

Adopt San Francisco's One Bay Area Grant Cycle 4 County Framework



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One Bay Area Grant Cycle 4 (OBAG 4)

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC's) OBAG program directs federal funds to projects that advance implementation of the Regional Transportation Plan

OBAG 4 continues the structure of past cycles with regional and county programs that invest in transportation, housing, and land use to help achieve state greenhouse gas reduction goals

OBAG 4 County Program

About \$319 million available region wide

- Rewards jurisdictions that accept and produce housing, particularly affordable housing
- Targets investments in Priority Development Areas and Transit-Oriented Communities
- Flexibility to support local priorities

MTC guidelines require that county transportation agencies like SFCTA will

- Conduct call for projects, in partnership with MTC
- Use MTC evaluation criteria to select projects (may add county specific criteria)
- Submit project nominations to MTC by October 31, 2026

MTC evaluates and selects projects for funding

OBAG 4 County Program

Broad project eligibility consistent with federal fund sources including

- Transit reliability and access
- Local road safety, complete streets
- Safe Routes to School Non-Infrastructure program
- State of good repair for transit and local roads



OBAG 4 County Program

Proposed OBAG 4 County Program Funding Framework Distribution

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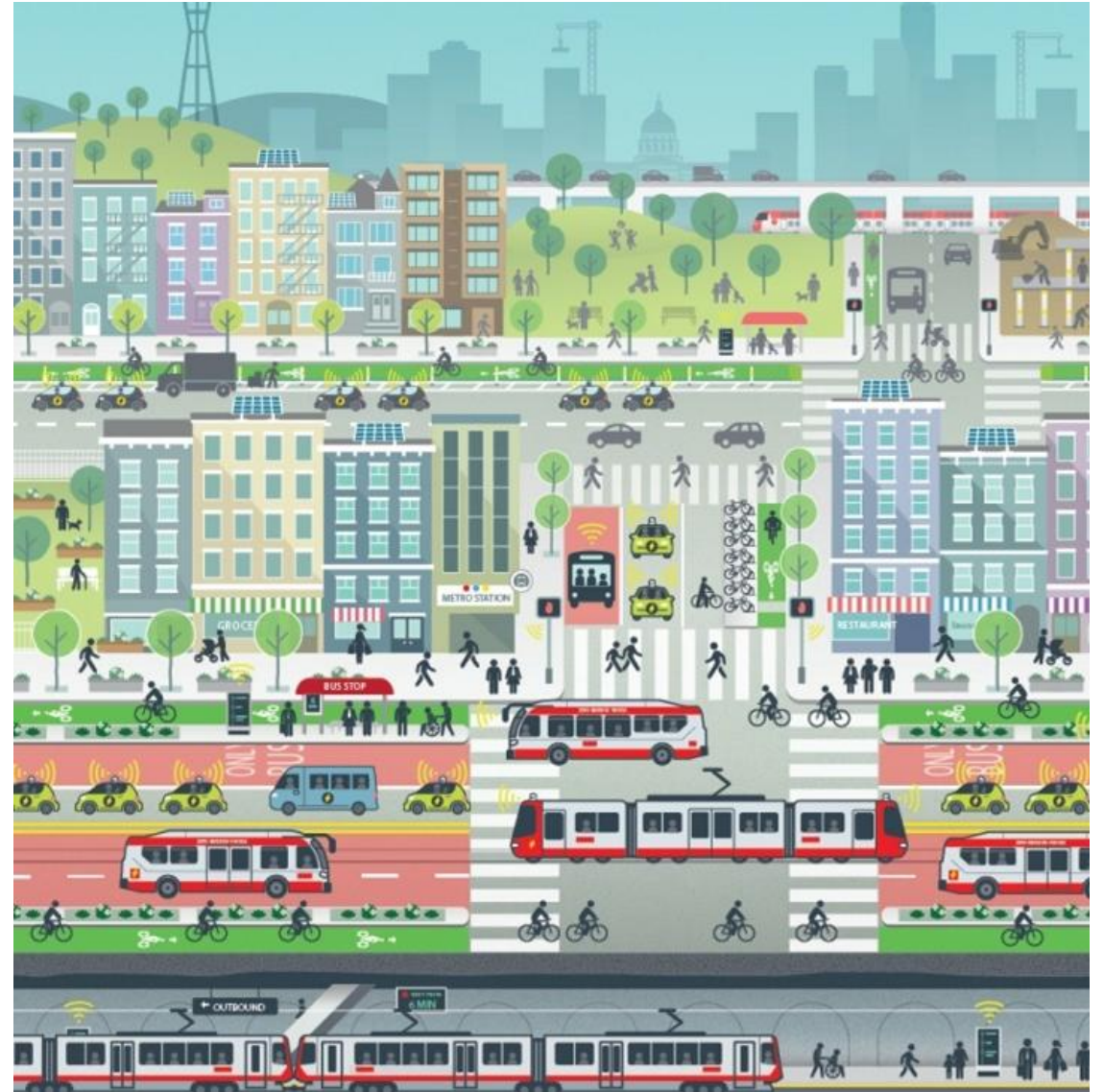
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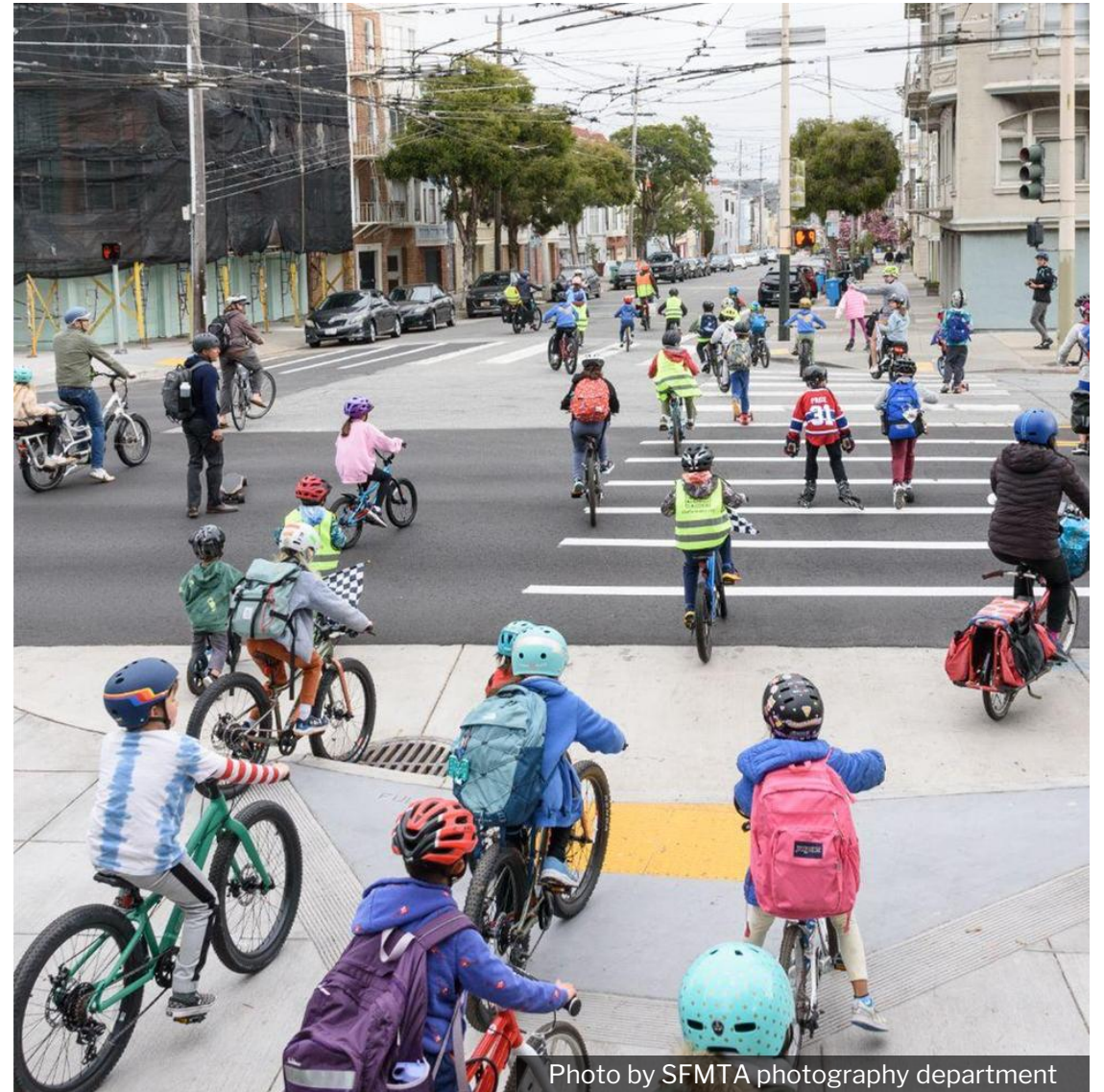
CMA Planning

- Augments CMA planning baseline funds from MTC planning
- Long range planning (e.g. San Francisco Transportation Plan and follow-on studies)
- Priority Development Area and Transit-Oriented Community Planning
- Projects including equity studies, modal market surveys, waterfront planning, etc.



San Francisco's Safe Routes to School Non-Infrastructure Program

- Supports the SRTS Non-Infrastructure program from July 2027 to September 2030, avoiding a gap after OBAG 3 funds run out
- Prop L funds are programmed for local match
- Supports safe and active trips to school with educational and encouragement events and activities



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OBAG 4 Competitive Call for Projects

Screening Criteria

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- Consistent with Plan Bay Area 2050+
- Eligible project type
- Ability to meet timely use of funds deadlines
- Minimum request of \$500,000 OBAG funds
- 11.47% local match
- Adhere to Caltrans Local Assistance Procedures Manual selection and contracting requirements (federal funds)

OBAG 4 Competitive Call for Projects

Prioritization Criteria

Prioritization Criteria (partial list)

- 80% of investments in PDA and TOC supportive projects
- Increase safety
- Demonstrate multi-modal benefits
- Improve environmental sustainability
- Investments in historically underserved communities, including projects from Community Based Transportation Plans
- Demonstrated public support
- Demonstrated project readiness and deliverability
- Additional considerations: project sponsor priority, geographic equity

OBAG 4 Schedule

April 14: Preliminary Board approval; release Call for Projects*

April 28: Final Board approval of County Framework*

Late April / Early May: Workshop for potential applicants

July 7: Applications due to SFCTA

September 23: CAC approves program of projects*

October 6 & 27: Board approves program of projects*

October 31: Project nominations due to MTC

Early 2027: MTC selects projects

Thank you.

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San Francisco Safe Routes to Schools



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San Francisco Safe Routes to School

Presentation Overview

Non-Infrastructure Program Overview

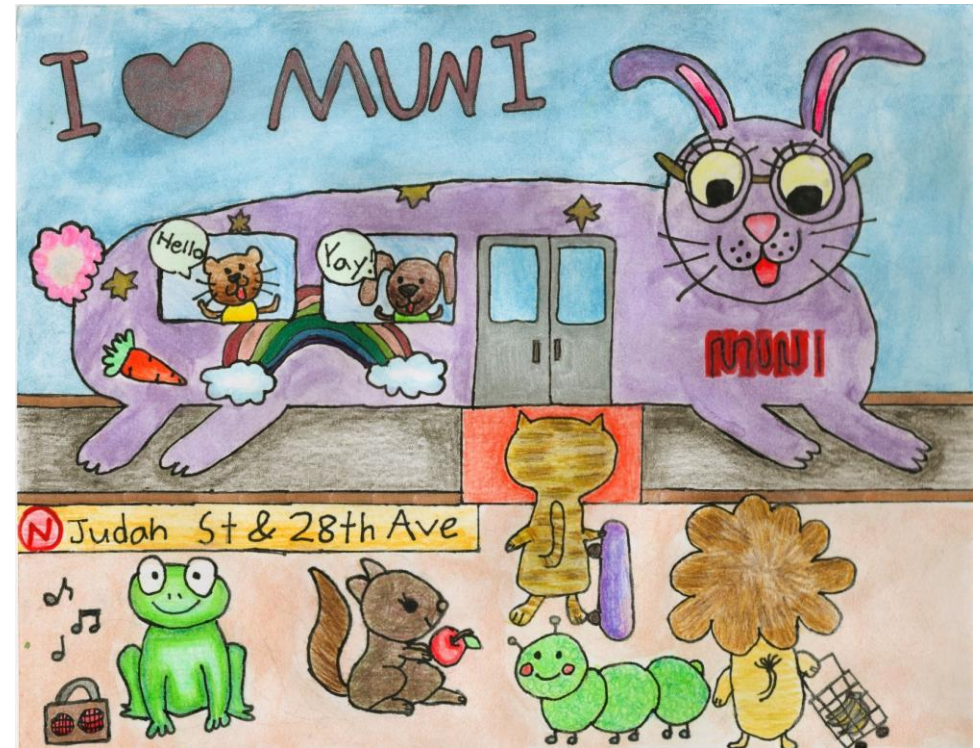
Lessons Learned from the current Program

OBAG 4 Funding

Program Partners:



Program Funders:



Elementary School Ride Muni to School Week 2026 Art Contest Winner



SF Safe Routes to School



Teaches practical transportation skills through real-world experiences



Encourage healthy habits & mental health by promoting active & shared transportation



Support safer streets by reducing congestion and increasing visibility



Reduces truancy by hosting/supporting events that encourage on time attendance



Walking School Bus on Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day at Dr. Charles Drew Elementary.



SF Safe Routes to School



Enhances access to the Four Fun Ways (taking transit, walking, carpooling, and biking and rolling)



Reduces car trips to school, improving local air quality



Builds community among students and families



Builds independence/autonomy by teaching skills to travel safely and confidently



Lincoln High School students learning how to put their bikes on buses using our demo rack.



Events & Activities: Annual Events

- Walk and Roll to School Week
- Ride Muni to School Week
- Bike and Roll to School Week

Walk and Roll to School Week event at Glen Park Elementary



Ride Muni to School Week tabling with Access at the Arc



Bike and Roll to School Week bike train from GGP to McCoppin Elementary





Events & Activities: “Three E” Programming

Education, encouragement, and experiential

Walking School Buses and Bike Trains

Muni Field Trips and Free Muni for Youth Tabling

Student and family bicycling workshops

Bike PE and in-classroom activities

Art contests

Support coordination and connections across other SFMTA teams



Muni Field Trip with Lincoln High School’s Green Academy class to Woods Division to learn about the electric bus fleet



SFMTA work that serves schools and families

Engineering

- Walk Audits
- Traffic Calming
- Traffic Operations
- Safe Streets
- Major Corridors Projects
- Quick-builds
- Streetscape improvements

Education, Encouragement, Engagement

- **Safe Routes to School Program**
- Bicycle Education classes
- Youth Transportation Advisory Board

Transportation Service

- School Trippers
- Free Muni for All Youth

Environmental Safety

- Crossing Guards
- Muni Transit Assistance Program
- Parking & Traffic Enforcement
- Slow Streets
- Shared Spaces



Equity in Safe Routes to School

~30 Focus Schools

Dedicated School Engagement Leads

Prioritized for program activities

School Prioritization focus on two factors:

Equity – schools with higher concentrations of traffic collisions and students from socioeconomic disadvantage populations

Mode shift potential – schools with higher concentrations of students living near schools with lower rates of transit, walking, and biking to school



Top: Family Learn to Ride Workshop hosted on the Hearst Slow Street

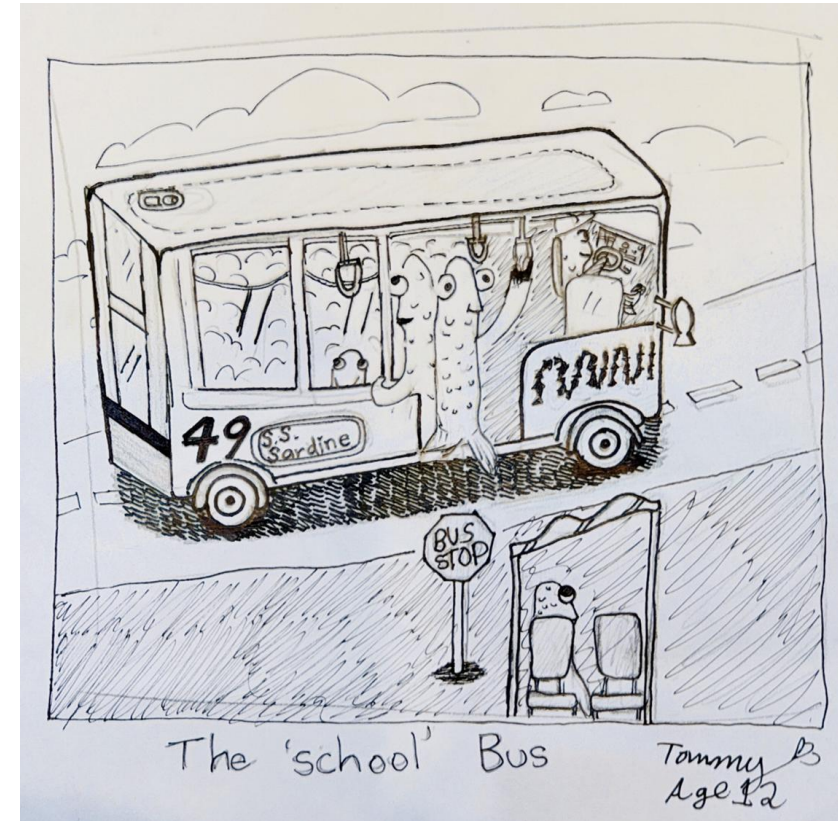
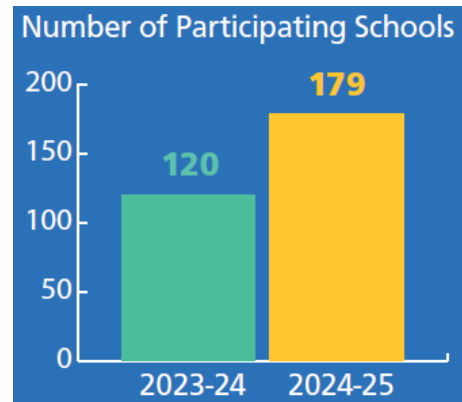
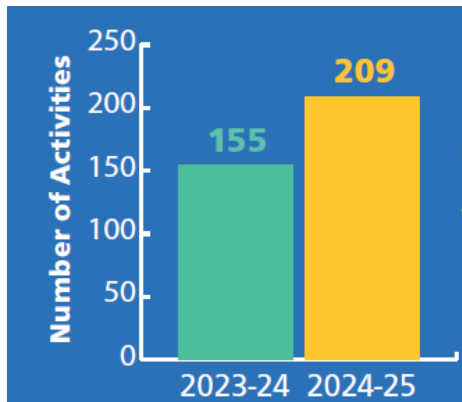
Bottom: Moscone Elementary Walking/Rolling School Bus



2023-2025 School Years

2024-2025 Highlights

- Over 19,000 participants across all events
- 209 Program activities
- 179 participating schools

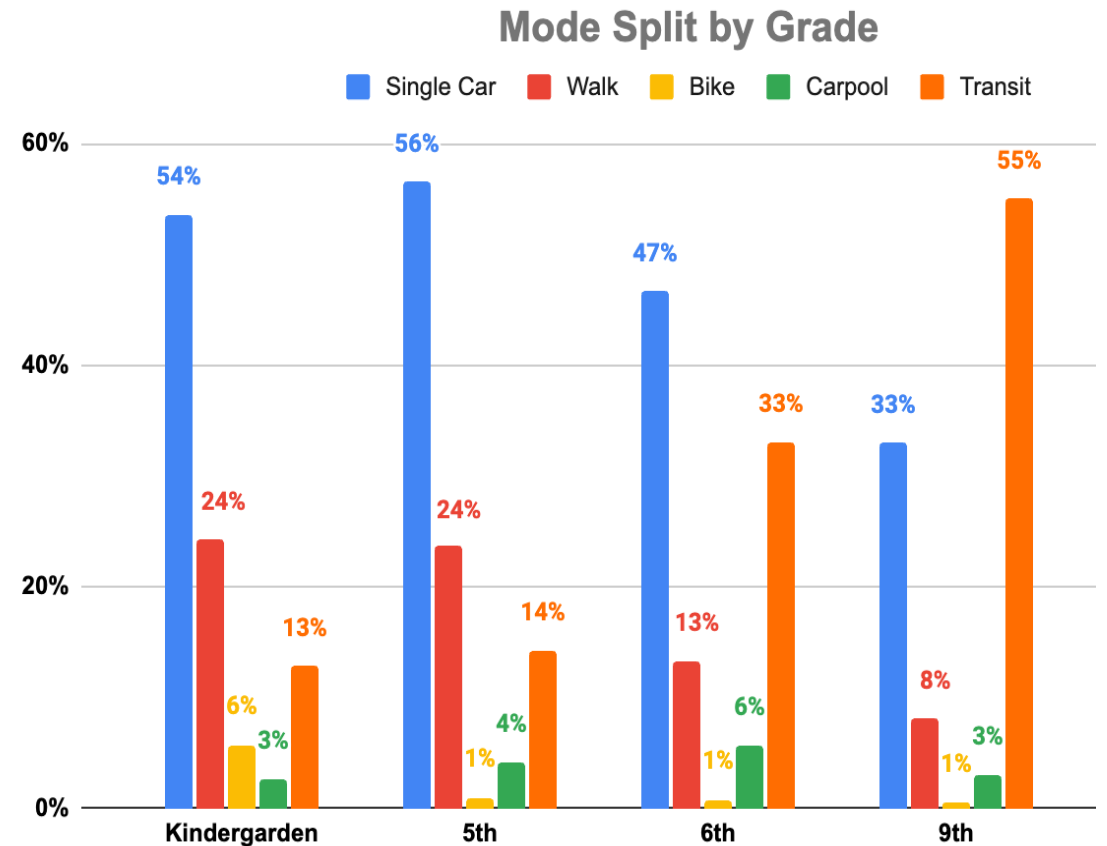


Middle School Ride Muni to School Week
2026 Art Contest Winner



Student Travel Tallies

- **9th grade students** used transit more than any other grade
- **Kindergarten and 5th grade students** walked to school more than students in the other grades
- **Travel Patterns:**
 - Transit ridership increases with age
 - Carpooling increases with age into middle school and then declines in HS
 - Walking decreases with age





Lessons Learned & Planned Program Updates

Lessons Learned

Seek ways to deepen connections with SFUSD

Continue growing Muni and pedestrian programming

Guardian, high school, community champions are critical for continued success

Program Updates for OBAG 4

Strengthen coordination with School Traffic Calming and other SFMTA projects and programs

Work with SFUSD on developing curriculums to make educational programming more standard across the District

Furthering connections and support in Equity Priority Communities



Students from Bessie Charmichael Middle School participating in Ride Muni to School Week activities



OBAG 4 Funding

**Funding for the Safe Routes to School
Non-infrastructure Program ends June 2027
Applying for \$2M/ year including local match**

\$6.8M for 3.3 years

Funding will allow for:

- Program stability and consistency
- Continued trust building and engagement with school communities
- Continued growth and development of the Program
- Continued support and resourcing to Focus Schools



The winning class of the 2025 Golden Sneaker Contest from Jean Parker Elementary.



Thank you!

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(and overall)
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