



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Metropolitan Transportation Commission  
March 23, 2022

### New Appointments

**Nick Atchison**– Nick started with MTC on March 7<sup>th</sup> as an Assistant Planner/Analyst, Travel Modeling in the Regional Planning Program section.

**Albert Cheung**– Albert started with MTC on March 7<sup>th</sup> as a Program Coordinator, Transportation/Bridge Engineering in the Field Operations and Asset Management section.

**Andrea Visveshwara**– Andrea started with MTC on March 7<sup>th</sup> as a Senior Counsel in the Office of General Counsel.

**Derek Hansel**– Derek started with MTC on March 22<sup>nd</sup> as the Chief Financial Officer in the Executive section.

### Key Updates

#### **COVID-Related Activities**

A reminder that all Covid-19 related reporting items can be found on our MTC webpage. We provide monthly updates on all related activities, and statistics that are affecting the region. The website address is below:

<https://www.mtc.ca.gov/covid>

As mentioned in the last Programming and Allocations Committee meeting, regarding the near-term future for our region's transit operators, the Bay Area received **\$536 million in federal American Rescue Plan (discretionary grant) relief funds** – about 24% of the national total spread across seven operators in the region. Although this is good news for short range transit planning, it does also mean that Bay area operators are still struggling, more so than in other parts of the country.

**Mega Projects Workshop (May 25-26, 2021)** The agency is planning for a May 2-day workshop to coincide with the regularly schedule Commission meeting. This will serve to update the Commission on the status of mega projects in progress in the region and plans to update the region's transit mega project delivery strategy, known as Resolution 3434, with a multi-modal major project advancement policy (MAP).

The installation of **Next-Generation Clipper (C2)** system equipment is well underway. The first two Muni light-rail vehicles with C2 readers installed went into service March 16. This milestone follows the commencement of installing C2 stand-alone readers at AC Transit and Golden Gate Ferry locations in late January.

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**Items to Note**

I participated in the Metro Talks series on *Rebuilding a Better Bay* which focused on celebrating International Women's Day. I was one of two speakers along with Dina El-Tawansy, MTC Commissioner and Caltrans District 4 Director; the event was sponsored by the California Association of Councils of Government (CALCOG) and the Women's Transportation Seminar. The talk was moderated by WTS member Itzel Moreno Rosas a Civil Engineer at Jacobs. Applications for the 2022 Bay Area Summer Academy are now open! MTC, ABAG, the Air District, and BCDC are putting on a **paid** remote learning experience to encourage youth, particularly those from underrepresented backgrounds, to learn about regional governments and consider a career in public service. Students having until Monday, April 4 to apply:

<https://mtc.one/bayareasummeracademy>

Please share widely with your constituents and networks (you can download a shareable flier [here](#)) – thank you!

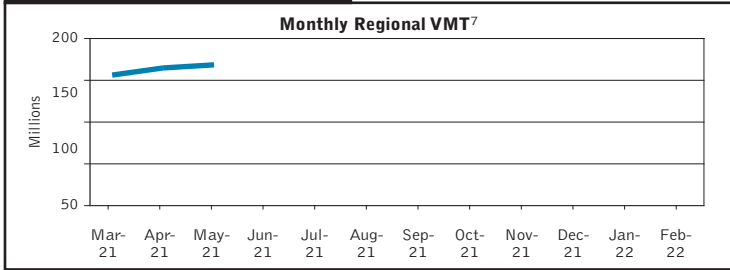
The **BayREN Business Plan and Budget** request was filed at the CA Public Utilities Commission in early March. The Plan includes an expansion of the portfolio to include a new workforce program designed for low-income youth that provides training, paid internships and job placements in the clean economy, new public sector programs focused on support for decarbonizing municipal buildings, and a refrigerant replacement program for small food service establishments. The portfolio has a greater emphasis on equity programs. The budget request has increased to approximately \$38 – 45 mil during the Plan years of 2024-2031.



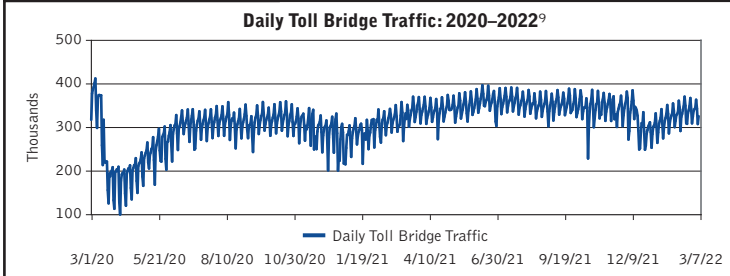
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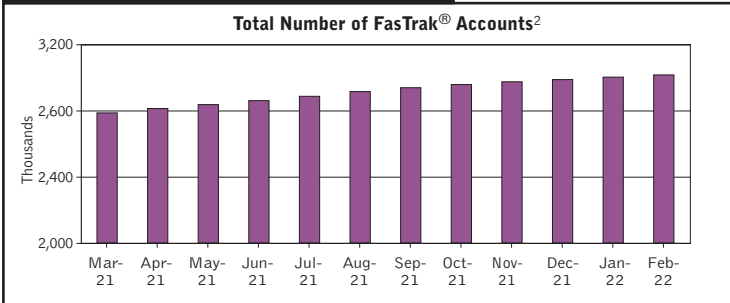
## VMT in COVID-19 Pandemic



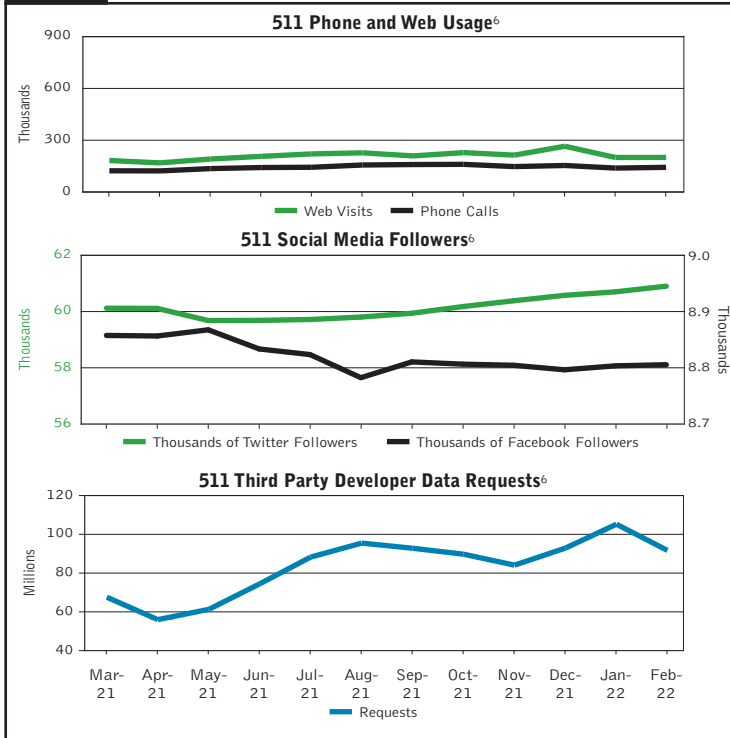
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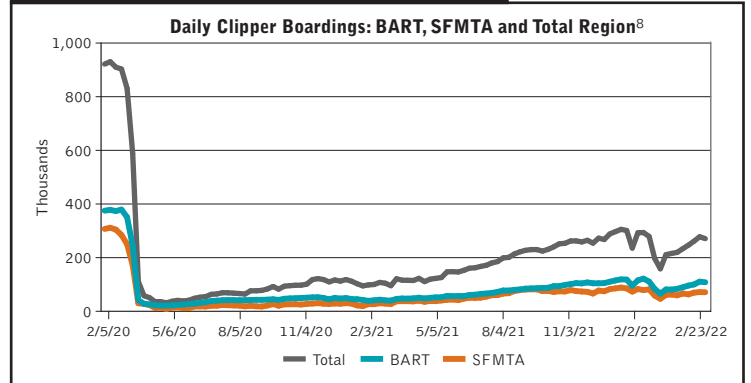
## FasTrak® Electronic Toll Collection<sup>1</sup>



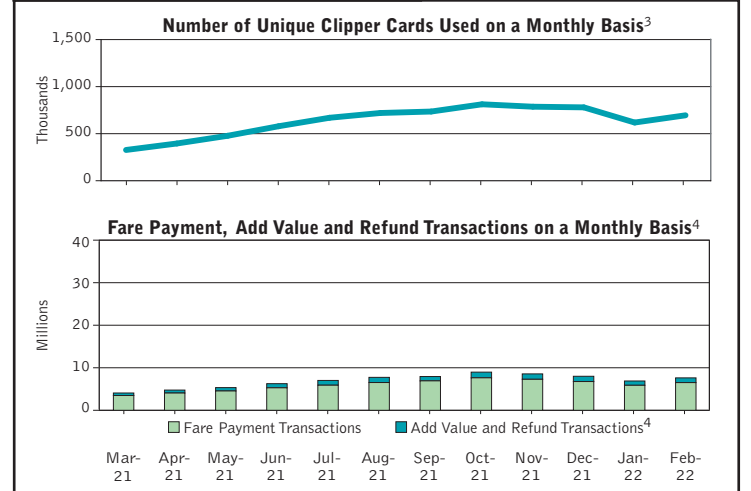
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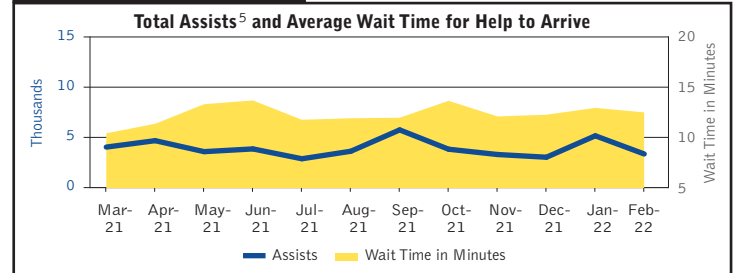
## Transit Ridership in COVID-19 Pandemic



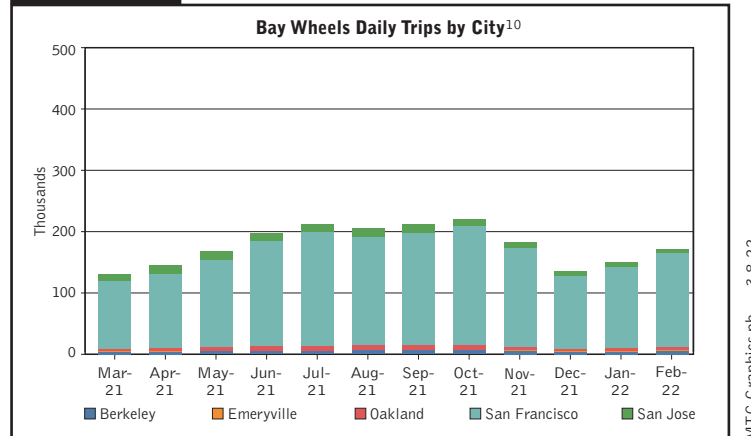
## Clipper® Fare Payment System



## Freeway Service Patrol



## Bay Wheels



Notes: 1 MTC, as the Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA), assumed responsibility for FasTrak® customer service operations in Jan. 2004. Figures are cumulative.  
2 Number of debit accounts opened through BATA service center; each account may represent more than one toll tag issued.  
3 New category as of September 2003; data collected since Aug. 2002  
4 As of November 2009, refund transactions are counted with add value transactions. This chart includes refunds in the Add Value bars for the past 12 months.

5 FSP Assist numbers for the most current month are a best estimate, and may be subject to change. Final assist numbers are available at the end of the month, and the report is updated accordingly.  
6 511 now tracks two new types of data in addition to call and web usage: social media followers and developer data requests.  
7 VMT data through May 2021 from StreetLight Data.  
8 Clipper-paid boardings recorded on Wednesdays of each week.

9 Daily crossings in the toll-paid direction on the Bay Area's seven state-owned toll bridges. Does not include Golden Gate Bridge.  
10 Please note that Lyft is resolving a data reporting issue starting 11/23 so the trip totals for November may be lower than actual usage.