

Welcome to the Bay Area Region

California Transportation Commission

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METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Overview of the Bay Area

- **San Francisco Bay Area Region**
 - Nine Counties
 - 7.7 million residents
 - 27 Transit Operators
- **\$1.2 Trillion Economy (2023)**
- **300 million transit passenger trips in 2023**



Overview of MTC & ABAG

MTC & ABAG: Distinct Roles, Shared Responsibilities



Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)

Federally-designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO) & State-designated regional transportation planning agency (RTPA) for the San Francisco Bay Area

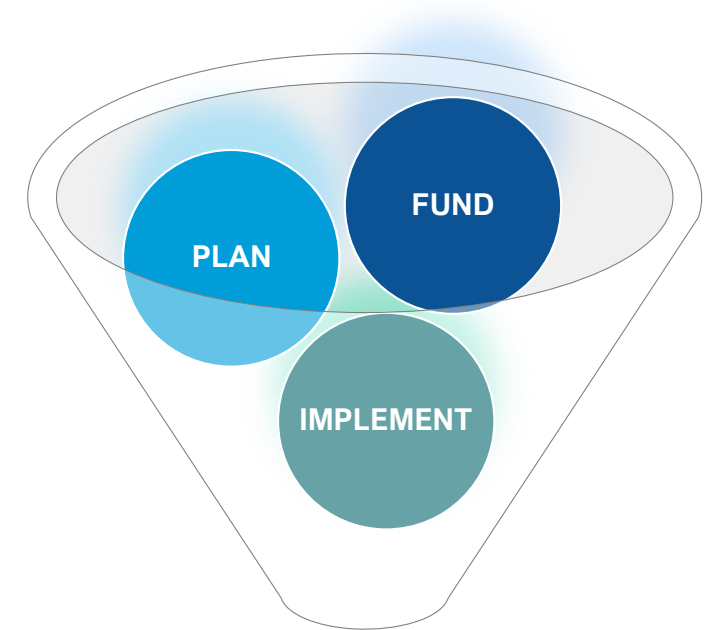
- Related Entities: BAHFA, BAIFA, BATA, SAFE



Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG)

Member-supported council of governments (COG) with statutory responsibilities related to housing & land use, as well as additional environmental programs

- Related Entities: BAHFA, SFEP



Plan Bay Area Vision:
A more affordable, connected, diverse,
healthy, and vibrant Bay Area *for all*

Near-Term Initiative: Plan Bay Area 2050+

Plan Bay Area 2050+ Update Vision

Ensure by the year 2050 that the Bay Area is affordable, connected, diverse, healthy & vibrant *for all*

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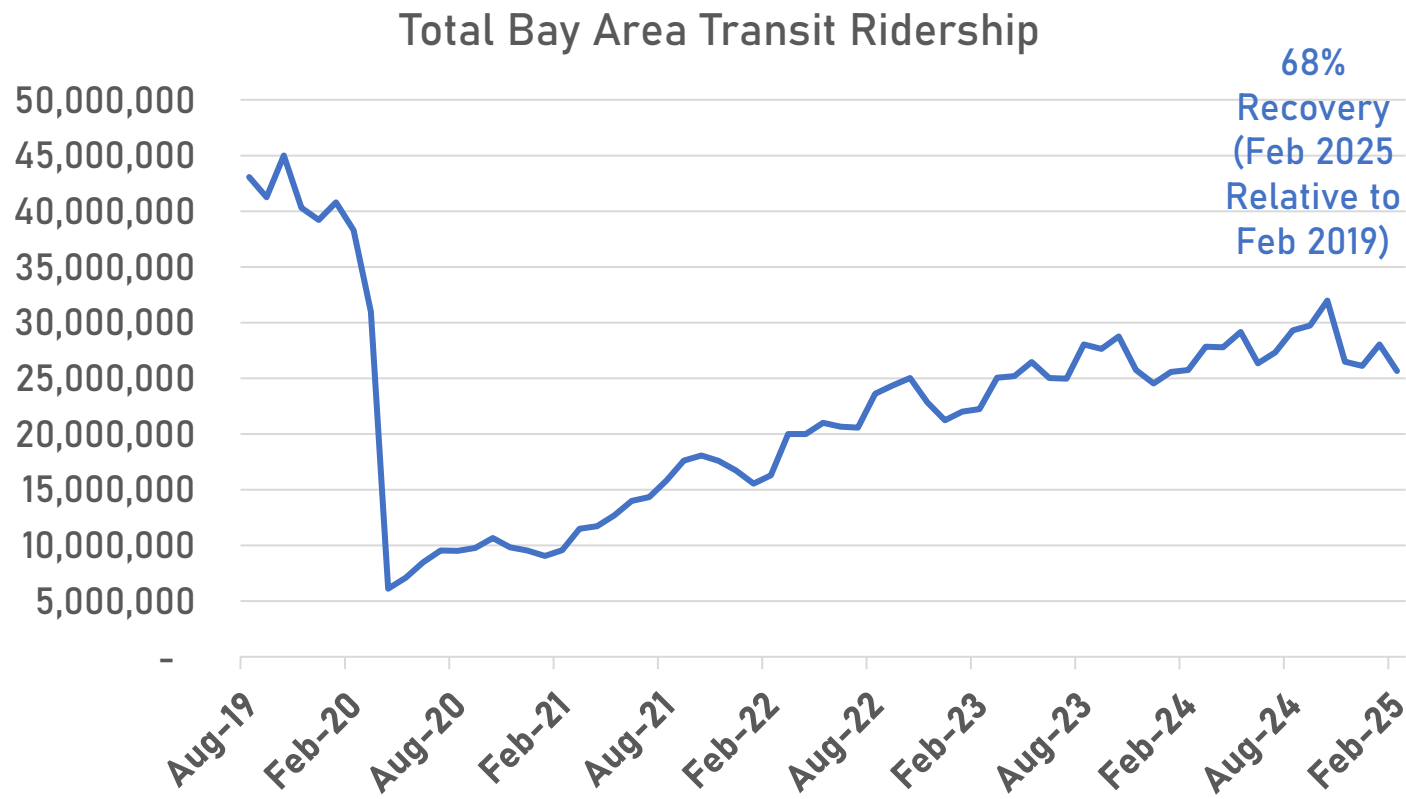


- 35 strategies organized into 11 themes



Near-Term Initiative: Transit Ridership Recovery

Bay Area Ridership Recovery



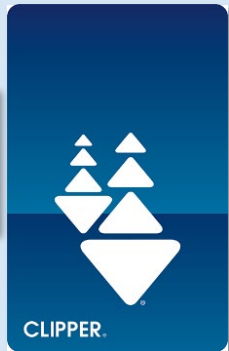
Note: Data for Vacaville CityCoach and Union City Transit is not available.
Source: National Transit Database, Through Feb 2025

- The San Francisco Bay Area continues to see a higher level of remote workers compared to other metropolitan areas
- Remote work trends continue to impact ridership and fare revenue recovery, primarily for commute-oriented operators
- Depressed fare recovery contributes significantly to the projected \$900M+ annual transit operating shortfall beginning in FY2027

Transit Transformation Action Plan Focus Areas

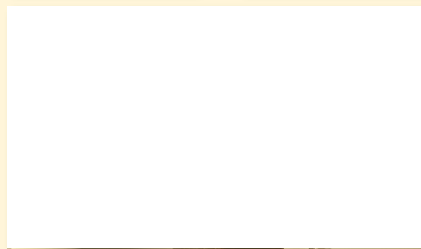
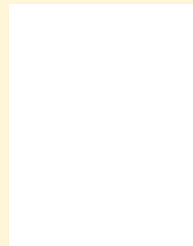
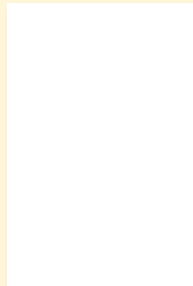
I. Fares and Payment

Simpler, consistent, and equitable fare and payment options.



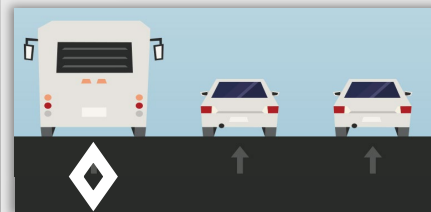
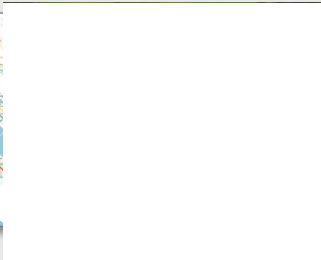
II. Customer Information

Make transit easier to navigate and more convenient.



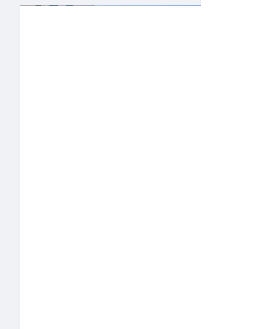
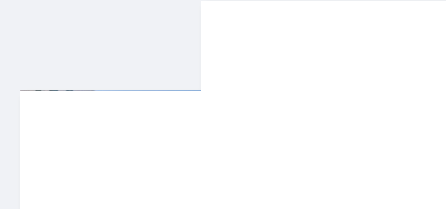
III. Transit Network

Transit services managed as a unified, efficient, and reliable network.



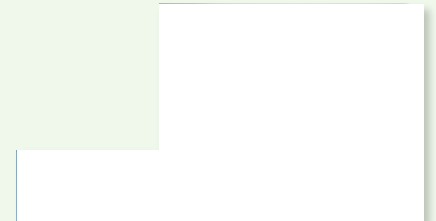
IV. Accessibility

Transit services for older adults, people with disabilities, and those with lower incomes are coordinated efficiently.



V. Funding

Use existing resources more efficiently and secure new, dedicated revenue to meet funding needs.



Near-Term Initiative: Transit Ridership Recovery

Senate Bill 63 (Wiener/Arreguin)

- Authorizes a multi-county sales tax to avert major service cuts on AC Transit, BART, Caltrain, and SF Muni, which face ~\$800M in annual operating deficits starting FY 27.
- Establishes a new Transportation Revenue Measure District, which facilitates a citizen initiative option for placing measure on ballot.
- Revenue Source:
 - ½-cent sales tax in Alameda & Contra Costa
 - Up to 1-cent in San Francisco
 - San Mateo and Santa Clara may opt into measure (but must decide before bill is final).
- MTC to administer funds, ensure regional coordination & accountability, and fund rider-focused improvements to make transit faster, more coordinated and more affordable.
- 10- 15-year limit, recognizing emergency nature of revenue measure

Infrastructure Spotlight

Caltrain Electrification Project

- \$2.4 Billion Transit Investment
- Funding plan included \$1.1 billion in state funds (TIRCP, Prop 1A & 1B, and CAHSRA)
- Opened August 2024
- Electrified service provides faster, cleaner, quieter, and more frequent trains from San Francisco to Santa Clara County
- Included the purchase of new, high-performance electric trains to replace diesel locomotive trains



Infrastructure Spotlight

I-80/Gilman St. Interchange Improvement Project

- Sponsors: Alameda County Transportation Commission & Caltrans District 4
- \$95 million total project cost
- Funding plan included \$49 million in state funds (STIP & ATP)
- Opened April 2025
- Improve safety, navigation, and traffic operations for roadway and active transportation users at I-80 & Gilman in Berkeley, CA

Infrastructure Spotlight

Marin Sonoma Narrows

- Sponsors: Transportation Authority of Marin, Sonoma County Transportation Authority, and Caltrans District 4
- \$800 million total project cost
- Funding plan included \$448 million in state funds (STIP, SCC, TCRP, Prop 1B, and LPP)
- Opening Summer 2025
- A decade-plus effort to upgrade Highway 101 with continuous carpool lanes in Marin & Sonoma Counties

Near-Term Infrastructure Priorities

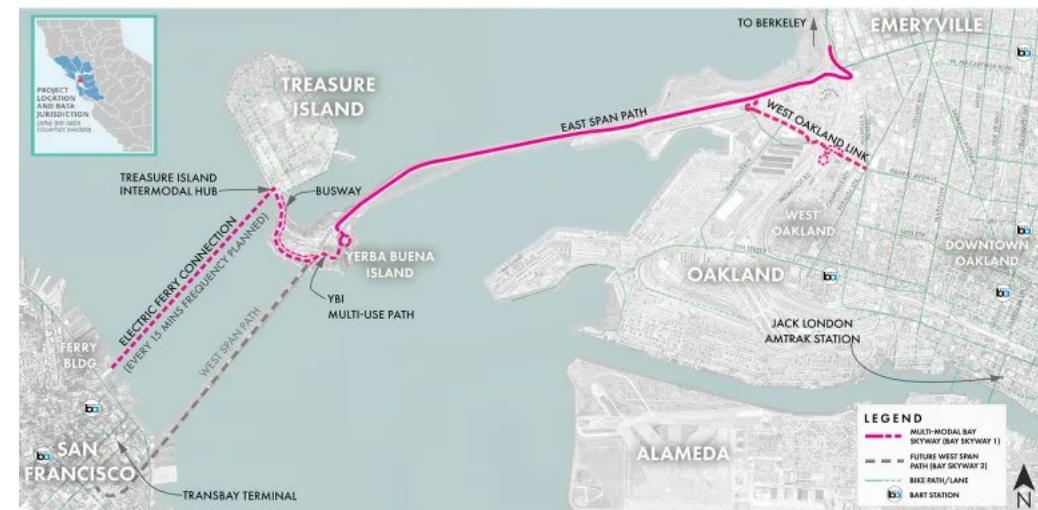
Resilient SR37

- Planning a more resilient Hwy 37 for all, between Solano, Napa, Sonoma & Marin counties.
- Hwy 37 is an environmentally sensitive corridor connecting housing to jobs that experiences congestion, flooding, and sea level rise.



Bay Skyway

- Extension of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge East Span Path into a broader active transportation network.
- Linking Oakland and the greater East Bay with Treasure Island and downtown San Francisco.



Ongoing Achievement: RM3 Implementation

- RM3 is a \$3 voter-approved toll increase on seven state-owned toll bridges, fully phased in as of January 2025
- \$4.5 Billion Capital Program; \$1.6 Billion allocated by Commission to date
- Bridge tolls support transit operations:
 - RM3 provides roughly \$50 million annually to support express bus & ferry service & Transbay Terminal operations



Thank you

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