Building the "Grand Central Station of the West"

The Transbay Transit Center will centralize the region’s transportation network by conveniently connecting all points in the San Francisco Bay Area for more than 100,000 passengers per day. The TJPA is building a state-of-the-art bus and rail station—the "Grand Central Station of the West"—that will accommodate eleven transit systems from the Bay Area and Southern California. The new Transit Center will make world-class public transit options accessible, seamless, safe, and efficient.

As the northern terminus for high speed rail in California and one of the first modern high speed rail stations to be constructed in the United States, the multi-billion project will:

- Serve high speed rail, Caltrain, Amtrak
- Stimulate the economy by creating more than 125,000 jobs
- Generate more than $87 billion in Gross Regional Product and $52 billion in personal income through 2030
- Increase transit use through intermodal connections for eight Bay Area counties and Southern California
- Allow for the development of a new neighborhood surrounding the station
- Serve as the San Francisco terminus for California high speed rail service which will reduce California CO2 emissions by 1.4 percent statewide
- Serve up to 45 million passengers per year
- Use cutting edge designs and technologies to achieve LEED Gold certification
- Feature a fully accessible 5.4 acre park on the roof of the Transbay Transit Center and utilize natural light to conserve energy
- Reduce carbon dioxide emissions by more than 36,000 tons each year from the Caltrain commuter rail extension alone
TRANSBAY TRANSIT CENTER
The Transbay Transit Center in downtown San Francisco will transform transportation in California and stimulate the economy. As one of the largest approved public transportation projects under construction in the Western US, the Center will connect eight counties of the Bay Area through eleven transit systems: AC Transit, Amtrak, BART, Caltrain, Golden Gate Transit, Greyhound, MUNI, SamTrans, WestCAT Lynx, Paratransit and future High Speed Rail from San Francisco to Los Angeles.

THE PROJECT
The project consists of three interconnected elements:
• Replacing the outdated Transbay Terminal
• Extending Caltrain and California High Speed Rail underground into the new downtown Transit Center
• Creating a new neighborhood surrounding the new Transit Center with homes, offices, parks and shops

FUNDING
The Transbay Transit Center and the Caltrain Downtown Rail Extension Program are being funded through local, regional, state and federal sources. To deliver public transportation improvements as quickly as possible, the project is being built in two phases. The first phase is under construction and on schedule to be completed in 2017. While local and regional funds were used to complete early elements of the first phase, a $400 million federal economic stimulus grant and a $171 million federal loan cleared the way for construction to begin in 2010. TJPA is actively seeking new and innovative sources to fully fund all components of the program.

FEATURES OF THE TRANSBAY TRANSIT CENTER
The Transbay Transit Center features “City Park”, a 5.4-acre fully-accessible public park that will sit atop the facility—one of many environmentally-friendly building features. The LEED Gold Certified Transit Center will incorporate green building strategies including solar shading, wind power and the use of natural light to conserve water and energy. The design of the Transit Center will feature a surrounding retail “Main Street” and neighborhood parks as well as artworks by artists that have been incorporated into the design of the Center. Projections as of July 2012 also estimate approximately 4,500 homes will be developed in the combined Transbay Redevelopment Area and Transit Center District Plan Area.

Did you know?
• According to the U.S. Census, there are 176,000 jobs located within one half mile of the new Transbay Transit Center
• Construction workers on the project are representative of the Bay Area’s ethnic diversity
• 41% of all contracts/subcontracts have been awarded to small businesses and disadvantaged businesses
• Demolition of former Transbay Terminal, which entailed 55,000 craft hours, completed without any accidents or injuries

More than 125,000 jobs will be created by the Transbay Transit Center Project

The rail level of the new Transit Center will serve both Caltrain commuter rail service and High Speed Rail service to Los Angeles.