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**Transbay Transit Center Project Celebrates Safety Week, Reinforces SF Vision  
Zero Measures**

*Week of safety-related events and training celebrate project's past safety record while continuing to  
improve safety for workers and pedestrians*

San Francisco, Calif. (May 4, 2015) – Contractors at the Transbay Transit Center site in downtown San Francisco will participate in trainings throughout the week to reinforce the importance of safety on the four-block long construction site. Part of an industry-wide annual tradition, Transbay's Safety Week will include a celebration of the project's strong safety record to date, as well as sessions to promote continuous safety improvement.

Throughout Safety Week, each contractor on the Transbay site will provide their crews with safety training specific to their role on the project. Dennis Turchon, Senior Construction Manager for the Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA), explained that these safety reminders are critical on any site, especially one as large as Transbay's.

“Our project has provided over 1.4 million craft hours to the tradeworkers of our city and state,” said Turchon. “We are extremely committed to ensuring that every worker goes home at the end of the day safely.”

The high point of Safety Week will be a two hour “safety stand-down” on Wednesday, May 6, when all workers on-site will pause to engage in four strategic safety modules. The site-wide safety training includes a

session on ladder safety, one on stretch-and-flex ergonomics, and two sessions given by the City of San Francisco's Vision Zero Task Force focusing on pedestrian safety around large vehicles and a busy worksite.

Remarking on Vision Zero's prominent presence at Safety Week, TJPA Executive Director Maria Ayerdi-Kaplan noted that the Transbay Project is intimately connected to the surrounding neighborhood, which has sprung up in response to the Transit Center's construction.

"The Transbay Transit Center Project is about creating a sustainable, reliable and safe public transit network, and we've applied those values to the construction process" said Ayerdi-Kaplan. "We appreciate that Turner Construction, our construction oversight manager, and Webcor-Obayashi Joint Venture, our general contractor, every day reinforce the importance of safety on the job-site for everyone working on our project and for the public who live and work in the surrounding neighborhood."

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*The Transbay Transit Center, known as the "Grand Central Station of the West," is a revolutionary transportation facility that will transform the South of Market neighborhood into the new heart of downtown. The Transit Center will connect eight Bay Area counties and 11 transit systems, including future High Speed Rail. The Transbay Transit Center Phase 1 is scheduled to open in late 2017. To learn more about the project, please visit our website at [www.TransbayCenter.org](http://www.TransbayCenter.org).*

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