



Memorandum

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RE: TIMMA Board - June 23, 2020
TO: Treasure Island Mobility Management Agency Board: Commissioners Haney (Chair), Walton (Vice Chair), Fewer, Mar, Mandelman, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Yee
FROM: Tilly Chang - Executive Director 
SUBJECT: Executive Director's Report

REGIONAL, STATE AND FEDERAL ISSUES

American Cities Climate Challenge - Network of Cities Studying Congestion Pricing: In January, the American Cities Climate Challenge (ACCC) invited our staff to participate in a network of North American cities studying congestion pricing and Asst Deputy for Planning Rachel Hiatt participates in this group for our agency. ACCC organizes monthly conference calls to exchange on topics including: outreach that leads with equity; effective public communications; adapting congestion pricing outreach to shelter in place; and learning from New York. Other participant cities include Los Angeles, Seattle, Portland, Washington DC, Honolulu, and Chicago. LA Metro launched its own cordon pricing design study in late Fall 2019 which is expected to take 18 months.

State Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program - Water Emergency Transportation Agency Wins Grant Award for a Clean Ferry: On January 16th, the Water Emergency Transportation Agency (WETA) was awarded a grant for state Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) funds to procure one clean ferry vessel for planned new service to Mission Bay. We supported the original grant application, which requested two all-electric vessels, one each to serve the Treasure Island and Mission Bay routes. The \$9M total funding award will support the purchase of a single 100 passenger, all-electric vessel, so we are assessing the feasibility of interlining future Treasure Island service with the Mission Bay route. We continue to seek funding for an independent Treasure Island vessel as well as outside sources of startup operating funding.

LOCAL ISSUES

Affordable Housing - Maceo May Construction, Access Improvements to Break Ground this Summer: Construction for the Maceo May Apartments on Treasure Island will begin this summer. The apartments will provide 104 permanently affordable, supportive housing units for unhoused veterans, including veterans who currently live on Treasure Island. Swords to Plowshares are developing the apartments in partnership with Chinatown Community

Development Center. Some of the funding for this new affordable housing came from the \$20 million Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Grant awarded by the Strategic Growth Council in 2019 to Mercy Housing and Treasure Island Development Authority.

Of the total \$20 million grant, \$15 million will fund affordable housing construction on the Island, and \$5 million will fund supporting transportation improvements. TIDA and the Transportation Authority will use the transportation funding to help construct a bicycle-pedestrian path on Yerba Buena Island to connect the Bay Bridge East Span touchdown and the new Treasure Island ferry terminal. The funds will also support acquisition of electric buses to operate new East Bay transit service. Finally, the Transportation Authority will be breaking ground on our Southgate Road Interchange improvement project on YBI this summer, which supports safe connections for cyclists, pedestrians and motorists alike.

YBI Bicycle and Pedestrian Path Planning Advances, Supports MTC Vision for Regional Bike

Access: This past spring (March 11) Deputy Director for Capital Projects Eric Cordoba participated in a Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA) Oversight Committee presentation on regional Bay Bridge bicycle and pedestrian path planning work, including connections on Yerba Buena and Treasure Islands. Dubbed the “Bay Skyway”, the West Span pathway connection is presently in conceptual design stages and we are coordinating planning, design and funding of this future facility with bicycle network plans for YBI and TI through our Hillcrest Road and West Side Bridges projects. The goal is to develop a multi-use pathway for pedestrian and bicycle travel providing continuous high-quality access between Treasure Island and both spans of the Bay Bridge. We will provide an update on this work to the TIMMA Committee this summer.

Autonomous Shuttle Pilot Program “Concept of Operations” Takes Shape: We have been working with TIDA and the SFMTA to develop a Concept of Operations for the Autonomous Vehicle (AV) shuttle pilot project for Treasure Island, funded by a Federal Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment (ATCMTD) grant. The purpose of this pilot project is to demonstrate and operate a set of short route AV shuttle services for research purposes and limited public use. The team has identified goals and evaluation metrics as well as an initial set of concept alternatives, which will require review by state and Federal agencies. We will provide an update on this work to the TIMMA Committee this summer.