# Agenda Item 4.

# What We've Heard: Community Engagement Update



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January 27, 2022

#### **Developing a New Expenditure Plan**



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### **Outreach Plan includes:**

Community Interviews

Expenditure

**Plan Advisory** 

Committee

#### Non-English Focus Groups

Traditional,

social and

multi-lingual

media

#### Join existing community meetings

Town Halls

### Online Survey

Voter Opinion Survey

### **Outreach since November 2021 Update**

- Potrero Boosters meeting
- Resilient District 10
   meeting
- San Francisco Bicycle Coalition virtual event
- San Francisco Black Led Organizations Coalition
- San Francisco Transit Riders virtual event

- SFMTA Board meeting
- SFMTA's Paratransit Coordinating Council
- Tenderloin Traffic Safety Task Force
- Town halls (2)

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Transportation Authority Board meeting



#### What We Heard: Virtual Town Halls



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# Muni Investments Focus on Neighborhoods Streets

Pedestrian & Bicycle Facilities



Traffic Congestion

#### What We Heard: Virtual Town Halls



Muni Investments	<ul> <li>Improvements to bus stops, including accessibility, lighting, loading, signage and amenities</li> <li>Reliability improvements - Additional service</li> </ul>
Focus on Neighborhoods	<ul> <li>Support for neighborhood-scale planning focused on localized transportation barriers &amp; solutions</li> <li>Connection to land use, including mixed use neighborhoods and accommodating growth</li> </ul>
Slow Streets	<ul> <li>Support for additional slow streets and moving away from car-centric streets</li> <li>Opposition to slow streets being closed to vehicles</li> <li>Desire for traffic calming, safety improvements, and shared roadways rather than closing streets to vehicle traffic</li> </ul>

#### What We Heard: Virtual Town Halls



Pedestrian & Bicycle Facilities	<ul> <li>Protected bike lanes, additional bike parking</li> <li>Sidewalk widening</li> <li>Bikeshare / scootershare hubs</li> </ul>	
Equity	<ul> <li>Consider social justice and climate goals in investments</li> <li>Modal equity (more space for people walking, biking, taking transit)</li> <li>Free Muni</li> </ul>	
Traffic Congestion	<ul> <li>Concerns about traffic for those who drive as well</li> <li>Need to improve transportation system in areas experiencing residential growth</li> <li>Support for traffic management, including signal synchronization</li> </ul>	



Better Connecting Neighborhoods

Paratransit & Accessibility

#### What We Heard: Roadshow Events



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- Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety
- Protected bike lanes, secure bike parking
- Support for quick build projects
- Improved signals, including pedestrian scrambles

### Transit Investments

- Improve reliability, accessibility, safety and cleanliness of transit system
- Better transit access to parks and other amenities

### Equity

- Should be at the root of new expenditure plan
- Focus investments in Equity Priority Communities

#### What We Heard: Roadshow Events



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### Better Connecting Neighborhoods

 Focus on travel between neighborhoods rather than downtown trips because travel patterns are changing

# Paratransit & Accessibility

- Support for paratransit
- Need to improve accessibility, including bus stop locations for seniors and people with disabilities

Online Survey

Online survey asks about the importance of ongoing and new programs

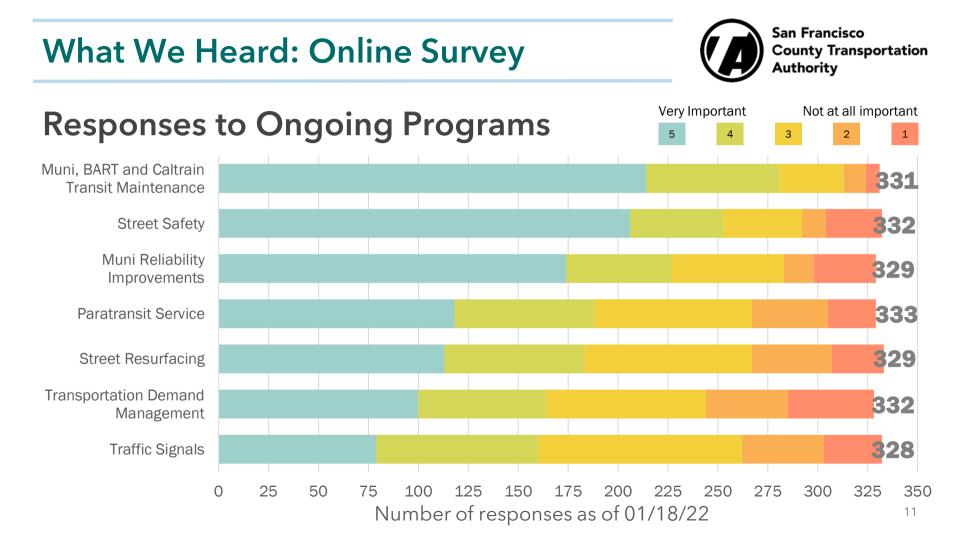
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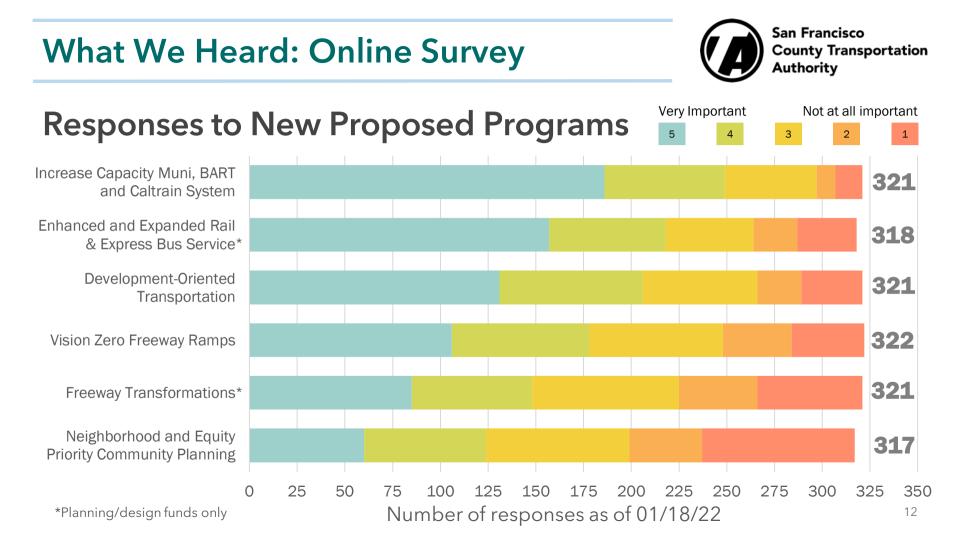


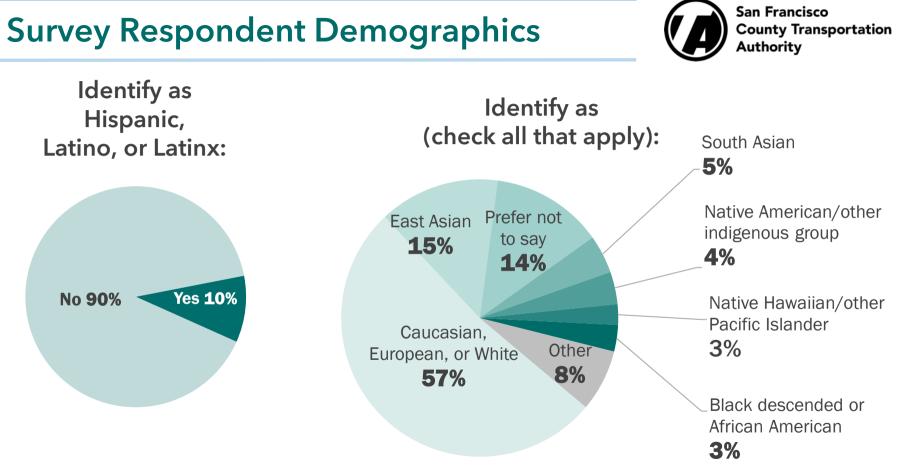
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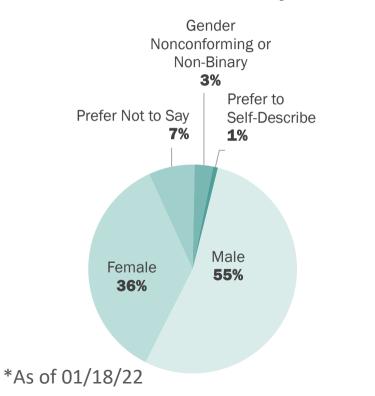
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### **Survey Respondent Demographics**

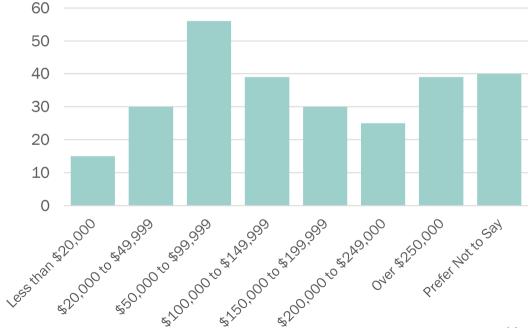


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#### Gender Identity



#### Annual Household Income



### What We Heard: Community Interviews



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Interviews with 8 community-based organizations serving EPCs



#### What We Heard: Focus Groups



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Focus Groups in Spanish, Chinese, and Russian/English



#### What We Heard: Overall Themes



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#### Transit

- Improve transit reliability
- Improve customer experience, especially at bus stops
- Better connections
- Additional service

#### Safety & Accessibility

- Primary concern for many
- Improve pedestrian & bicyclist safety
- Improve accessibility for seniors & people with disabilities

#### Equity

- Focus

   investments in
   Equity Priority
   Communities
   and serving
   people with low
   incomes
- Multilingual outreach
- Affordability concerns

#### Neighborhoods

- Localize engagement and transportation solutions
- Better connections between neighborhoods
- Parking and congestion

#### Schedule



- February 4: online survey closes
- February 23: Community Advisory Committee
- March 8: Transportation Authority Board

# **Questions?**



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