



Memorandum

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To: Transportation Authority Board: Commissioners Peskin (Chair), Tang (Vice Chair), Brown, Cohen, Fewer, Kim, Mandelman, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Yee

From: Tilly Chang – Executive Director *TTC*

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

REGIONAL, STATE AND FEDERAL ISSUES

Salesforce Transit Center Grand Opening Saturday August 11th - After years of design and construction, the Transbay Joint Powers Authority has set a date of August 11th for the grand opening of the Salesforce Transit Center. The Transportation Authority has played a major role in funding and supporting the development of this Transit Center which will house a hub for local and regional buses, and eventual connection for Caltrain and High Speed Rail service. The Transit Center and Caltrain rail extension is the largest project in the Prop K Expenditure Plan, which designates up to \$270 million (in 2003 dollars) for this 2-phase project. To date, the Transportation Authority has allocated \$174.3 million in Prop K funds to the project, in addition to state Regional Improvement Program (RIP) funds. The Transportation Authority has also allocated \$6 million in One Bay Area Grant funds toward bicycle and pedestrian improvements associated with the TTC. The public is invited to join a neighborhood block party at the transit hub and rooftop park on Saturday, August 11, from 12 - 4 p.m. at 425 Mission St. at Fremont St.

BART Transbay Tube Earthquake Safety Retrofit - BART Service Starts 1 Hour Later from 2019 to 2022: BART has been working to retrofit key parts of the original 1970s BART track, tunnel, station, and mechanical infrastructure to modern seismic standards. These improvements will enable BART to better withstand earthquakes, protect life safety, and increase system resiliency. As part of this work, BART is planning to perform a major retrofit of the Transbay Tube connecting San Francisco and Oakland. This critical retrofit is expected to begin in February 2019 and continue for up to 3.5 years. It requires beginning BART service at 5 a.m. instead of the current 4 a.m. start time on weekdays for the duration of the project to provide an extra hour each night for construction work. While this extra hour will save \$15 million and shorten the total project timeline by 4 months, it will impact the 2,900 riders that currently use BART between 4 and 5 a.m., 64% of which are destined for a downtown San Francisco station. BART staff is currently evaluating options to establish new AC Transit and express bus routes from the East Bay into San Francisco and enhance existing early morning AC Transit, Muni and Samtrans service to provide alternate options to these riders. We will report back to the Board on BART's replacement bus service decision in September.

Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program - San Francisco Awarded \$29 million in Latest Grant Cycle: I am delighted to report that on June 28, the Strategic Growth Council approved \$29 million in state cap and trade funding for two San Francisco affordable housing developments. BRIDGE Housing Corporation, in partnership with the City and County of San Francisco, will receive \$15 million for 157 affordable housing units, bike lanes, streetscape improvements, and infrastructure to improve

transit reliability for a site at 1950 Mission Street. With a \$14 million grant, the City and County will partner with Chinatown Community Development Center and Mission Economic Development Agency to deliver a 127-unit affordable housing development at 2060 Folsom Street that also includes commercial space, protected bike lanes, and pedestrian improvements. San Francisco continues to compete well for these grants, advancing much needed affordable housing projects and related transportation infrastructure, reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Automated Vehicle Symposium – Transportation Authority Staff Provide San Francisco

Perspectives: Principal Planner Rachel Hiatt and I attended and spoke at the Automated Vehicle Symposium held July 9-12, 2018, in San Francisco. The annual Symposium is organized by the Transportation Research Board and the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International. Safety remained a top theme, along with discussions about standards and data. I spoke on a panel entitled “Building Automation into Urban and Metropolitan Mobility Planning” and participated in a U.S. DOT sponsored session on Data Exchange. A key takeaway is that, in addition to cities, the private insurance industry is also calling for more research and transparency as a way to de-risk premiums, and bolster consumer confidence. Rachel Hiatt helped facilitate a half-day breakout session entitled Policy Implications of Highly Autonomous Vehicles: Addressing Externalities Through Congestion Pricing.”

LOCAL ISSUES

Valencia Street Bike Lanes Public Workshop, Saturday July 28 - SFMTA planners are exploring opportunities to upgrade the Valencia Street bike lanes given the high volume of cyclists on the street, history of bicycle-motor vehicle crashes, and frequency of illegal parking and loading within the bike lane. The Transportation Authority Board allocated \$145,000 in half-cent sales tax funds for this project at the request of Commissioners Hillary Ronen and Jeff Sheehy, with support from the Transportation Authority’s Neighborhood Transportation Improvement Program. SFMTA will hold a workshop on Saturday, July 28 from 4-6 p.m. at the Women’s Building at 3543 18th Street to gather community feedback on potential design alternatives, associated tradeoffs, and near-term curb management improvements. SFMTA staff will finalize plans and present them to the Transportation Authority board later this year.

Improving Street Safety in SoMa – Vision Zero Ramps Phase 2 Study Open House on July 31:

Following the recent completion of our Vision Zero Ramps Phase 1 Study, our planning staff are working to improve street safety at 10 additional intersections in the South of Market neighborhood where freeway on- or off-ramps meet city streets. The project team has been gathering community feedback by meeting with the community and collecting more than 800 surveys. The team is now conducting an in-depth analysis of each intersection. The team will share their draft improvements this month at an open house on Tuesday, July 31st: from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Bayanihan Center located at 1010 Mission St.

MTC Supports Participatory Budgeting in the Bayview - \$600,000 Recommended for Implementation of the Bayview Community Based Transportation Plan:

Through its Lifeline Transportation Program Cycle 5, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) reserved \$1 million for projects identified through a participatory budgeting pilot in San Francisco and Solano counties. The intent of MTC’s pilot program is to assess participatory budgeting elements that are scalable at a regional level. Based on the percentage of low-income residents, at its July 25th Commission meeting, the MTC Commission will act on \$600,000 for San Francisco’s Lifeline-eligible projects selected through the SFMTA’s Bayview Community Based Transportation Plan participatory budgeting process which is currently underway. Transportation Authority staff will provide guidance on whether potential projects

are eligible for Lifeline funds, a MTC requirement, and will present the program of projects to the Board for approval prior to submitting the projects to MTC for approval next year.

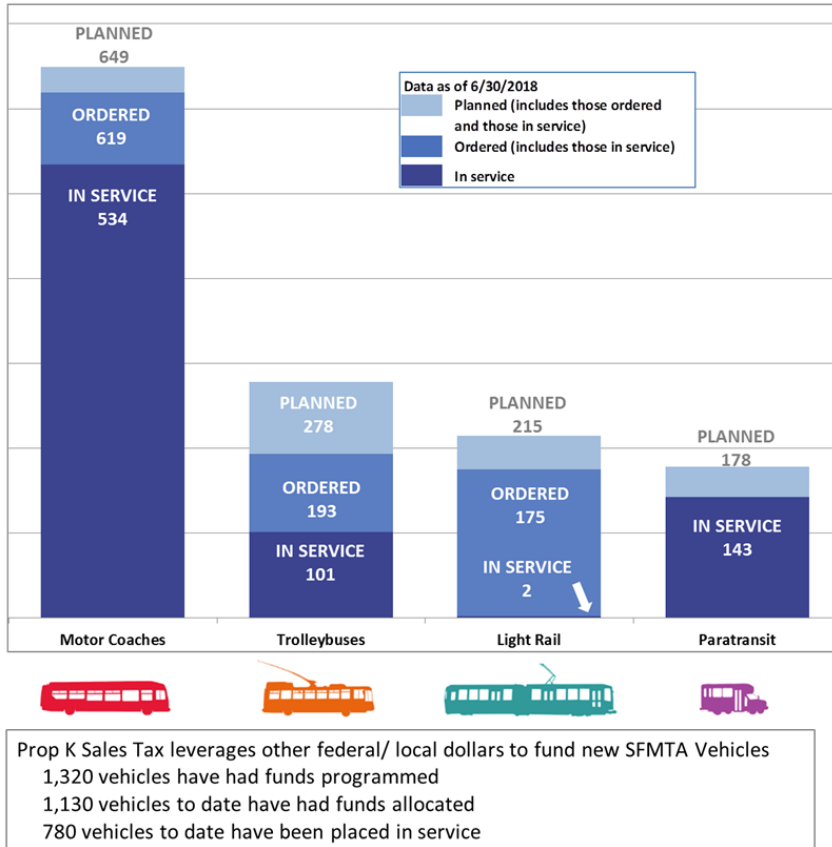
PROJECT DELIVERY

Vision Zero Traffic Safety Improvements Constructed in Golden Gate Park with More to Come: This spring, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) started installing near term traffic safety improvements funded by Prop K within Golden Gate Park. Improvements include restriping crosswalks, adding turn guidance, and installing a stop sign at JFK Drive and 30th Avenue. Earlier this month, four raised crosswalks (see photo below) were constructed on the eastern half of JFK Drive. The SFMTA is constructing additional raised crosswalks, first on the eastern half of the park, on MLK Jr. Drive, Nancy Pelosi Drive, and Bowling Green Drive, and with more raised crosswalks coming to the western half of the park later this fall. These small, but important improvements to address speeding will make Golden Gate Park safer for its visitors and are part of the City's efforts to achieve Vision Zero.



SFMTA Fleet Replacement and Expansion Update – 27 New Buses Placed in Service during 4th Quarter: Prop K sales tax is providing local matching funds to help the SFMTA replace and expand its fleet – providing safer, more reliable transit service citywide (see graphic below). From April through June 2018 the SFMTA placed into service 20 more of the 424 hybrid diesel motor coaches and 7 of the 193 electric trolley coaches ordered under the current contracts with New Flyer Industries. The motor coaches put into service in the 4th quarter are 60-foot articulated hybrid diesel buses. The new trolleys and all those still on order are standard 40-foot vehicles. The remaining 40-foot trolleys are expected to be in service by the end of 2019.

NEW MUNI VEHICLES FUNDED BY PROP K SALES TAX



One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) - Upcoming Ribbon Cuttings for Broadway Chinatown Streetscape and Masonic Avenue Projects:

There are two upcoming ribbon cuttings for OBAG Cycle 1 projects, both of which are complete streets projects intended to improve safety. In 2013, the Board approved \$35 million in OBAG Cycle 1 funds to several projects, two of which are soon to be open to the public. San Francisco Public Works’ Broadway Chinatown Streetscape Improvement Project Phase IV, with \$5.3 million in OBAG Cycle 1 and \$2.4 million in Prop K and AA, has converted the arterial to two lanes of traffic in each direction, and constructed bulb-outs, raised crosswalks, bus shelters, street trees, sharrows, narrowing of travel lanes, landscaping, and benches and street lights. Public Works has scheduled a ribbon cutting for Monday, July 30 at 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the southwest corner of Broadway and Powell. The SFMTA’s Masonic Avenue Complete Streets Project from Fell to Geary includes raised bikeways, wider sidewalks, a new median, paving, landscaping, lighting and upgraded sewer infrastructure. The Transportation Authority provided \$10.2 million in OBAG Cycle 1 and approximately \$400,000 in Prop K sales tax funds to the project. The SFMTA anticipates holding a ribbon cutting in August. I will share more details with the Board as they become available. The MTC provides OBAG funding to the Transportation Authority in its role as Congestion Management Agency.

BART Update - Improved Wayfinding Signage at 16th and 24th Street Stations - BART is nearing completion of new Prop K funded wayfinding signs inside the 16th Street and 24th Street stations. The new signs are large, colorful, and illuminated to make them easy to read. They include directional signs to help BART riders understand which station exit to use for their desired destination and signs related to resources within the stations, such as elevators and information kiosks. Additionally, real-time information

displays funded as part of this project are expected to be completed and turned on in August and similar wayfinding signs will be installed at the Balboa Park Station in the coming months.