



# Transbay Program

## Connecting the Bay Area Megaregion and the State of California

Extends Caltrain and brings High-Speed Rail service to downtown San Francisco while connecting Bay Area riders to jobs, housing and economic opportunities

The Downtown Rail Extension (DTX) project, also known as The Portal, is a transformational infrastructure investment, delivering on the decades-long promise of bringing communities closer, reducing climate change impacts and providing Bay Area residents with better access to jobs, housing and economic opportunities. The project has been over 30-years in the making as part of the Transbay Joint Powers Authority's (TJPA) vision to deliver seamless transportation service through its multimodal six-story transit hub, the Salesforce Transit Center, in downtown San Francisco. The Portal will extend Caltrain service from Fourth and King street to the heart of downtown San Francisco and connect rail to nine bus transit systems found in eight Bay

Area counties. It is a transformational, once-in-a-generation investment that will ultimately connect 11 Bay Area transit systems from San Francisco to the East and North Bays, and the Peninsula and South Bay. It provides a one-seat ride from the heart of the Bay Area to Los Angeles/Anaheim through the California state rail system. This transformative project will close a significant gap in the region's transportation network; is the single most important mile in the State's high-speed rail system; and is a foundational investment in the Bay Area's megaregional transportation system, preparing for the second transbay crossing through Link 21. With the two-story train box built in the Center's basement levels, it is not a question of if, but when rail service will start at the Center.

#### **PROJECT QUICK FACTS**

- 2.2-mile rail alignment with 1.5 miles of tunnel, two freestanding emergency exit/ventilation structures, and new underground stations at the Salesforce Transit Center and at Fourth and Townsend streets
- Accepted into the Federal Transit Administration's Capital Investment Grants Program Engineering phase, May 2024
- Environmentally cleared: FTA's Record of Decision received in 2019
- Endorsed as a Tier 1 project in the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Plan Bay Area 2050 and as a project of the Transbay Program, which is recognized as a Federal SAFETEA-LU Project of National and Regional Significance
- Over two-thirds of the \$8.2 billion estimated cost now budgeted or committed



## **Regional Collaboration**

TJPA is leading the delivery of The Portal in cooperation with five other agencies through the San Francisco Peninsula Rail Program Memorandum of Understanding, a regional collaboration model to formally deliver the project.













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The two-level train box, built with \$400 million of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding in 2010 and found in the Center's basement levels, is ready to be outfitted to bring trains into the Center.

### The Portal will:

- Allow seamless transfers between 11 transit systems for thousands of daily rail and bus transit passengers
- Provide a one-seat ride into downtown San Francisco from Silicon Valley and through the state's high-speed rail system
- Enhance safety for pedestrians and cyclists by reducing cars on city streets
- Reduce private vehicle use along the Caltrain corridor by over 76 million miles annually (2045 forecast)
- Provide equity priority communities, located within 1,000 feet of the two stations, access to an integrated transit system
- Improve air quality by reducing greenhouse gas emissions associated with private vehicle use by over 30,000 metric tons of CO₂e annually (2045 forecast)
- Create thousands of jobs, including through Small and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises and veterans' programs
- Enhance riders' access to employment, housing and services within San Francisco, along the Peninsula corridor and throughout the greater Bay Area
- Connect to federal infrastructure investments including the Center's train box, Caltrain's electrified corridor, California high-speed rail, the BART to Silicon Valley Program, and Link21's future rail crossing

#### Delivering on the Transbay Program Vision

The delivery of The Portal is part of the long-term vision of the TJPA's Transbay Program created in 2001, consisting of three parts:

- Replacement of the former Transbay Terminal with a multimodal Transit Center;
- 2. Creation of a transit-oriented neighborhood featuring housing, open space, offices and shops; and
- 3. Extension of Caltrain and California High Speed Rail service into downtown San Francisco.

Through the construction of the Salesforce Transit Center, over 24,000 total construction jobs were created in 47 states. Nearly 4,000 new housing units will be constructed with 35% affordable in this burgeoning transit-oriented neighborhood.

#### **ABOUT THE TRANSIT CENTER**

- 1.2-million-square-foot six-level multimodal transit hub
- Will serve 11 transit systems
- Over 100,000 square feet of commercial space
- 5.4 acre rooftop park with 13 botanical gardens
- Sustainable LEED Gold certified: living roof, natural light and ventilation, reduced greenhouse gas emissions

PROJECT SCHEDULE*						
2019	2020	2022	2024	2025	2026	2027
NEPA/CEQA Environmental Clearance	Project Definition	Project Development & Engineering	Project Delivery			
<ul> <li>TJPA Board Certification December 2018</li> <li>FTA Record of Decision</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Phasing Study</li><li>Financial Plan</li><li>Technical Studies</li></ul>	New Starts requirements     Design     Third party agreements	<ul><li>Entry to Engineering</li><li>Procurement</li></ul>		Enabling Works     Contracts	<ul> <li>Full Funding Grant Agreen</li> </ul>

PRECONSTRUCTION / CONSTRUCTION

July 2019