

City of Oakland
Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD)
Monday, August 19, 2024
5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Hearing Room 1, First Floor
One Frank H. Ogawa Plaza (City Hall), Oakland, CA 94612

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Commission staff: Anh Nguyen-ADA Programs Division Manager, Mark Romoser-ADA Program Analyst I

Agenda

- 5:30 1. In-person meeting logistics and rules
- 2. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum

- 5:35 3. Open Forum
Any person may directly address the Commission on any items within the jurisdiction of this Commission not on the agenda for today. Speakers wishing to address a specific item on the agenda may do so when invited at the time the item is being considered. **There is no discussion allowed during Open Forum.** Please raise your hand if you wish to comment and wait to be called on.

In-person public comment will only be taken during Open Forum and during specific requests for public comment. There may be time limits put on comments if necessary.

All discussion topics are first opened to MCPD commissioners for comment and then for public comment, unless otherwise stated. Staff will read any e-comments that were submitted.

- 5:45 4. Agenda Modification
MCPD Commissioners may move around the agenda items to better conduct the meeting.

5. Approval of May 2024 Minutes (**Exhibit A**)

- 5:50 6. Commissioner's Announcements
Commissioners will provide brief updates on their activities and make announcements relevant to the commission and the Strategic goals of the Commission. **There is no discussion during announcements.**

- 6:00 7. AC Transit ReAlign Project by Maria Henderson (**Exhibit B**)

- 6:20 8. Link21 Initiative by Lisa Marie Alley (**Exhibit C**)

- 6:40 10. Prop 1 Impacts by Katie Wolf (**Exhibit D**)

- 7:00 11. Staff Updates and Announcements
Anh Nguyen, ADA Programs Division Manager

Future Agenda Items

Staff will briefly update on agenda items for upcoming meetings.

See MCPD scheduler at tinyurl.com/MCPD-AgendaPlanner.
Suggestions for future agenda items are also welcome; email adaprograms@oaklandca.gov for suggestions.

- 7:15 11. Adjournment
(Meeting shall end no later than 7:30 p.m., unless extended by majority vote of the Commission.)

Note: The Commission May Take Action on Any Item on the Agenda

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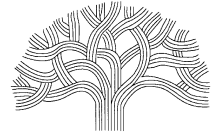
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City of Oakland

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Minutes

Commissioners: Anwar Baroudi (Chair), Benjamin Bartu (Vice Chair), Noah Smith, Marjorie Lynne, Fatimah Aure, Linda St. Julian, Thomas Cloyd, Linda Stevens, Raven Foote, Brittaney Creswell, Kaitlin Roh

Commission staff: Anh Nguyen-ADA Programs Division Manager, Mark Romoser-ADA Programs Division Program Analyst I

Presenters: Maria Henderson and David Berman, AC Transit
Irene Farnsworth, Bay Area Housing Finance Authority
Daniela Medina, Department of Violence Prevention

Other attendees: Sheela Gunn, Assata Olugbata

Attendees on Zoom: none

Mark Romoser begins the meeting with a reminder of rules for in-person meetings:

- No food or open drink allowed in Hearing Room 1 to maintain a clean and professional environment.
- Drinks must be in a closed container to prevent any spills or accidents.
- When commissioners speak- please press the top red button that says "mic" and when you are finished, please press the button again.
- To ensure clarity and transparency, when commissioners speak, please state your name before speaking.
- When a member of the audience is speaking or commenting- please first state your name and any affiliations you may have.
- Restrooms are located outside Hearing Room 1, near the elevators.

Exhibit A

Chair Baroudi called the meeting to order at 5:32.

Roll Call

- At roll call, quorum was established with seven of eleven commissioners present.

Commissioners	Present (x)
Anwar Baroudi (Chair)	X
Benjamin Bartu (Vice Chair)	X
Noah Smith	X
Marjorie Lynne	X
Linda St. Julian	Absent
Fatimah Aure	X (arrived 5:45)
Thomas Cloyd	X
Linda Stevens	X
Raven Foote	Absent (excused)
Brittaney Creswell	Absent
Kaitlin Roh	X

Open Forum: Assata Olugbata expressed concern over the apparent lack of diversity. And those who are impacted the greatest, such as the homeless community, the youth community. Families for Equity representing issues with RCEB – lack of services, lack of vendor equity. Black vendors not getting clientele. She has a child with a disability who is successful because he was treated like everyone else.

Approval Of Minutes

- Comm. Lynne made a motion to approve the May 2024 minutes. Comm. Smith seconded. Motion was approved 7-0.

Commissioner's Announcements

- Comm. Roh introduced herself.
- Chair Baroudi mentioned the presentation to Life Enrichment Committee, including hybrid attendance for commissioners. On Wednesday, Embarcadero West is having a community meeting.

Exhibit A

- Comm. Lynne stated that there is diversity in MCPD, as some Commissioners have invisible disabilities. She welcomes suggestions how to improve in this area and encourage folks to apply to serve on the Commission.

Department of Violence Prevention Ceasefire Program

- The presenters from DVP had not arrived.

Comm. Aure arrived at 5:45.

AC Transit ReAlign Project

- Maria Henderson and David Berman from AC Transit began their presentation.
- The presentation was interrupted by a medical emergency. The meeting went into recess.

Bay Area Housing Finance Authority Housing Bond

- Irene Farnsworth from BAHFA gave her presentation.
- Comm. Cloyd asked how BAHFA defines disability. Ms. Farnsworth replied that BAHFA followed state law.
- Comm. Stevens asked if BAHFA had a relationship with California Housing Finance Authority. Ms. Farnsworth replied that there was no formal relationship, but that BAHFA's director is in touch with them.
- Comm. Lynne pointed out that middle-class disabled people don't fall under the income guidelines but still need accessible housing. Are you going to make exceptions for them? There are few accessible units. Ms. Farnsworth replied that BAHFA follows statutory guidelines, but housing can be built up to 120% of area median income. She also noted that Doorway Housing Portal is a single search platform for the whole region. Comm. Lynne asked if people would be able to relocate, or have to stay in the same area. Ms. Farnsworth replied that BAHFA won't run applications.
- Comm. Smith asked if these plans would be in addition to regional initiatives. Ms. Farnsworth replied that 72,000 additional homes would be built, and that there is a pipeline of housing waiting to be built but needing financing.

Exhibit A

- Comm. Stevens asked what relationship the bond had to Section 8, 811, etc. Ms. Farnsworth replied that those would be used as ongoing funding sources, and that bond and other funds would be used for construction.
- Comm. Roh mentioned that the presentation included various types of units, but asked if they were near transit. Ms. Farnsworth replied that BAHFA's equity framework included transit-oriented development, that BAHFA is part of MTC, and that there are already programs to build housing near transit.
- Comm. Lynne asked if climate considerations included air conditioning and air filtration. Ms. Farnsworth replied that they mainly focused on greenhouse gas emissions and vehicle miles traveled, but that there may be metrics around building materials. She added that lowering construction costs was key. Comm. Lynne replied that cheap flooring contains formaldehyde.
- Chair Baroudi asked if the distribution of funds was equitable. Ms. Farnsworth replied that it was not, due to statutory guidelines. Chair Baroudi asked if the flex funds from the bond could be used for equity. Ms. Farnsworth replied that funds would be returned to counties based on their tax contributions, but that counties may allocate their funds as they wish. Chair Baroudi asked if Oakland had its own allocation. Ms. Farnsworth replied that it did, and that cities receiving funds are required to build with them. Chair Baroudi asked what metrics were used. Ms. Farnsworth replied that the metrics used include how many units meet ADA requirements. Chair Baroudi asked about public participation. Ms. Farnsworth replied that BAHFA holds public meetings that are noticed, three meetings each month.
- Sheela Gunn stated that there is a need to tip the scales towards housing for those with extremely low income, and that they can't afford to live in many places in the region. They asked if the places where housing would be built have transportation, and if the presentation was accessible, because they want to share it.
- Assata Olugbata asked if the housing would be built in places with homeowner's associations, and stated that places that pay more property tax get more money, including 410 million for Oakland. She then asked if there was a formula to distinguish between groups such as seniors, disabled, and homeless. Ms. Farnsworth replied that funds were distributed by county, and that BAHFA publishes accessible materials.

Exhibit A

Motion made by Comm. Cloyd, seconded by Comm. Smith, to reorder the agenda. Passed with no opposition.

Department of Violence Prevention Ceasefire Program

- Daniela Medina gave her presentation.
- Comm. Smith asked if Ms. Medina was looking for specific feedback from MCPD. Ms. Medina replied that the direct service providers that DVP uses don't have much knowledge of disability, even though some people become disabled through gun violence. Comm. Smith asked what would be the best way to get involved. Ms. Medina invited Comm. Smith to reach out to her.
- Comm. Stevens asked if DVP had a relationship with the Crisis Response Project of East Bay Regional Center. Ms. Medina replied that they did not, and clarified an earlier comment, stating that CPSC is California Partnership for Safe Communities.
- Vice Chair Bartu asked if material assistance was available. Ms. Medina replied that DVP works with agencies that provide mental health services and housing for their participant.
- Chair Baroudi asked how staffing was proceeding. Ms. Medina replied that the new budget gives DVP 4 more life coaches.
- Sheela Gunn mentioned that CRIL is the independent living center serving southern Alameda County and TheCIL is the one serving northern Alameda County, that both centers are also aging and disability resource centers that work with older adults, and that there might be synergy there.

Staff Updates and Announcements

- Netflix has announced the launch of a fellowship program dedicated to supporting writers and filmmakers with disabilities. [Applications](#) for this transformative opportunity are open until July 31.
- StaceyFest, a project of the Disability Justice Culture Club, will be the first disability culture festival in recent memory. The festival will be held July 20th, 2024 from 12 to 5 at Frank Ogawa Plaza in Oakland/unceded Ohlone land, during July because it is Disability Pride Month.

Exhibit A

- The Oakland Public Art Program, Cultural Affairs Division, Economic and Workforce Development Department invites emerging and experienced California artists to submit applications through **SlideRoom** for inclusion in a Public Art Prequalified Artist Roster. Selected artists will be considered for public art commissions from the City of Oakland to create new work for various city improvement projects. **The deadline to apply is August 16th, 2024, 11:59 pm PST.** Please join us for our Application Workshop webinar on July 17, 4:30-5:30 pm PST. No registration needed. More information can be found at the RFQ link below. Read the full RFQ here: <https://www.oaklandca.gov/publicartroster>
- **The Center for Independent Living (CIL) is delighted to invite you to our special event, "Celebrating Disability Pride Month: Legacy, Togetherness, and Resilience," on July 31st, 2024.** This event will take place at the Ed Roberts Campus and promises to be an inspiring and engaging celebration of the incredible contributions and enduring spirit of the disability community.

We are not only honoring Disability Pride and the legacy of the CIL and the disability rights movement, but also celebrating the new leadership of CIL with Dr. Victor Pineda.

The main event will feature:

- A reception from 4:00 - 4:45 PM in the Rotunda, food & drink provided. There will be tabling and activities by other ERC organizations.
- A panel discussion on *Disability Rights and Justice: Intergenerational Solidarity*.
- A screening of the Oscar-nominated film "Crip Camp," introduced by its co-director, James LeBrecht.
- Only one week until a free public workshop hosted by the City of Oakland's Department of Transportation (OakDOT) to learn about the upcoming streetscape and transportation improvements on **Embarcadero West** in the Jack London District.

We look forward to welcoming you at the workshop and working together to enhance the Jack London District.

Exhibit A

BLOC15 Event Venue
252 2nd St, Oakland, CA 94607
[View on map](#)

Jul 17, 2024 05:00pm - Jul 17, 2024 07:30pm

- Last week the City of Alameda shared [this press release](#) about Woodstock, the Oakland Alameda Water Shuttle that will start operating next Wednesday, July 17! We are very excited to offer folks a new way across the Estuary and hope you will help us share this good news with your businesses and residents. Here are some key points:

The [Oakland Alameda Water Shuttle](#) is a free service connecting Jack London Square and Alameda Landing

The water shuttle runs Wednesday-Sunday, is ADA accessible, and bikes are welcome.

- The public is invited to share their thoughts on the draft of the 2024 update the [Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan](#). **(link is external, opens in a new window)** The plan focuses on the transportation needs of older adults, people with disabilities and people with low incomes, and coordinates transit agencies and other transportation providers so that all Bay Area residents can get to where they need to go.

Future Agenda Items

- Chair Baroudi called for future agenda items. Anh Nguyen said to send ideas to adaprograms@oaklandca.gov.

Chair Baroudi asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Comm. Lynne so moved, and Comm. Cloyd seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:28.



Realign

AC Transit Realign Update

City of Oakland Commission on Persons with Disabilities

August 19, 2024

What is Realign?

It's a review of our bus lines.

Prioritize where and when transit service is offered

Align service with rider needs and equity goals

Realign Project Phasing

On-going emphasis on equity and transparency in all project phases and communications

Why Change Our Bus Network?

- Travel patterns have changed
- Ridership is 74% of pre-pandemic levels
- Challenges with hiring and retaining Bus Operators
- Fare and tax revenue losses continue
- Reallocate today's resources to best deliver bus service to our communities.

Guiding Principles



Public Engagement: Phase 4

May 5 through June 5, 2024

Engagement metric highlights:

- **23,116** Website Views
- **529** Online survey tool responses
- **180** Community events
 - **5,784** Touchpoints
- **49** emails
- **6** Phone calls
- Social Media Performance
 - **45,836** Impressions
 - **1,774** Engagements



Realign

Public Engagement: What We Heard

Positive Sentiments

- Support better transit connections
- Support more direct routes
- Support maintenance of coverage
- Appreciated increase in frequency on more lines

Negative Sentiments

- Concerned with Frequency reductions
- Concerned with consolidation of Lines 51A and 51B
- Concerned with level of service in central Alameda, Berkeley Hills and El Cerrito Hills

Realign Draft Final Plan

August 7, 2024 – September 11, 2024

Adjustments to Draft Plan

- Reflects significant public and operator feedback
- Maintain Lines 6, 51A, and 51B
- Move Line 7 terminal in Emeryville from Amtrak to Public Market
- Line 19 shortened to downtown Oakland
- Line 20 in Alameda Point extended west to Pan Am Way
- Line 21 split between Skyline High School and Chabot Space & Science Center
- Adjust Line 29 to downtown Berkeley, route instead via Sacramento & Stanford/Powell
- Adjust part of Line 73/805 routing near Coliseum BART

Recommendations Adopted by Board of Directors on March 13, 2024

Broaden Frequent Network

*Bus lines operating every 15 minutes: 1T, 6, **10, 18**, 20/21, 51A/B, 52, **57**, 97, and NL*

Improve Reliability *(Customer Focused/Operator Supported)*

Focus improvements where on-time performance (OTP) < 70%

Tune Frequency for efficiency

Minor changes (e.g., operate 15 to 17 min.) where savings possible

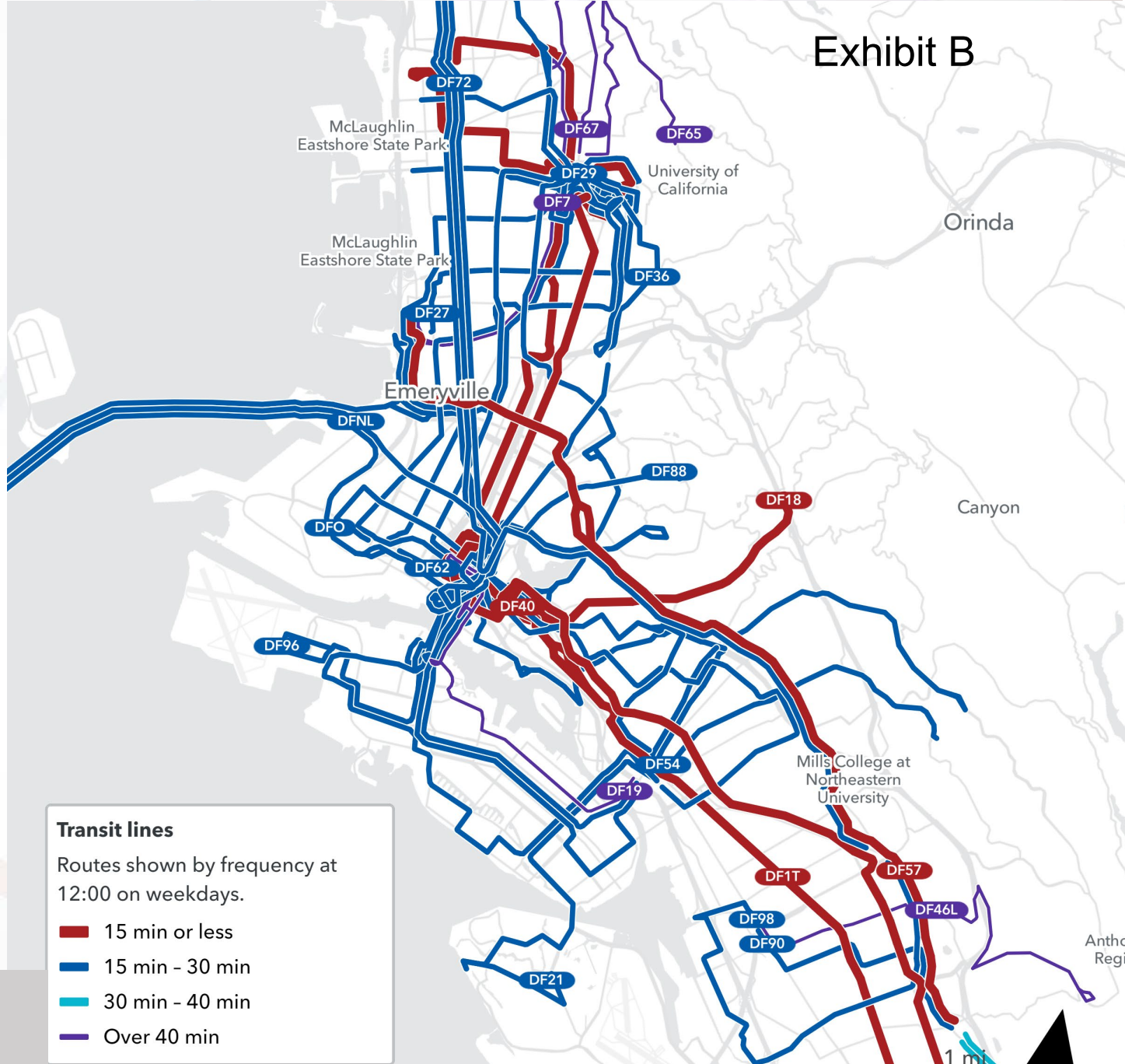
Frequent Service

(15 min. or better)

- Restores 15 min. service on lines 10, 18, 57, and NL
- **Maintain lines 6, 51A, and 51B as they exist today.**
- **San Pablo Corridor:** Local 72/72M every 15 minutes; Rapid every 30 minutes.
- **Alameda:** Lines 20/21 combined 15 min frequency between Otis and Macarthur.
- **Richmond:** Lines 70 and 76 on Cutting Blvd between El Cerrito del Norte BART and Richmond BART means 15-minute service.
- **Fremont:** Lines 210 and 299 on Fremont Blvd. between Decoto Rd. and Walnut Ave. every 15 minutes.



Exhibit B



Transit lines
Routes shown by frequency at 12:00 on weekdays.

- 15 min or less
- 15 min - 30 min
- 30 min - 40 min
- Over 40 min

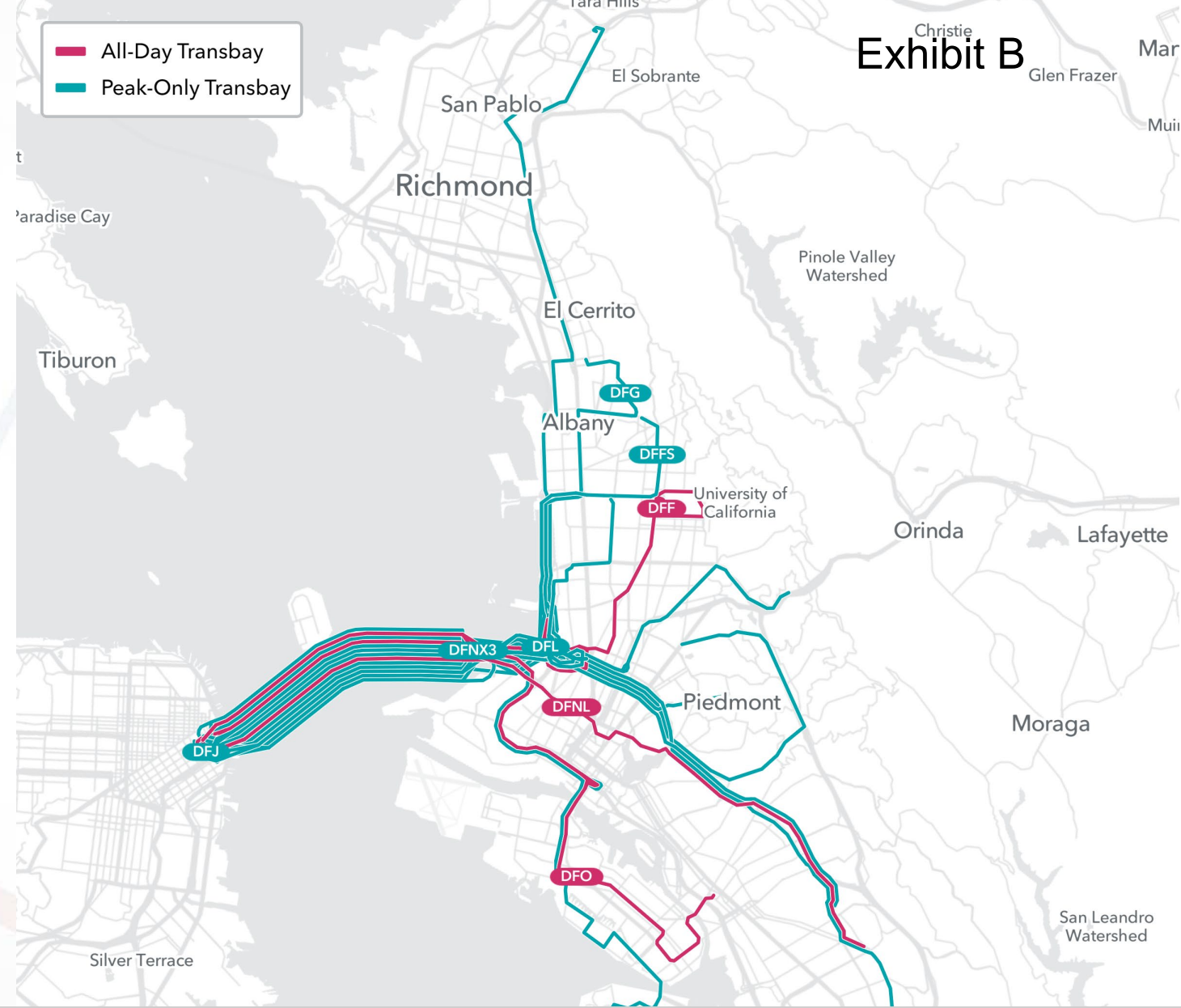
Northern Alameda County Proposal

- Adjusted Line 29 provides new service on Alcatraz and Stanford and extends to downtown Berkeley
- Adjusted Line 96 now provides service to Brooklyn Basin
- Service on Ashby is now provided by new Line 27
- Line 19 operates between downtown Oakland and Fruitvale BART.
- Line 21 no longer serves OAK Airport, replaces Line 39 service on Skyline and serves Chabot Space & Science Center
- Adjusted Line 20 provides new service on Alameda's West End, extends to Pan Am Way
- Slight frequency reduction on Lines 54 & 73



- All-Day Transbay
- Peak-Only Transbay

Christie Exhibit B



Transbay

- No changes to lines E, F, FS, G, J, NL, NX, NX3, O, P, U, V alignments
- Lines L and LA are consolidated
- Lines OX and W are consolidated
- Transbay Lines, temporarily suspended during the pandemic will not be restored: B, C, CB, H, M, NX2, NX4, NXC, OX, S, SB, Z

Paratransit Impacts

- Paratransit coverage area currently frozen at larger 2019-era network
- Grandfathering has cost and policy implications



Realign Service Levels by Phase *(from near- to long-term)*

Scope of Public Hearings

Realign **(as soon as March 2025)**

- Operator/Cost-Neutral
- 85% of Pre-Pandemic Service Levels

Realign+ (on-going)

- Operator and Funding-Dependent
- 100% of Pre-Pandemic Service Levels
- Focused on Priority Transit Network

Unconstrained Plan **(long-term)**

- Operator and Funding-Dependent
- Aspirational, unconstrained network plan
- Incorporating what we've heard from riders, public, advocates, and municipalities.



Realign+ : *As we staff up to our budgeted pre-pandemic headcount, where do we put those new operators?*

Reliability:

Fill all scheduled trips (meet or exceed KPI for % of Service Operated)

Invest in service schedules where needed

Continue capital reliability investments street + signal design, and dedicated restrooms for operators

Frequency:

Prioritize new service that **reestablishes frequent transit network**

Equity:

Ensure frequent network **improves travel in Equity Priority Communities (EPCs)**



Realign+ : Invest in Primary Route Network

Frequency and Span Minimums

Weekdays: 5:00 – 12:00 a.m.
at least every 15 minutes, 7:00am – 7:00pm

- 1. Line 72R**
- 2. Line 1T** (*every 7-8 minutes*)
- 3. Lines 51A/B** (*every 10 minutes*)
- 4. Line 14**
- 5. Line 62**
- 6. Line 88**
- 7. Line 73**
- 8. Line 36** (*based on existing Line 36/79 alignment ridership*)
- 9. Line F**

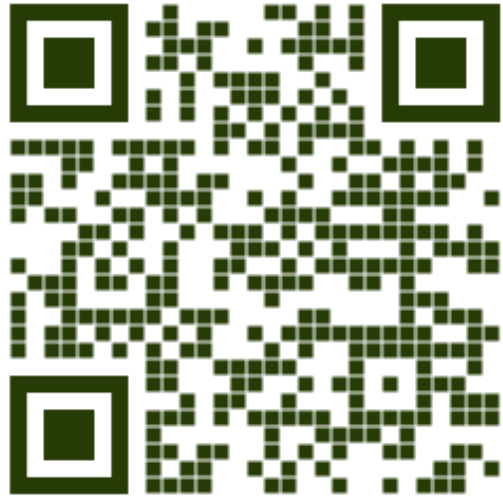
Weekends: 6:00 – 12:00 a.m.
at least every 20 minutes, 7:00am – 7:00pm

- 10. Line 54**
- 11. Line 76**
- 12. Line 27** (*based on existing Line 7 and Line 79 ridership*)
- 13. Line 12**
- 14. Line 52**
- 15. Line 299** (*based on existing Line 99 ridership*)

Next Steps

Draft Plan [Done]	May 15 – June 5, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Review & Feedback
Draft Final Plan	August 7 – September 11, 2024 <i>(We are Here)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Set Public Hearings & Open Public Comment period
Public Hearings	September 9,10,11, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Convene Public Hearings & Close Public Comment period
Final Plan Decision	October 9, 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Board Votes on Final Plan

Stay connected with AC Transit Realign
at *actransit.org/realign* or scan the QR code.



Email us at *realign@actransit.org*

Call us on our Community Project Line:

(510) 267-5631 (English)

(510) 267-5632 (Spanish)

(510) 267-5633 (Mandarin)

(510) 267-5634 (Cantonese)

LINK21

CONNECT NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Oakland Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities

- August 19, 2024

Exhibit C



Link21: Planning A Better Future

Connecting People & Places

The Vision:

Link21 & its partners will provide faster, more connected, equitable, affordable, & accessible train service for the megaregion

The Program:

- Construct new Transbay rail crossing
- Improve BART & Regional Rail service connections



Finding The Right Solution

The Challenge (Problem Statement):

Megaregional Access

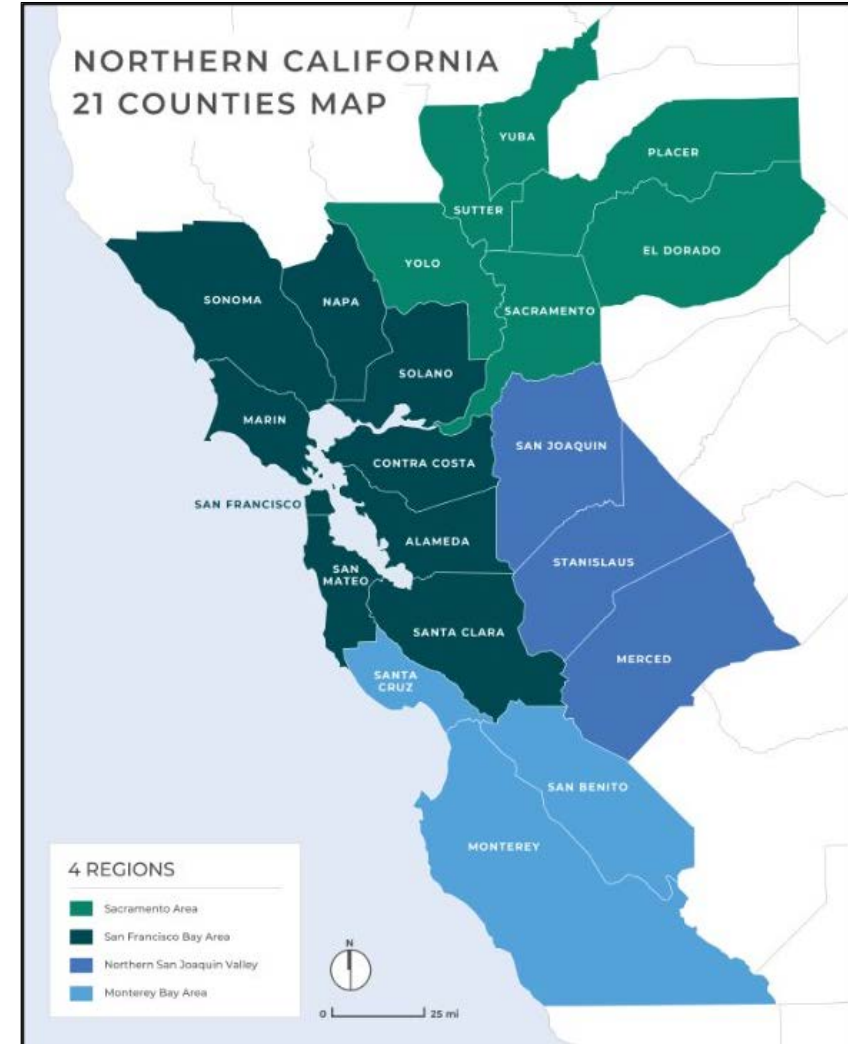
- Insufficient rail access to destinations

Equity

- Priority Populations face inequitable access

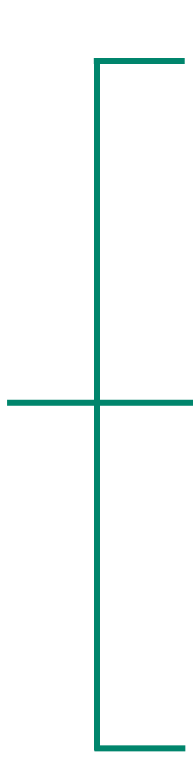
Transbay Capacity

- Transbay rail capacity may be insufficient in future



Link21 Goals & Objectives

**Transform
the Passenger
Experience**



**Promote Equity and
Livability**



**Support Economic Opportunity
and Global Competitiveness**



**Advance Environmental
Stewardship and Protection**



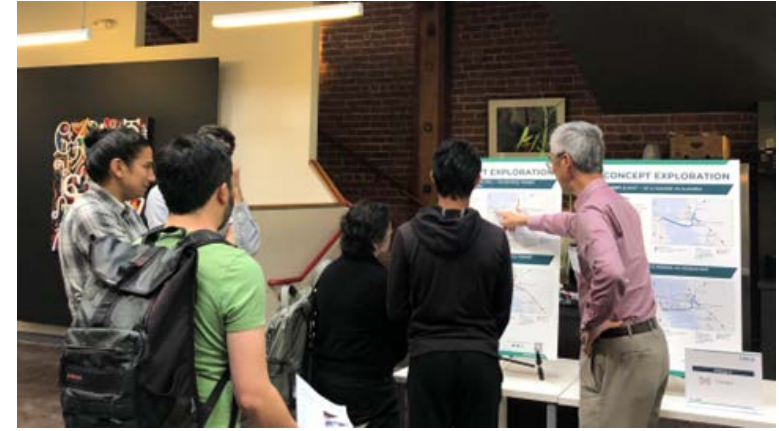
Link21 Commitment to Equity & Engagement

Advancing Equitable Outcomes

- Community Partnerships & Co-Creation
- Targeting Priority Populations
- Equity Advisory Council
- Equity Metrics & Analysis

Program Shaped by Public Input

- Briefings, presentations, large events & meetings
- Community events & in-station outreach
- In-person & digital communications





Equity Advisory Council (EAC)

27 Meetings & Counting

- **Regular Engagement:** Bi-monthly virtual public meetings & technical office hours
- **18 members** from the Megaregion
- **Governed** by Charter & Bylaws
- **Honorarium Pilot & Barrier Mitigation Fund**
- **Topics:** Accessibility, anti-displacement, connecting transit, fares, community benefits, equity metrics



“Think about a connected network as an equity strategy.”

- EAC Member

Accessible Engagement & Information

Digital Accessibility

- Link21 committed to accessibility: Program website/hosted materials site are Section 508 compliant and meet digital accessibility requirements

Engagement & Outreach

- Co-Creation Community Workshops with Resources for Independent Living and Valley Improvement Projects
- Presentation and discussions with Helping Hands East Bay
- In-person community events held in ADA accessible facilities

Planning & Engineering

- Designing a system that is accessible to all





Where Link21 is Headed

Link21 Program Key Milestone

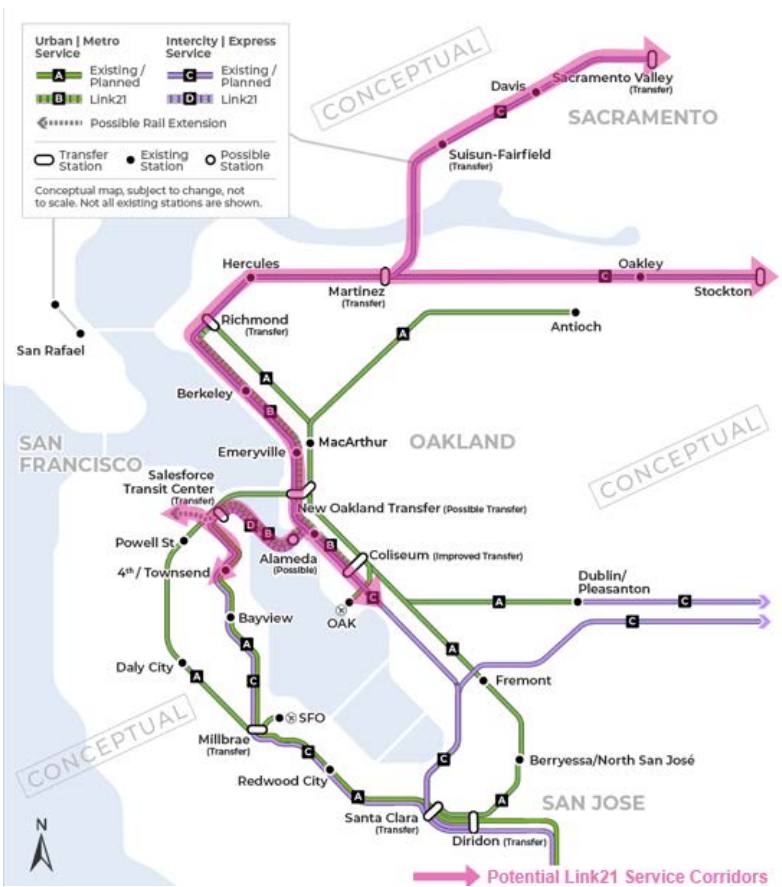
Phase 1 Work Completed:

- ✓ Concept Development & Analysis
- ✓ Service Planning
- ✓ Options Evaluation
- ✓ Engagement & Outreach

Next Steps:

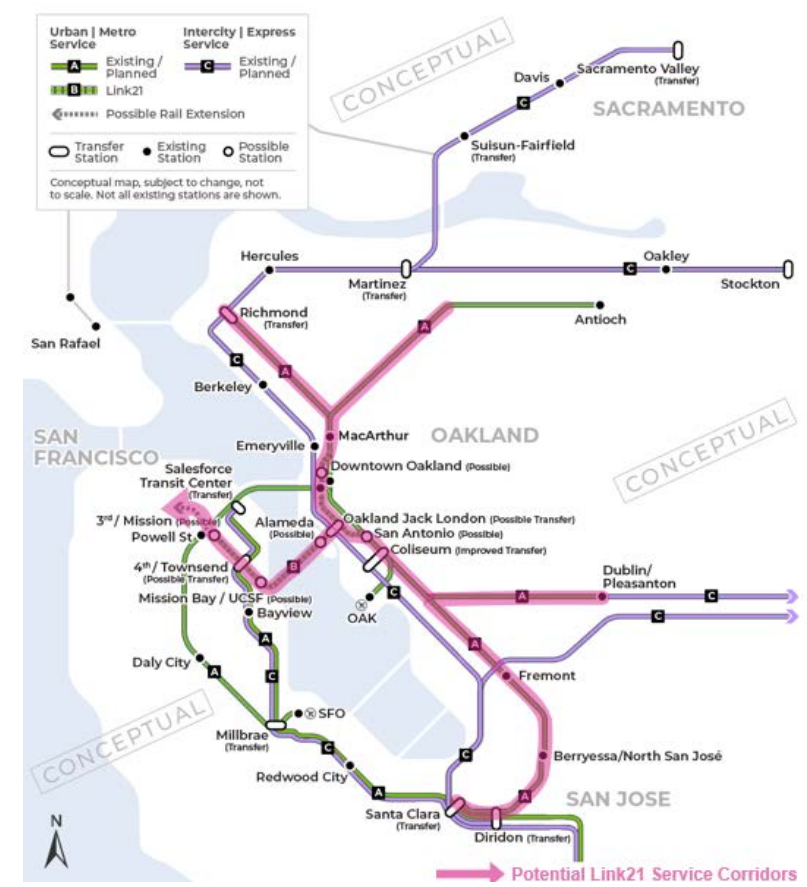
- Identify Train Technology in the train crossing
 - Standard-gauge (Regional Rail)
 - Broad-gauge (BART)
- Further planning to define project (alignment, station locations, etc.)
- Stakeholder and public engagement

Comparison: Standard-gauge vs. Broad-gauge



Standard-gauge
Regional Rail

OR



Broad-gauge
BART



Oakland Considerations

- A new **central transportation hub** for the Megaregion
- Improved **access to jobs** and destinations for Oaklanders
- Alignment with **Oakland plans**
- Improved **safety, health, and air quality** for Oaklanders
- Substantial investment to **advance equity**
- Potential new alignment and stations will be assessed in **future phases**



Targeted Engagement in Oakland – Partial List

Link21 Equity Advisory Council (EAC)

- Bi-monthly meetings (includes four Oakland representatives)

Staff Briefings & Presentations

- Monthly meetings with OakDOT, Planning & Building Department, and Port of Oakland
- Jurisdictional Working Group (includes Oakland representatives)

Community & Link21 Events (examples)

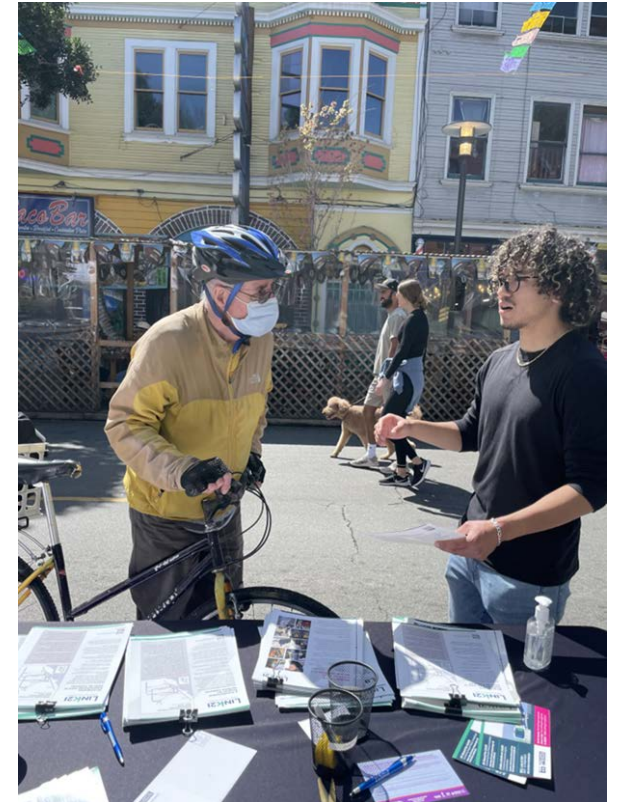
- Events – Rose Foundation New Voices Rising
- Open Houses – Jack London Improvement District



Targeted Engagement in Oakland

Community-Based Organizations and Leaders

- Asian Pacific Environmental Network (APEN)
- Black Arts Movement Business District
- Black Cultural Zone
- Causa Justa: Just Cause (CJJC)
- Center for Employment Opportunities (CEO)
- Creating Restorative Opportunities and Programs (CROP)
- Ella Baker Center
- East Bay Asian Youth Center



Targeted Engagement in Oakland – Continued

Community-Based Organizations and Leaders

- East Oakland Youth Development Center
- Friends of San Antonio Park
- Jack London Business Improvement District
- Longfellow Community Associations
- Oakland Asian Cultural Center
- Oakland Chinatown Chamber
- Prescott Neighborhood Council

Targeted Engagement in Oakland – Continued

Community-Based Organizations and Leaders

- Rose Foundation
- St. Columba Catholic Church
- Trybe
- Unity Council
- We Lead Ours (WELO)
- West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project
- West Oakland Neighbors



What We've Heard – Highlights from Oakland

Rider Experience

- Increased frequencies & longer hours
- Improved reliability, access & safety on trains
- Fare affordability

Program Funding & Management

- BART fiscal cliff & funding

Infrastructure & Network Integration

- Interest in underground tracks/West Oakland access
- Enthusiasm for Oakland Jack London BART Station
- Interest in San Antonio BART or Capitol Corridor Station



Next Steps: Identifying a Project For Link21

Planning Focus Areas



Identify Crossing Train Technology



Project Definition & Refinement



Funding Strategy



Governance & Key Stakeholder Coordination



Ongoing Public Engagement & Equity



Thank you

Some Recent Behavioral Health* Developments in California

*behavioral health = mental health + substance use

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Exhibit D

Mental Health Human Rights Milestones in California

- 1967 (enacted 1972): Lanterman-Petris-Short Act
- 1989: *Riese v. St. Mary's Hospital & Medical Center* California Supreme Court case decided
- 2017: Report of the United Nations Working Group on Arbitrary Detention on its visit to the United States of America
- 2023: Alameda County Settlement Agreement
- 2024: Disability Rights California STUCK Report

Recent Past Legislation

2021

- **Assembly Bill (AB) 133 (Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program or BHCIP):**
 - \$1+ billion to fund behavioral health facilities, particularly locked ones
 - Proposition 1 added up to \$4.393 billion

2022

- **Senate Bill (SB) 929:** Data collection on involuntary holds
- **SB 1227:** Allows second 30-day involuntary hold for “gravely disabled” persons (after a 3-, 14-, and first 30-day hold)
- **SB 1338 (CARE Court):** New court system to order treatment for “schizophrenia spectrum and other psychotic disorders”

Recent Past Legislation

2023 (non-Proposition-1 bills)

- **SB 35:** CARE Court updates
 - Weakens requirements for presiding officers
 - Allows and requires disclosure of medical records to counties in CARE Court cases without patient consent

Recent Past Legislation

2023 (non-Proposition-1 bills)

- **SB 43:** Expands “gravely disabled” definition
 - Now includes “severe substance use disorder” as a sufficient diagnosis and inability to provide for “personal safety” or “necessary medical care” as criteria
 - Allows health practitioners’ statements in medical records to enter involuntary hold and conservatorship hearings without the health practitioner’s presence
 - Most counties except San Francisco and San Luis Obispo delayed implementation (Alameda County to January 1, 2026) because California currently has zero existing facilities for forced SUD treatment

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Proposition 1: \$6.38 Billion Bond (AB 531)

Permanent supportive housing (\$1.987 billion)

- 4,350 units (\$456,781 per unit plus interest)
- 2,350 of 4,350 units (\$1.065 billion) for veterans
- 4,350 units would house 2.4% of 181,399 unhoused in California in 2023 (2023 Annual Homeless Assessment Report)

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Proposition 1: \$6.38 Billion Bond (AB 531)

Treatment facilities (\$4.393 billion)

- 6,800 beds (\$646,029 per bed plus interest)
- Bill and proponents promised that it would fund only unlocked facilities for voluntary, community-based treatment
- Bill amended 81 hours before final passage to delete all the unlocked, voluntary, and community-based language and insert euphemisms for locked facilities (“acute and subacute care”)
- Adds the funds to BHCIP and repeals 2027 BHCIP sunset (to allocate more future budget dollars for facility construction)
- More on funds at infrastructure.buildingcalhhs.com

Proposition 1: Behavioral Health Services Act (SB 326)

Original Mental Health Services Act

- Passed in 2004 as Proposition 63 after advocacy by Mad and disabled people, families, and clinicians
- Funded by 1% tax on incomes over \$1 million
- Cannot be used for long-term institutionalization or conservatorship
- Budgeting and data collection and evaluation overseen by the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC), including real (and reimbursed) participation by people with serious mental illness (SMI)

Proposition 1: Behavioral Health Services Act (SB 326)

Behavioral Health Services Act

- Renames the Mental Health Services Act the Behavioral Health Services Act
- Unchanged amount of funding must now also cover substance use disorder treatment and new housing
- Unclear if can now fund long-term institutionalization or conservatorship
- Moves most of the budgeting and evaluation authority from the more independent MHSOAC to the governor's office via the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)

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Currently Pending Legislation

- **SB 26:** Scholarships for mental health clinicians who agree to implement CARE Court for 3 years after licensure
- **SB 42:** Notice to CARE Court petitioners of case dispositions
- **SB 402:** Expands initial involuntary hold (5150) authority to private practice therapists
- **SB 1184:** Allows Riese involuntary medication orders to last into subsequent involuntary holds
- **SB 1238:** Authorizes existing mental health facilities also to hold involuntary patients with standalone substance use disorders

Institutions for Mental Diseases Exclusion

- **Institutions for Mental Diseases (IMD) Exclusion:**
Social Security Amendments of 1965 prohibit Medicaid funds from paying for treatment in mental health facilities > 16 beds
- **California Behavioral Health Community-Based Organized Networks of Equitable Care and Treatment (BHCONNECT) Demonstration:**
Application for an IMD exclusion waiver in California
 - Submitted October 20, 2023, and addended July 26, 2024, to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
 - Pending (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has seemed skeptical)

Exhibit D Organizations I love

- All People's Health Collective: allpeopleshealthcollective.substack.com
- Black Men Speak: blackmenspeak.org
- California Association of Mental Health Patients' Rights Advocates (CAMHPRA): camhpra.com
- California Association of Mental Health Peer-Run Organizations: camhpro.org
- California Pan-Ethnic Health Network: cpehn.org
- CalVoices: calvoices.org
- Disability Rights California: disabilityrightsca.org
- Mental Health First Oakland: antipoliceterrorproject.org/mh-first-oakland
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- Painted Brain: paintedbrain.org

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