing an update to the Citizens Advisory Committee in May and the Plans and Programs Committee in June. For more information, contact Colin Dentel-Post, colin@sfcta.org, or 415.522.4836.

Upcoming Community Meeting on RAB Study: The Planning Department is hosting a second community meeting on the Railyard Alternative and I-280 Boulevard Feasibility Study (RAB) on Wednesday, March 30, 6-8:00 PM at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 953 De Haro Street. The event is free and open to the public but attendees should register beforehand at <http://rab2.eventbrite.com>.

PROJECT DELIVERY

Yerba Buena Island Ramps Project on Schedule: The Yerba Buena Island Ramps (Westbound on and off ramps) project is progressing at an excellent pace with the ramps opening scheduled for August 2016. This project was awarded in December of 2013 to Golden State Bridge Inc. for the amount of \$49,305,345. The project is currently trending to complete under the allotted budget and within the allotted contract time. To date, the contract is approximately 82% complete with over \$44 million of work completed. The project primarily consists of five major bridge structures up to 160 feet in height. All bridge deck placement is complete as of February 2016. Currently the contractor is in process of removing bridge falsework (temporary supports). Once falsework is removed, the contractor will begin placement of bridge seismic joints and concrete barriers, which is anticipated to start in April and be completed by June. Concurrent to this work, local roadway improvements including reconstructing Macalla and Northgate Roads. Lastly, the contractor is working on restoration of Quarters 10 and Building 267, which were moved to Clipper Cove as part of the project. For more information, contact Eric Cordoba, eric.cordoba@sfcta.org, 415-522-4812.

Embarcadero & Townsend Bicycle Improvements – New Signage and Routing Improve Bicyclists' Access to Caltrain: Prop K sales tax funded The SFMTA's new wayfinding signage at the Embarcadero and Townsend Street to help guide bicyclists headed to the Caltrain station or Mission Bay away from King Street and onto less stressful streets and paths. The new wayfinding sign is the first example of new signs that the SFMTA hopes to install across the city that include distances and approximate travel time to key destinations. This first sign is accompanied by two-stage turn boxes to direct bicyclists to the Promenade behind AT&T Park and green-backed sharrows along Townsend Street toward the Caltrain Station.

Muni Vehicle Procurement – 101 Motor Coaches and 38 Trolley Coaches Delivered: The SFMTA's latest vehicle contracts, funded with Prop K sales tax and various regional, state and federal funds, include total orders of 424 motor coaches and 60 trolley coaches. As of early March, the SFMTA has received 101 motor coaches and 38 trolley coaches, of which 56 motor coaches and 29 trolley coaches are currently in revenue service. I look forward to seeing these new vehicles around town and bringing better service systemwide.

New Traffic Signals Funded by Prop K Sales Tax – Most Recent New Signal Installed at Webster & O'Farrell Streets: The SFMTA has installed a new traffic signal at Webster and O'Farrell Streets to support Vision Zero. The SFMTA has successfully tested the signal and plans to fully activate it on March 24. New Prop K funded traffic signals were also recently activated at the intersections of 22nd/Geary, 26th/Geary, 34th/Lincoln, Sunset/Wawona and Sunset/Moraga. A few more will be coming on-line in May and June. All of these new signal locations were chosen to improve pedestrian safety on multi-lane arterial streets.