



Memorandum

AGENDA ITEM 3

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TO: Transportation Authority Board

FROM: Executive Director - Tilly Chang

SUBJECT: 04/28/2026 Board Meeting: Executive Director's Report - INFORMATION

FEDERAL, STATE, AND REGIONAL ISSUE

California High-Speed Rail - San Francisco Input on 2026 Business Plan. This week, we are joining SFMTA and SF Planning in jointly submitting feedback on the California High-Speed Rail Authority's Draft 2026 Business Plan. Our input builds on San Francisco's longstanding support for the state's vision to connect the state's major population centers with high-speed trains, and it reflects last year's establishment of long-term dedicated funding for the High-Speed Rail Authority through the reauthorized cap-and-invest program. San Francisco's feedback on the Draft Business Plan focuses on the imperative for continued state investment in the high-speed rail system's "bookend" projects, including The Portal, which will bring high-speed trains to the Salesforce Transit Center. Thank you to Senator Weiner for speaking in support of The Portal at yesterday's California State Transportation Committee hearing regarding high-speed rail. We have also coordinated our input with "joint benefit" partner agencies from across the Bay Area, including the Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA), Caltrain, and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). The High-Speed Rail Authority Board of Directors will consider the Draft Business Plan at its regular meeting tomorrow morning in Sacramento.

Caltrans I-80 and 19th Ave Work Completed; More 19th Ave Work Ahead.

Caltrans recently completed a full weekend closure of the eastbound Interstate 80 freeway between 17th & 4th streets for bridge rehabilitation work. The closure started on Friday, April 17, 11:00 p.m. and opened early on Sunday, April 19, 18 hours ahead of schedule. We thank Caltrans for the smooth delivery and early completion of this project, made possible by extensive outreach and thorough coordination with the Transportation Authority, SFMTA and BART, among other partner agencies. It was great to see BART reporting record ridership that weekend and we thank them for their extra efforts. The next and final full freeway closure for



this I-80 rehabilitation project is scheduled in the westbound direction for this Summer / Fall 2026.

Caltrans also just completed the first of three long weekend closures on 19th Avenue/SR1 to resurface the asphalt pavement. Crews repaved the northbound direction from Holloway Avenue to Lincoln Way this past weekend, with the road re-opened four hours early yesterday morning. We thank Caltrans for their fast work and the public for their patience and note that there will be two additional long weekend closures on May 8 to May 11 for southbound 19th Avenue from Lincoln Way to Sloat Boulevard and May 22 to May 25 over Memorial Day weekend for work on 19th Avenue from Sloat Boulevard to Holloway Avenue. Detailed information from Caltrans for all four projects can be found at sfhighwayprojects.com.

SF Bay Ferry Tour Highlights Electrification, Mission Bay Funding, Ridership, Expansion. On April 14th, I joined regional officials on the State of San Francisco Bay Ferry tour. SF Bay Ferry highlighted its electrification program, starting with expansions to Treasure Island and Mission Bay, followed by Berkeley and Redwood City. We are pleased to contribute Prop L funds to complete the Mission Bay Ferry Landing, with final approval of that item on today's agenda. We look forward to special event service to the new landing and will work with SF Bay Ferry to complete the funding plan for regular Mission Bay passenger service. Congratulations to SF Bay Ferry for record-high ridership in March and a 98% passenger satisfaction rate!

Bay Area Transit Sees Ridership Gains. Speaking of transit ridership records, BART, Caltrain, and SFMTA have also experienced significant boosts in ridership this year. BART saw its highest monthly, weekday, and single-day ridership figures since the pandemic, with March 2026 ridership 20% higher than in March 2025. Caltrain's March 2026 weekday ridership is up almost 30% from last March. Weekday ridership for SFMTA has now reached 79% of pre-pandemic levels, while weekend ridership has almost reached full recovery at 99% of pre-pandemic levels. These ridership jumps come as operators contemplate budget scenarios with major service cuts for the coming fiscal years as state and federal relief funds are depleted. Following BART and SFMTA's release of potential alternative service plans earlier this year, Caltrain released details for its own potential service cuts, which include reducing weekday service to hourly, eliminating weekend service, ending operations by 9 pm, and closing more than one-third of all stations. While recently authorized state loans will help sustain services through 2026, Bay Area operators will need new revenue sources beginning in mid-2027 to avoid deep service cuts.



LOCAL ISSUES

San Francisco Releases Updated Climate Action Plan. On April 16, Mayor Lurie announced the release of the five-year update to the city's Climate Action Plan (CAP). Initially adopted in 2021, the CAP charts a path for San Francisco to reach net-zero emissions by 2040. The CAP establishes ambitious goals for the transportation sector, which accounts for 45% of the city's emissions. This includes electrifying all light-duty vehicles and reducing vehicle miles traveled per capita by 30% from 2019 levels by 2040. The Transportation Authority provided technical support for the CAP's transportation sector emissions analysis and is a designated lead or partner agency for a number of CAP actions, including implementing the recommendations of our Eco-Friendly Downtown Delivery Study and helping to deliver critical transit capital projects such as The Portal and bicycle facilities citywide. We also fund electrification of Muni's fleet and facilities and will present a request from SFMTA for funds to support curbside vehicle charging next month. We applaud SF Environment and partner agencies for their hard work in completing this update and look forward to helping to deliver the CAP.

Board of Supervisors Hold Hearing on Ride-Hail Impacts and Plans to Improve Market Street. The San Francisco Board of Supervisors Land Use and Transportation Committee held a hearing yesterday on the impacts of ride-hail operations on transit, biking, and pedestrian foot traffic since resuming Waymo and select Uber and Lyft services on Market Street last year. Following an initial pilot phase that only permitted off-peak operations, SFMTA expanded its Market Street ride-hail pilot last December to allow ride-hail operations on Market Street during peak commute hours. The hearing included updates from SFMTA on the expanded pilot and from city departments on efforts to improve Market Street. SFMTA's Mid-Market Street Evaluation Results Phase is projected to be completed in fall 2026.

E.R. Taylor Earth Day STEAM Block Party Supporting School Street and Safety Programs. On April 22, Senior Transportation Planner Nicolette Chan and Transportation Planner Erin Slichter participated in an Earth Day STEAM Block Party at E.R. Taylor Elementary School. The event featured family-friendly activities, such as animal visits, a human-powered bike blender, and a bike safety class, temporarily transforming the adjacent Slow Street into a "School Street" to support joyful, active, and safe commutes to school. The event emphasized the importance of science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics for protecting and maintaining our



environment and climate. The Transportation Authority funds many pedestrian and bicycle safety programs each year through the voter-approved sales tax, including the Safe Routes to School Non-Infrastructure Program and the School Traffic Calming Program.

Brotherhood Way Safety & Circulation Plan Completes Third Round of

Outreach. In mid-April, we hosted both an in-person and virtual town hall for the third round of outreach for the Brotherhood Way Safety and Circulation Plan. Both events combined hosted about 60 attendees. Senior Transportation Planner David Long shared community feedback from the second round of outreach, near-term and longer-term improvement recommendations in three phases, as well as a vision for potentially re-aligning Brotherhood Way. Community members had the opportunity to share their thoughts and priorities for each concept. The study team will incorporate feedback and will complete the study later this summer. More information is available on the project website at sfcta.org/brotherhood.

Westside Network Study to Launch Second Round of Outreach, San Francisco

Transportation Plan Survey Open. Starting in May, we will begin the second round of outreach for the Westside Network Study, which will include in-person pop-up events to gather feedback from residents of Districts 1, 4, and 7 on project ideas to address westside needs. We are also meeting with community-based organizations to present and get feedback. Please reach out if your group would like a presentation. Learn more and connect with the team at sfcta.org/westside. Our San Francisco Transportation Plan outreach team is also meeting with community members. They held two multilingual virtual town halls in April and are reaching out to over 200 community-based organizations as well as community leaders throughout the city. The SFTP survey is open through May 15 at sfcta.org/sftp.

One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) Cycle 4 County Program Call for Projects Released.

We are pleased to share that the OBAG Cycle 4 County Program Call for Projects was released on April 17, 2026. Up to \$48.7 million is available through the County Program call for projects over four fiscal years (2026/27 to 2029/30), with applications due July 7, 2026. The OBAG program directs federal funding to projects and programs that advance implementation of Plan Bay Area, the Regional Transportation Plan, particularly transportation projects that help support sustainable communities and achieve state greenhouse gas reduction goals. As the Congestion Management Agency for San Francisco, we will nominate projects for the County Program based on local priorities and submit them to MTC in late October 2026. MTC will evaluate project nominations for the region and select projects for funding



in early 2027. More information can be found at www.sfcta.org/funding/funding-opportunities.

PROJECT DELIVERY

Pavement Renovation No. 68 Project to Perform Work at Various Locations Completed. Congratulations to Public Works for substantially completing their Various Locations Pavement Renovation No. 68 project this past weekend, which included pavement renovation of 38 blocks and construction and retrofit of 140 curb ramps in Districts 1, 5, 7, 10, and 11. We are proud to have supported the project with \$1.8 million in Prop L sales tax funds.

Traffic Signal Hardware Replacement FY24 - Project Completed. SFMTA completed their Traffic Signal Hardware Replacement FY24 project, funded with \$500,000 in Prop L sales tax funds. This work included replacement of signal controller cabinets, vehicular sensor detectors, and rectangular rapid flashing beacons that had exceeded or were nearing the end of their useful life in Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 9, 10, and 11. This effort will help ensure that SFMTA's critical safety assets are maintained in a state of good repair, improving safety for all road users.

Folsom Streetscape - 8th to 11th Streets Open for Use. I'm pleased to report that SFMTA has completed work on the western segment of the Folsom Streetscape project from 8th to 11th streets. The project features a two-way protected bikeway with buffers separating bicyclists from drivers, a Muni boarding island, and a two-stage turn box at 11th Street. Remaining work from 2nd to 8th streets is anticipated to be complete by the end of 2026. Once fully constructed, the project will enhance traffic safety and improve mobility for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists on this High Injury Network corridor. We are proud to be supporting the project with Prop K sales tax funds.

MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

Southgate Project Earns ASCE Statewide Award. Congratulations to our Capital Projects team led by Carl Holmes, together with BKF (formerly MNS Engineers) and HDR, on winning the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Region 9 award for Outstanding Highway Project for Southgate Interchange project on Yerba Buena. This is a statewide honor and the 6th award for this elegant safety project that serves as the eastbound off and on-ramps to the SF-Oakland Bay Bridge.



Regional Transit Measure Discussed at San Mateo Progress Seminar. I was pleased to join President Mandelman and Peninsula officials and community members at San Mateo's Progress Seminar in Sonoma earlier this month. The Progress Seminar is spearheaded by SAMCEDA together with San Mateo business, government, labor and education groups, and one of this year's topics focused on Addressing our Regional Transit Crisis. BART, Caltrain and SamTrans leaders discussed the regional transit funding measure that a citizens group is aiming to place on the November ballot and related topics of efficiency, accountability and the serious regional transportation impacts that are anticipated if the measure does not pass. President Mandelman joined with San Mateo and Santa Clara Board presidents Noelia Corzo and Otto Lee on a final panel, discussing regional collaboration on housing, transportation and other priority issues for the Peninsula.

Transportation Authority Attends Northern California Owners' Night Event. On Thursday, April 23, we joined approximately two dozen public agencies at the 2026 Northern California Owners' Night. At the event, we and other participating agencies shared information regarding our capital projects and upcoming procurements with interested contractors and consultants, including local, small, and disadvantaged business enterprises. Owners' Night was held at the MTC's offices in downtown San Francisco and was jointly hosted by the Northern California Chapter of the Construction Management Association of America, the Bay Bridge Chapter of the American Council of Engineering Companies, and BuildIT. More information is available at cmaanorcal.org.