



TREASURE ISLAND MOBILITY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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Memorandum

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TO: Treasure Island Mobility Management Agency Board: Commissioners Dorsey (Chair), Chan, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, and Walton

FROM: Tilly Chang – Executive Director

SUBJECT: 01/09/2024 Board Meeting: Executive Director’s Report – **INFORMATION**

REGIONAL, STATE AND FEDERAL ISSUES

CARB STEP Grant Application. In November, 2023, we submitted an application for \$14.8 million in funding from the California State Air Resources Board’s (CARB’s) Sustainable Transportation Equity Program (STEP). The application is a partnership of the Transportation Authority (SFCTA), Treasure Island Development Authority (TIDA), One Treasure Island (OneTI), and the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency. The application calls for funding top-priority recommendations from the District 6 Neighborhood Transportation Program (NTP) planning project, the Treasure Island Supplemental Transportation Study, adopted by the SFCTA Board this fall. The proposed program of projects would expand Muni service to Treasure Island using a new battery electric bus; pilot an on-demand microtransit shuttle to supplement Muni; provide an on-Island electric cargo bicycle lending library; and more. We are disappointed that the application was not successful this round but will continue working with all our partners to secure funding for the study.

Ferry Electrification - WETA Moving Ahead. On November 30, 2023, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announced \$16 million in grants for the Water Emergency Transportation Authority’s (WETA’s) Rapid Electric Emission-Free (REEF) Ferry Program. The funds will be used to electrify two passenger floats at the Downtown San Francisco Ferry Terminal, as well as the floats at Main Street Alameda and Alameda Seaplane. In addition, WETA has selected Aurora Marine Design to manage design and construction for electric vessels to serve Treasure Island, and Wärtsilä as its systems integrator. The agency has now secured more than \$115 million in local, state and federal funding for the REEF Ferry Program. Construction on the first electrified float and electric vessels is expected to begin in 2024.

LOCAL ISSUES

Treasure Island Supplemental Transportation Study - Approved by SFCTA Board. In September, the SFCTA Board approved the Treasure Island Supplemental Transportation Study (Study) Final Report. The Study was requested by former SFCTA board member Matt



Haney and supported by current District 6 SFCTA board member Matt Dorsey. We partnered with One Treasure Island to conduct outreach.

The top five priority actions recommended in the report include: a community ambassador program that hosts community transportation trainings; improved bus shelters; a microtransit shuttle pilot; expanded Muni service; and improved marketing and communications for existing and new services. As discussed above, in October, we submitted an application to CARB for \$14.8 million in STEP grant funds to develop and launch some of the priority actions recommended in the final report, but unfortunately, were unsuccessful. Most top priority actions will require a new stable source of ongoing operating funding. A potential source of operating funding could be identified through the Treasure Island Mobility Management Agency's (TIMMA's) travel demand management program, as called for in the Treasure Island Transportation Implementation Plan.

Treasure Island Outreach - TIDA hosts Open House. On Saturday, January 20, TIDA will be hosting an Open House at the Ship Shape Community Center on Treasure Island to update the public about all the activities and initiatives happening on the islands. TIDA will provide information regarding the development program, new residential buildings, new and upcoming parks and open space, and equity-centered initiatives around retail and community facilities. We will be there to present all our work, including the infrastructure improvements on Yerba Buena Island, the Loop autonomous vehicle demonstration (see below), and the Transportation Program.

PROJECT DELIVERY

Treasure Island Autonomous Shuttle "Loop" Pilot - 3-month Phase Completed. The Treasure Island Autonomous Vehicle (AV) Shuttle Pilot, the Loop, launched in August 2023 and has completed the Federally-funded three-month phase of service. We thank the Treasure Island community and our partners for their support and engagement in the Loop Pilot program. Over the past four months, we collected robust data to advance our program objectives to gain insight about this program, one of the first deployments of shared passenger AV shuttle services on public roadways in California. The service is currently paused due to evolving road conditions and significant resources required to adjust the Loop's route and permits. There are still some educational and workforce development opportunities ahead over the next few months. Learn more at ti-loop.com.

Ferry Terminal Enhancements - Preliminary Engineering In Progress. In November, the Ferry Terminal Enhancements project obtained federal environmental clearance, allowing for the construction of public restrooms and transit shelters at the Ferry Terminal on Treasure Island with a \$3 million ferry grant received in 2012 and a \$1 million state grant awarded to TIDA. The project has also secured construction permits and we are now coordinating closely with Caltrans, TIDA, and Treasure Island Community Development to prepare the project for procurement and construction.



West Side Bridges - Construction in Progress. In June 2023, SFCTA initiated construction on the West Side Bridges Retrofit project as part of a larger multi-modal infrastructure improvement program on Treasure Island and Yerba Buena Island. This significant endeavor involves replacing seven seismically deficient bridges, retrofitting one bridge with a realigned roadway, and installing retaining walls along Treasure Island Road to meet current seismic safety standards. Additionally, the project includes the construction of a Class II bicycle facility and a transit-only access on-ramp. Ongoing work involves major retaining wall construction and waterline relocation to facilitate upcoming construction phases. The project is maintaining a strong focus on environmental compliance throughout construction and is anticipated to be completed in the fall of 2026. More information can be found at sfcta.org/westsidebridges.