



Memorandum

AGENDA ITEM 3

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TO: Transportation Authority Board

FROM: Deputy Director Name – Deputy Director Title

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REGIONAL, STATE AND FEDERAL ISSUES

Presidio Parkway 10th Anniversary Celebration. On July 11, I was thrilled to join Golden Link Concessionaire or GLC (a partnership of Meridiam and Aberdeen), and Caltrans to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the opening of the Presidio Parkway. The gathering featured remarks by Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi, Senator Scott Wiener, California State Transportation Agency Secretary Toks Omishakin, Mayor Daniel Lurie, Transportation Authority Chair Myrna Melgar, and Commissioner Stephen Sherrill. The Parkway's completion enhanced the seismic and operational safety of the regional highway, transit circulation, and connectivity for pedestrians. It also enabled the Tunnel Tops project, a stunning 14-acre park within the Presidio that was built on top of the Main Post tunnels.

Caltrans led Phase I of the project using design-bid-build delivery, and Caltrans and Transportation Authority led delivery of Phase II of the project together with GLC which financed, designed, and built three of the four tunnels and the connecting roadways. GLC operates and maintains the project and will return the facility to Caltrans in a state of good repair in 2045.

The event also included a plaque dedication to recognize the many partners and collaborators who made this project possible including former Transportation Authority Executive Director Jose Luis Moscovich, among other honorees who attended the event.

The Transportation Authority provided \$200 million in funding from voter-approved Prop K transportation sales tax and other sources for the project. These funds helped to match federal, state, regional, and local sources for this \$1.1 billion project.

Federal Autonomous Vehicle (AV) Legislation - U.S. Representative Mullin Introduces AV Safety Data Act. In response to the need to strengthen federal



oversight of AVs as more driverless passenger services arrive on US roadways, Representative Kevin Mullin has introduced a bill to require more robust safety data from AV manufacturers to help ensure basic transparency about how the vehicles are performing. The AV Data Safety Act would require the continuation of current collision reporting and would also require new data from manufacturers, including vehicle miles traveled, unplanned stoppages (malfunctions), and incidents involving the blocking of emergency vehicles. We thank Representative Mullin for his introduction of the bill, which would provide basic metrics needed for the public to evaluate the overall safety of this new technology. We will continue to work with Representative Mullin and his staff to support the advancement of this important legislation.

Regional Transportation Revenue Measure Updates. While Senate Bill 63 - Senator Wiener and Senator Arreguin's regional transportation revenue measure bill - has been making its way through the Legislature over the last few weeks, the 5-county working group providing technical assistance to the authors has wrapped up its work and transmitted final materials to the Senators. In addition, the named and potential counties have been advancing their own efforts in support of the measure. Last week, the Alameda County Transportation Commission's Planning, Policy and Legislation Committee forwarded a recommendation for a "Support in Concept" position on the bill to its full Commission, which is scheduled for consideration this Thursday. Also last week, the Contra Costa Transportation Authority adopted a "Support If Amended" position on the bill provided their county's contributions to operators and programs in the expenditure framework fall within a certain range. Staff will provide a presentation with more detail on the regional measure later on today's agenda,. I would like to express our sincere appreciation to Chair Melgar and Alicia John-Baptiste, the Mayor's Chief of Infrastructure, Climate, and Mobility for all of their work facilitating regional measure discussions over these last few months, and to Commissioner/Caltrain Director Walton for his well-received letter shared with this Board as well as the Caltrain Board last week, which expressed support for the regional measure and the need to prioritize SB 63 in discussions with the Caltrain member agencies.

State Cap and Trade Funding - Discussions Continue About Potential Program

Extension: We continue to hear that the Legislature and Governor may still decide to take up the effort to extend the state's cap and trade program as part of a budget trailer bill this year. Earlier this month, Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA) Chair Jeff Gee submitted a letter to state officials, co-signed by Commissioners



Mandelman and Dorsey in their respective roles as Board of Supervisors President/TJPA Vice President and Supervisor, in support of reauthorizing the cap and trade program and prioritizing sustainable, climate-aligned transportation investments such as The Portal. Mayor Lurie also submitted a letter requesting the continuation of currently funded transit capital and operations programs that are essential to Muni, as well as seeking a commitment of future California High Speed Rail funding for The Portal. We fully concur with the requests in both letters and continue to coordinate advocacy efforts with partner agencies in the city and across the region and state, in particular around the spending plan.

LOCAL ISSUES

Brotherhood Way Safety and Circulation Study Outreach - Survey Currently Open Through August 17th. The Brotherhood Way Safety and Circulation Plan team hosted a series of online and in-person events over the last few weeks, capped by an energetic and well-attended town hall at the IT Bookman Community Center. The project team shared potential solutions for community-identified challenges and sought feedback on both near- and long-term ways to improve safety, circulation and connectivity for people driving, walking, or rolling through the Brotherhood Way and Alemany Boulevard corridors. We have an online survey open for through August 17th at sfcta.org/brotherhood, available in English, Chinese and Spanish for the public to provide input on conceptual designs that were shared. The next step in our process is to refine up to two alternatives and bring these back to the community for additional feedback later this year.

PROJECT DELIVERY

District 10 Celebrates Lighting Improvements on Oakdale Avenue. On the evening of July 16, I joined Commissioner Walton, SF Public Works staff, and community members at a lighting ceremony to celebrate the delivery of the Oakdale Lighting Improvements project. Improving lighting along Oakdale Avenue was the highest-ranked priority in the Bayview Community Based Transportation Plan, adopted in 2020. The project included over two dozen new or upgraded roadway-scale streetlights on Oakdale between 3rd and Phelps streets and makes walking more inviting and safer along this important thoroughfare. The Transportation Authority is proud to have funded the planning, design and construction of the project with \$1.5 million Prop AA vehicle registration fee funds and over \$100,000 in sales tax funds.



Alemaný Boulevard Quick-Build Project Advances. I'm pleased to report that construction of the new bus boarding island and K-rail bikeway barriers is now complete for the Alemaný Boulevard Quick-Build Project, from Ellsworth Street to Justin Drive/Congdon Street. Funded with \$500,000 in Prop D TNC tax and sales tax funds, this project enhances safety for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers through a road diet, protected bikeway, and improved transit access. As part of the High Injury Network, this project will see additional refinements to reduce vehicle speeds and improve accessibility as the project advances to completion.

MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

Caltrain Wins 2025 Commuter Rail Safety Gold Award After Reinventing its Service. Congratulations to Caltrain on receiving the 2025 Commuter Rail Safety Gold Award from the American Public Transportation Association in recognition of its commitment to rail safety. This award is presented to one agency each year that has demonstrated the best overall safety achievement. Caltrain has implemented a number of safety improvements, including the use of new AI-based technology to monitor and alert railroad operations when it detects lingering vehicles or other objects on the tracks to help prevent collisions, installing solar-powered lane markers at the Broadway Burlingame Crossing to clearly outline road boundaries and discourage drivers from turning too far onto the tracks; and expanding its internal communications around safety to increase transparency and make it easier for employees to report concerns, and more. Congratulations to Caltrain for this well-deserved recognition!