



November 16, 2021

Expenditure Plan Advisory Committee  
San Francisco County Transportation Authority  
1455 Market Street, 22nd Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94103

Re: Regional Connectedness Allocations

Dear Committee Members,

The Bay Area Council requests an increase in the allocation of funding from the current Expenditure Plan toward those entities and projects that have a regional focus. These include increased funding for BART, the Downtown Extension, and the Mission Bay Ferry project.

As we move forward in working on perhaps the greatest challenge our region has ever faced – recovering from COVID-19– we believe ensuring there is adequate public transportation to bring people to and from the San Francisco urban core is paramount to a successful recovery. To draw people back to downtown San Francisco, and to keep them coming, people need to have reliable modes of travel. Allocating funding towards entities and projects that enable efficient shared mode choices provides an option to many people and helps reduce congestion on our already over-crowded roads.

DTX will allow people to more efficiently than ever before travel to the downtown corridor in San Francisco. Launching the Mission Bay Ferry terminal will provide a means for people to actively utilize the Bay to travel via water transit to a neighborhood not otherwise served by regional transit. In addition to providing many local trips to San Franciscans every day, BART is the primary transportation mode for many Bay Area residents to come to and from the City of San Francisco. We want to ensure these projects and entities, as well as others that will help provide efficient transportation in and out of San Francisco, receive adequate funding under the Expenditure Plan.

We would be happy to discuss this request further with you and answer any questions you have at your convenience. Thank you very much for considering our request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gwen Litvak", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gwen Litvak  
Senior Vice President, Public Policy  
Bay Area Council