



Memorandum

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To: Transportation Authority Board: Commissioners Peskin (Chair), Mandelman (Vice Chair), Brown, Fewer, Haney, Mar, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton, and Yee

From: Tilly Chang – Executive Director 

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

REGIONAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL ISSUES

Regional Measure 3 - Good News in Addressing One of the Lawsuits: On April 3, a San Francisco Superior Court Judge ruled in favor of the Bay Area Toll Authority and the state Legislature's motions to dismiss the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Associations, et al lawsuit, finding that Regional Measure 3 is not a tax. Further action is expected by the court, but this ruling seems promising. The measure passed by 55% of the vote of the region on the June 2018 ballot, and would provide \$4.5 billion to transportation projects and programs by raising tolls on all Bay Area bridges except the Golden Gate Bridge. Regional Measure 3 still faces an additional legal hurdle, with one remaining lawsuit pending, before funding can be made available for projects.

State Innovative Mobility Discussion - Executive Director Tilly Chang Serves on Panel at Joint California Transportation Commission (CTC) and the California Air Resources Board (CARB)

Board: On April 9, the CTC and the CARB held their second joint meeting to discuss the role of innovative mobility in California's transportation future. I served as a panelist in the afternoon discussion that built on a series of roundtable discussions around new state mobility strategies that brought together state and local governments, transit operators, advocacy organization, and industry representatives. I spoke about the Transportation Authority's work at the local scale around emerging mobility, including the principles we have adopted to guide our future work, and the need for robust evaluation of early activities and pilots. I also advocated for the state to develop a program to provide incentive transit and infrastructure funding for local communities that are planning for growth in the right places, similar to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's One Bay Area Grant program.

High Speed Rail Authority – Project Update Report (PUR) for 2019 Expected on May 1: At last week's High Speed Rail Authority Board meeting, staff indicated that the forthcoming Project Update Report for 2019 would evaluate 4 alternatives for prioritizing investment, one of which would differ substantially from the "Valley to Valley" approach from the 2018 Business Plan, focusing mainly on the Central Valley from Merced to Bakersfield, given the lowered time horizon of 2030 vs 2050 for revenue forecasts. While the Central Valley to Silicon Valley approach is still recommended, the legislature has limited authorized funds to 2030, requiring a re-examination of priorities, per the Governor's remarks earlier this year. We have concerns and questions about a Central Valley only approach and will seek information from HSRA staff about the PUR analysis and how best to provide input to that work

Downtown Extension – Study of Governance, Oversight, Management and Project Delivery Kicks Off:

On April 8, we held the Kick-off meeting for the review. The four-hour meeting included, in addition to the panelists, stakeholder representatives from Caltrain, CHSRA, MTC, CCSF, AC Transit and TJPA. The focus of this meeting was to familiarize all participants with each other and with the TJPA and DTX: Its history; board, organization, and oversight; Transbay Terminal and DTX project components, status, budget, and funding plan; and concepts for project delivery and risk management. Caltrain and the CHSRA also provided information on their respective projects and Business Plans as they relate to the City and the DTX. The next workshop, scheduled for this coming Friday, April 26, will concentrate on Governance, Organization, and Oversight. In preparation for the workshop, the project team has been gathering and cataloguing information on domestic and international case studies and Best Practices, which will inform the workshops and recommendations. Also underway are the stakeholder interviews, which will help us to better understand multiple perspectives on project development and delivery challenges and opportunities. A workshop to discuss project finance and delivery is scheduled for May 17. It will be followed by a “Testing the Answer” all-day workshop on June 5, where the stakeholders will discuss the recommendations with the panelists for the purpose of addressing viability of recommendations together with perceived barriers to their implementation. We anticipate to bring the panel’s recommendations to the Board in June 2019.

LOCAL ISSUES

Lombard Crooked Street Paid Reservation Program - Authorizing Legislation Introduced:

Assemblymember Ting has introduced legislation, Assembly Bill 1605, which would authorize the Board of Supervisors to pilot a reservation and pricing program on the Lombard Crooked Street. Yesterday, Wyatt Donnelly-Landolt – Legislative Aide for Commissioner Stefani and I joined Asm. Ting to testify in support of AB 1605 at the Assembly Transportation Committee hearing. The committee approved the bill, which will now be sent to the Assembly floor and then to the Senate for a vote. If the bill passes and becomes law, the city will be authorized to decide whether or not to implement such a program. At the full Board of Supervisors and at the April 9 meeting of the Transportation Authority, the Board recommended adoption of a support/sponsor position on this bill. The purpose of the proposed reservation and pricing program is to provide congestion relief and revenues to manage one of San Francisco’s most popular tourist attractions - which also happens to be a local residential street. We have been working closely with Commissioner Stefani’s office to meet with state legislators in Sacramento and reach out to members of the community about this bill. We are continuing work on our study of the design of the potential reservation program and will bring a final report to the Board this summer.

Downtown Congestion Pricing Study – Request for Proposals (RFP) released: On Monday, April 8 we released a RFP for technical and communications services to support our work on the Downtown Congestion Pricing Study. The RFP seeks consultant assistance from one or more firms with study tasks including program development, stakeholder engagement, and technical analysis. The RFP has generated strong interest, with over 35 firms attending the pre-proposal conference we held on Monday, April 15. Proposals are due by May 7, 2019 at 11 a.m. We plan to identify the top-ranked firm(s) and bring an item to the Board in June for contract approval. We anticipate completing the study in FY2020/21.

Southeast Community Facility Commission Briefing: On Monday, April 15, Sr. Engineer Anna Harvey and I briefed the new executive director of the Southeast Community Facility Commission, Emily Rogers-Pharr and community members on several key projects in the Southeast sector, including the Planning Department’s upcoming 22nd Street Location Study, planned Caltrans replacement of US101 deck near Alemany roadway, Geneva BRT/roadway and Candlestick Interchange underpass plans, and the Quint

Street Connector Road. We will reprise our presentation at the April 24 full Southeast Community Facilities Commission meeting tomorrow evening at 6 p.m at 1800 Oakdale Avenue, in the Alex Pitcher Community Room.

Another Fun Walk to Work Day on April 10, Bike and Roll to School Week Last Week, and Bike to Work on May 9 – Promoting the Many Benefits of Walking: This year we were pleased to again help sponsor Walk SF’s Walk to Work Day on April 10. Thousands of people including many Board members and staff participated in this festive day showcasing the many benefits of walking, and continued the active commutes with Bike and Roll to School week last week. We will continue to keep things rolling with Bike to Work Day coming up on May 9.

PROJECT DELIVERY

US-101 Deck Replacement over Alemany – Coordination Underway on Traffic Mitigation Plans: In preparation for Caltrans's major construction project to replace the highway deck on US-101 over Alemany in July of 2020, we have been working closely with the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) and Caltrans in the areas of traffic management, transit, travel demand management, and outreach. The project will see an impact to US-101 in both directions from July 5 through July 31 of 2020. Caltrans is currently completing design and plans to begin a rigorous public outreach process this summer. They have already initiated targeted stakeholder outreach with Board members and the Mayor's Office. We have invited Caltrans staff to brief the Transportation Authority Board at the May 21 Board meeting.

SFMTA Fleet Replacement and Expansion Update – Prop K Helps Improve Muni Service with 29 New Light Rail Vehicles (LRVs) and 41 New Buses Placed in Service During 1st Quarter:

In the 3rd quarter of Fiscal Year 2018/19 ending March 31, SFMTA placed into service 10 new Siemens LRVs, bringing SFMTA’s LRV fleet expansion to 50 of the 68 to 113 vehicles planned. SFMTA’s effort to completely replace its motor coach fleet continued with placement into service of 22 new 40-ft hybrid diesel motor coaches, bringing the total to 394 40-foot and 60-foot hybrid motor coaches out of the 424 planned. During the 3rd quarter SFMTA also placed into service 27 new electric trolley coaches, bringing total new trolley coaches to 183 of the 278 needed to fully replace its fleet of those vehicles. The remaining trolleys (ordered and planned) are expected to be in service by the end of 2019. Finally, at the end of the 2nd quarter a \$931,000 Prop K allocation contributed to SFMTA’s planned purchase of 35 new paratransit vans, expected to be in service by Fall 2020. The chart above summarizes all SFMTA transit vehicle procurements planned, ordered or completed since the inception of the Prop K program. The chart also summarizes the Prop K commitment to SFMTA transit vehicle purchases, the total amount of which increased with adoption of the 2019 Strategic Plan in December 2018.



SFMTA Bicycle Wayfinding Signage – SFMTA Completes Evaluation of Inner Sunset Pilot:

SFMTA used Prop K funds to design new bicycle wayfinding signs and has completed evaluation of a pilot installation in the Inner Sunset. The new signs are designed to provide easier to understand information at turns and decision points along bike routes. SFMTA has refined their designs based on lessons learned from the pilot and has already made progress installing new signs around San Francisco. Prop K funds are leveraging a state Active Transportation Program grant that SFMTA received to fund installation of the signs. See the attached map of locations that have already been installed and remaining locations that are anticipated to be installed by this summer.



MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

American Planning Association Annual Meeting – Hosted by San Francisco: Congratulations to SF Planning Department and multiple city agencies on hosting the APA's annual conference earlier this month. Several staff from the Transportation Authority participated panels and mobile workshops, discussing topics ranging from new mobility and curb management, building careers in planning and equity, freeway caps, land value capture, and congestion management.

Transportation Authority Relaunches Website - <https://www.sfcta.org/>: We're proud to announce a completely revised website, designed to better highlight the agency's planning, funding and delivery efforts in every neighborhood and citywide. Please visit [sfcta.org](https://www.sfcta.org/) to see the result of our update. Key features include a design that works on varying screen sizes, pages that can be translated into various languages, and easier navigation to find relevant information. This effort required input and involvement from every division in the agency. But I would like to call out the tremendous contributions of our Senior Communications Officer Eric Young, Communications Officer Paige Miller and Graphic Designer Abe Bingham, whose creativity and perseverance got this project to the finish line.

Attachment: SFMTA Bicycle Wayfinding Map

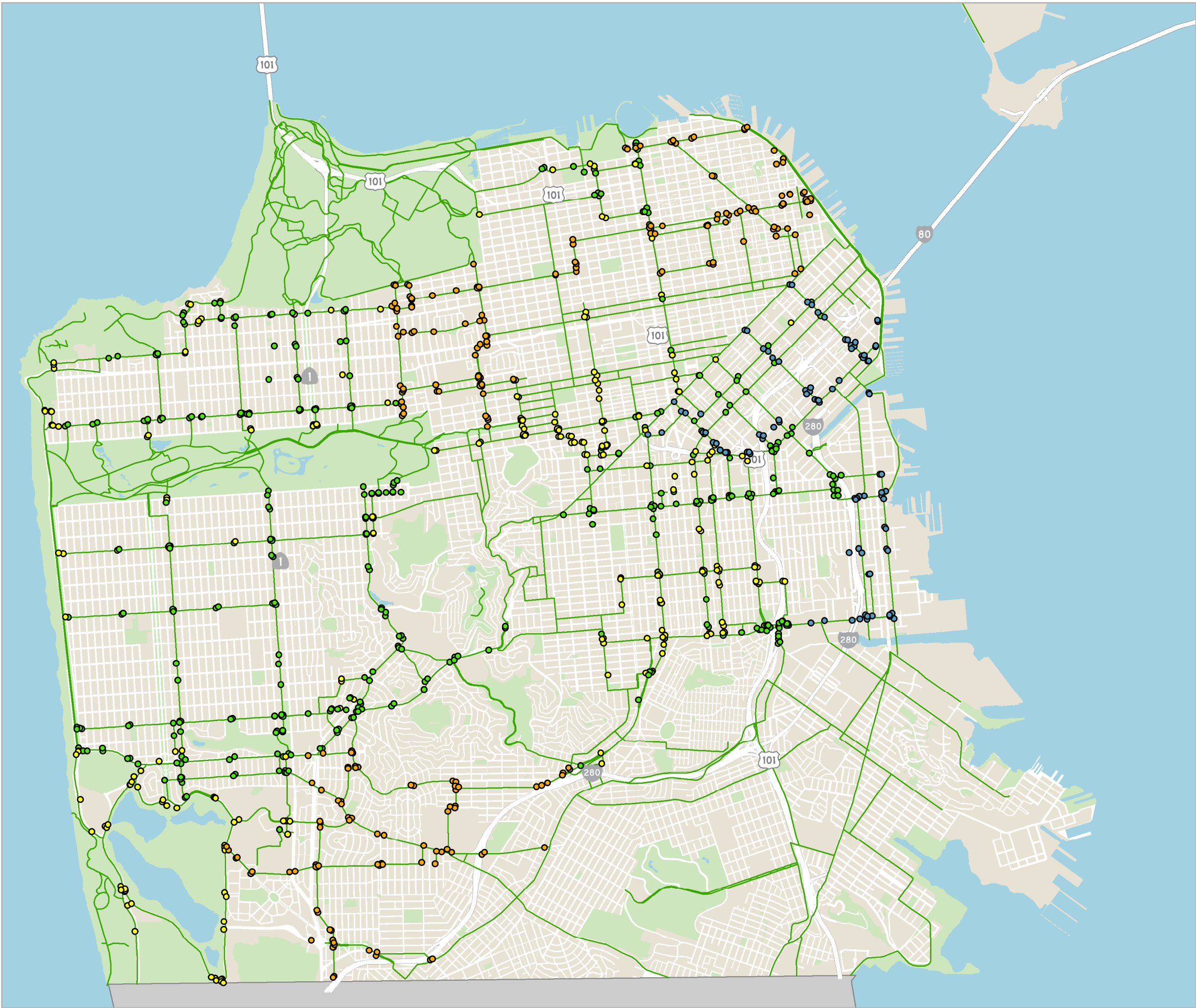
SFMTA Bicycle Wayfinding

Map of bicycle wayfinding signs that have been installed, work ordered, or drafted as of 03/29/2019

March 2019
LEGEND

● Soma_MissionBay_Dogpatch_DRAFT

- Status
- Pending Installation
 - Installed
 - Fabrication
 - Bike Network



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