



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Metropolitan Transportation Commission
January 26, 2021

Remembrances

MTC staff were recently notified that former MTC staff member Peg Yamada and former Policy Advisory Committee member Dr. Michelle Hernandez have passed away. They were outstanding team members and will be remembered fondly.

Retirements

Brian Mayhew – Brian started with MTC in October 1999 as a Section Director. His last day with MTC was January 7, 2022 as the Chief Financial Officer in the Executive Office.

Sue Woo – Sue started with MTC in June 2000 as an Associate Financial Analyst. Her last day with MTC was January 14, 2022 as the Section Director in the Treasury and Revenue section.

New Appointments

Kevin Curtis– Kevin started with MTC on January 10th as a General Services Unit Assistant in the Administration and Facilities Services section.

Waleed Al Eadelat– Waleed started with MTC on January 10th as an Associate Project Engineer (Asset Management/Bridge Engineering) in the Field Operations and Asset Management section.

Komal Dayal– Komal started with MTC on January 10th as a Junior Financial Analyst in the Treasury and Revenue section.

Roger Dominguez– Roger started with MTC on January 10th as a FasTrak Program Coordinator, Tolling Operations in the Electronic Payments section.

Megan Nangle– Megan was rehired with MTC on January 10th as a Transportation Project Manager in the Field Operations and Asset Management section.

Joel Shaffer– Joel started with MTC on January 24th as an Associate Planner/Engineer- Active Transportation in the Design and Project Delivery section.

Darya Shtykalo– Darya started with MTC on January 24th as a 511 Project Manager in the Technology Services section.

Kenji Anzai– Kenji started with MTC on January 24th as a Transit Funding Programs Analyst in the Funding Policy and Programs 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>

New Policy Advisory Council

A new 27-member Policy Advisory Council was sworn in for a four-year term (2022-25) at a virtual orientation and introduction session on January 12. Check out the [new member bios on the MTC website](#).

New BART Park-and-Rides

Park-and-rides for Albany and Fruitvale BART stations are now open, following five years of planning. There will be two months of free parking to encourage people to use them.

Toll Increases and Violation Penalty Decreases

All signage has been updated to reflect the voter-approved \$1 toll increase that took effect on January 1 on the region's seven state-owned toll bridges. The toll system was also updated, and a public awareness campaign is in effect.

BATA has also lowered violation penalties at Bay Area toll bridges. Retroactive to January 1, the cost for an initial penalty notice has dropped to \$5 from \$25, and for the second penalty to \$10 from \$45; for a combined notice of \$15, down from \$70.

Clipper® START

The Clipper START® pilot program, which provides fare discounts to adults with lower incomes for single rides on 21 transit systems around the Bay Area, has been extended through July 2023..

Bay Area Housing Finance Authority

The Bay Area Housing Finance Authority has hired its first director! Kate Hartley will serve as the first Director of this newly formed section. She will manage ABAG's and MTC's expanded regional housing portfolio and leverage both legislative and financial support to advance BAHFA's work plan.

A link to the official MTC/ABAG announcement is below:

<https://mtc.ca.gov/news/mtc-abag-tap-bay-area-housing-veteran-kate-hartley-director-regional-housing-finance-authority>

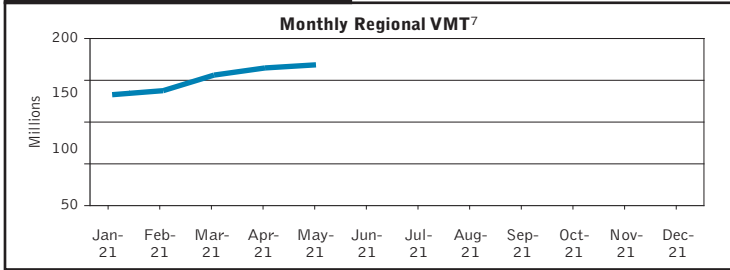
Items to Note

The American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE) recently announced that the Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) was one of five local government programs to receive no-cost technical assistance as part of their Energy Equity for Renters Initiative (<https://www.aceee.org/energy-equity-for-renters>). This program not only seeks to bring efficiency and affordability efforts in reducing energy costs, but it seeks to incorporate renter protections into both mandatory policies and voluntary programs. It seeks to accomplish this by ensuring that residents are not faced with higher energy costs, or rent increases because of energy upgrades, but that they are also not displaced as a result of those upgrades to their buildings.

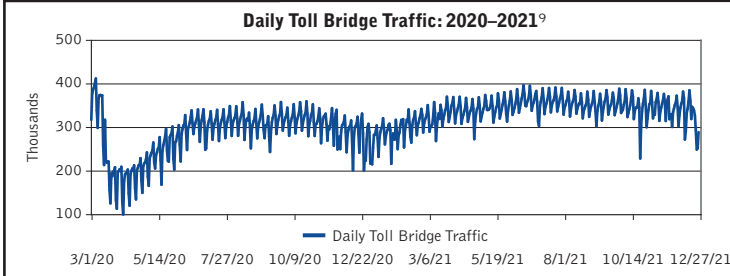


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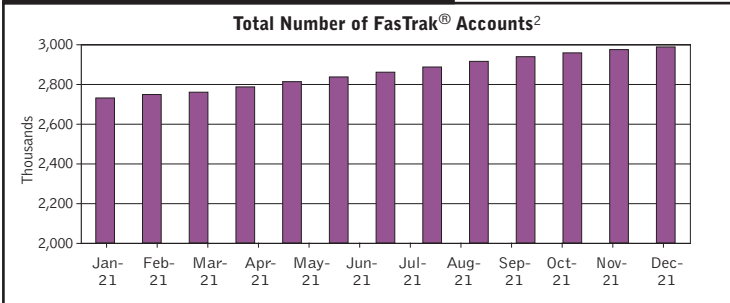
VMT in COVID-19 Pandemic



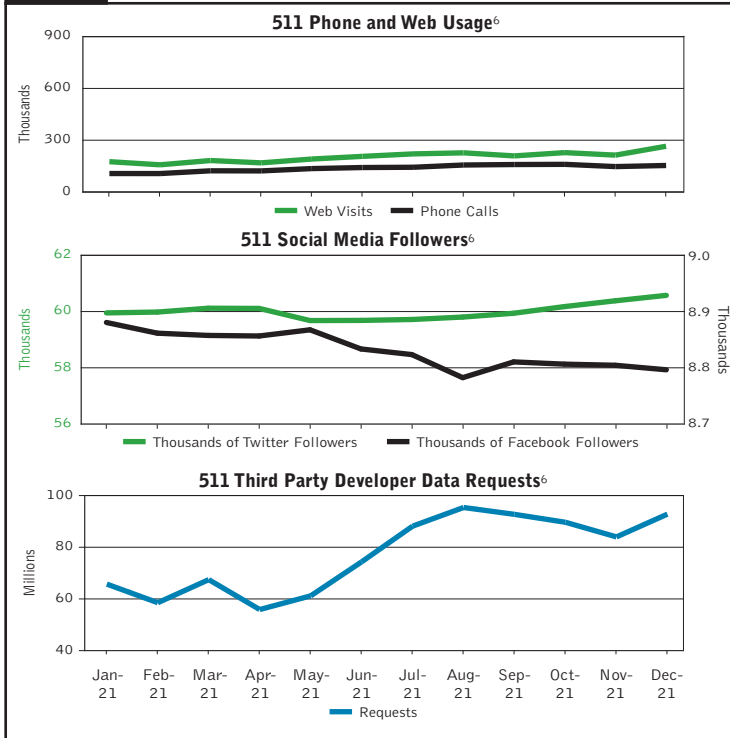
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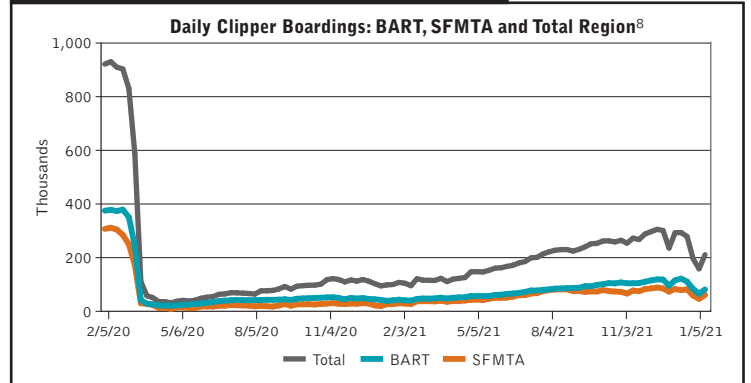
FasTrak® Electronic Toll Collection¹



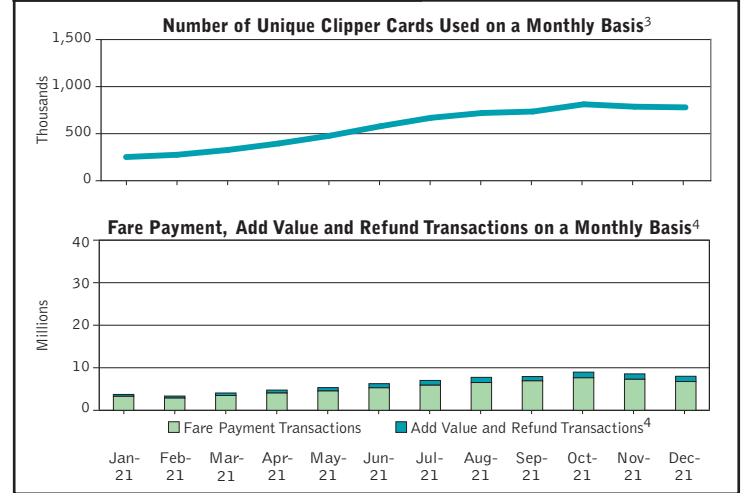
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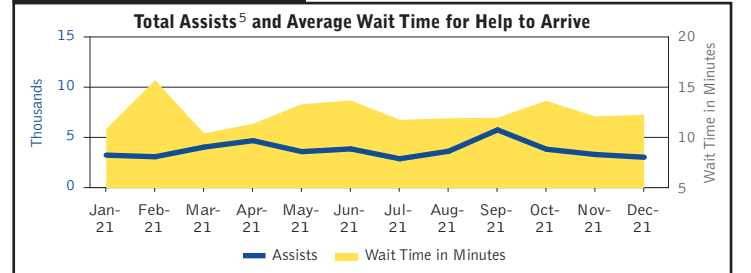
Transit Ridership in COVID-19 Pandemic



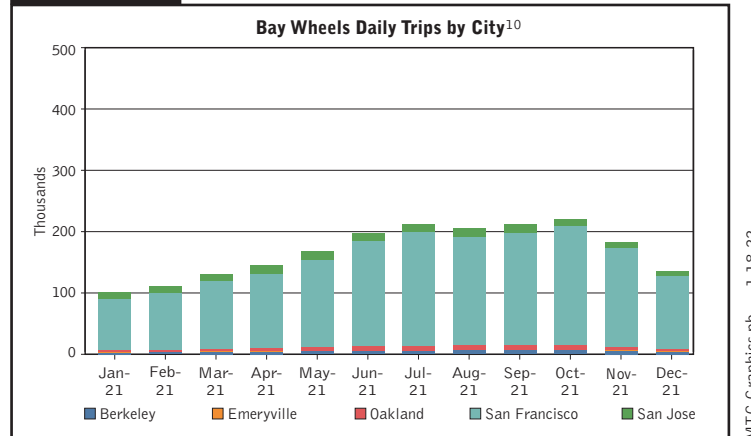
Clipper® Fare Payment System



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.