



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Association of Bay Area Governments

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ABAG President, Commissioners & Staff Visit Washington, D.C.

Last month, ABAG President Belia Ramos, MTC Chair Sue Noack, Vice Chair Stephanie Moulton-Peters and I traveled to Washington, D.C., with ABAG-MTC staff for the annual federal advocacy trip. Over three days, we met with 13 Bay Area congressional offices, the U.S. Department of Transportation, state transportation leaders from Virginia and Maryland, and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, which hosted us for a tour and information sharing session.

The trip coincided with the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee's release of its surface transportation reauthorization proposal, giving the delegation a timely opportunity to reinforce MTC's priorities to protect core highway and transit formula funding, avoid steep funding cliffs when the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act expires and support major transit and resilience investments.

We also discussed MTC's ADAPT Assets Act, which would authorize funding for large-scale resilience demonstration projects, and encouraged Bay Area members to support related amendments and co-sponsorship opportunities. We also co-hosted the Annual California Transportation Reception, which featured remarks from Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi and Congresswoman Lateefah Simon.

Transit Agencies to Offer Limited Late-Night Service After FIFA World Cup 26™ Games

On June 9, I attended a media event at Powell St. Station alongside general managers from the Bay Area's transit agencies. BART, Caltrain, Muni and VTA spoke about the limited, after-midnight transit services that they will offer fans returning to locations on the Peninsula, San Francisco and the East Bay after matches starting at 8 and 9 p.m. at Levi's Stadium. Fans are encouraged to use public transportation to attend the games.



RPP Hosts Seismic Workshop at BAMC

Yesterday, Regional Planning Program staff hosted “Planning Earthquake-Resilient Cities,” a workshop for planners, engineers and building officials to get guidance on integrating fault zone data into local planning and permitting. The workshop featured a roundtable with jurisdictions that have passed soft-story retrofit ordinances, designed to seismically strengthen vulnerable commercial and residential buildings.

ABAG-MTC staff provided an overview of available technical assistance and new work around retrofit ordinances. The event was also an opportunity for regional networking and information sharing.

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