



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Metropolitan Transportation Commission  
February 24, 2021

### **New Appointments**

**Quianna Brandon** – Quianna started with MTC on February 8 as a Contract Specialist in the Administration and Facilities Services section.

**Noah Cohen** – Noah started with MTC on February 8 as a Contract Specialist in the Administration and Facilities Services section.

**Akash Ghosal** – Akash is starting with MTC on February 22 as a Clipper Program Coordinator in the Electronics Payments System section.

### **Key Updates on 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>

Last month, the Commission made the first allocations of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA funding) as part of a reconciliation with allocations made from the prior CARES Act. The balance of the CRRSA funding is targeted for Commission allocation in March.

In addition, the Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force receives periodic reports on Covid-19 related issues. The February 22, 2021 meeting agenda item 5a Outreach and Engagement Update; includes recent insightful focus group information that should be of interest. The Agenda packet can be found here:

<https://mtc.ca.gov/file/638516/download?token=TtKHhCkm>

### **Technical Assistance for Housing and Local Planning**


MTC and ABAG recently closed a joint call for Letters of Interest for local grants that integrated the Regional Housing Technical Assistance and PDA Programs. All 109 jurisdictions were eligible for formula-based funding to support Housing Elements, with additional competitive funding for housing plans and jurisdictions with designated PDAs. Staff developed a streamlined, web-based

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application and conducted extensive outreach during the application period. To date, 98% of jurisdictions have submitted applications. The funding requested significantly exceeds the amount available in each competitive program, including \$30M in requests for roughly \$6M in PDA funds. Award recommendations for competitive housing and PDA grants are slated for Committee approval in May or June. To support jurisdictions with procurements, MTC and ABAG recently closed a joint RFQ for a Regional Planning Consulting Bench and received submissions from over 90 firms. Recommendations for the bench will be brought to policymakers in April or May. Finally, as part of the Regional Housing Technical Assistance Program, ABAG is launching a 10-part webinar training series for local staff focused on Housing Elements. The webinar series will include an overview of Housing Element basics, recent updates to Housing Element law, site selection and rezoning requirements, community outreach, and affirmatively furthering fair housing.

**Transit Fare Coordination Survey**

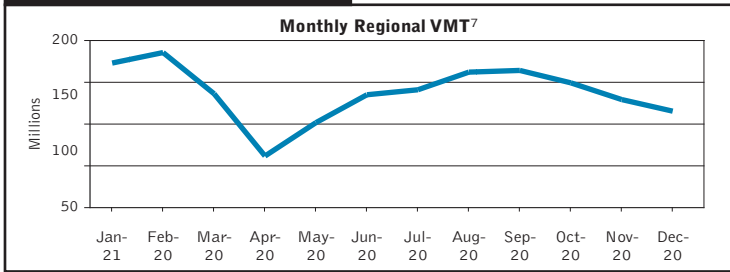
As part of MTC's Fare Coordination and Integration Study, a public survey was launched in late January to investigate ways to make the region's transit network better coordinated, focusing on improving fare policy and the fare payment experience. Transportation officials are interested in opinions from transit users and are inviting them to share stories about their experiences via the survey at [mtc.one/farestudy](https://mtc.one/farestudy). The study is scheduled to conclude in summer 2021



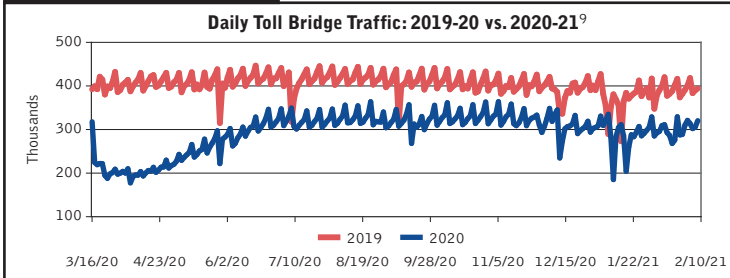
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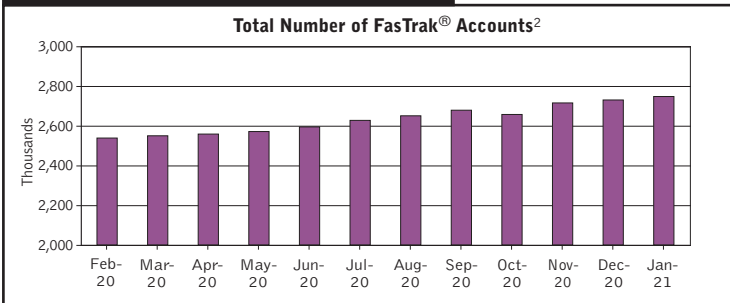
## VMT in COVID-19 Pandemic



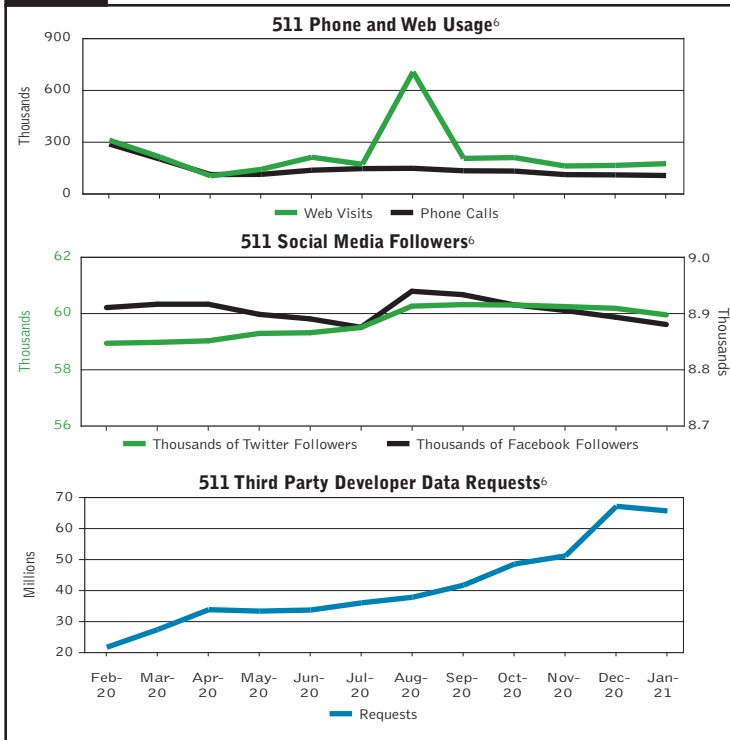
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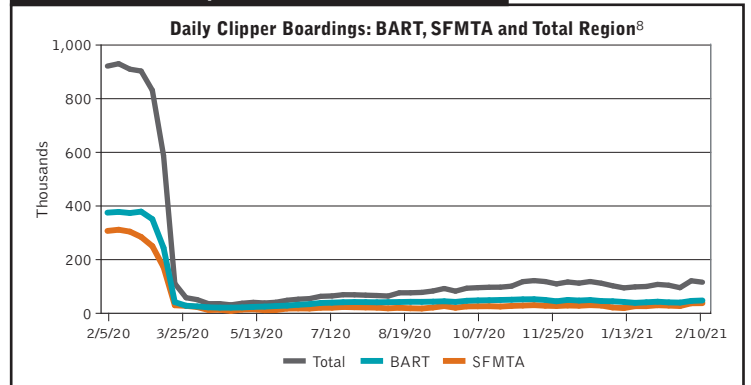
## FasTrak® Electronic Toll Collection<sup>1</sup>



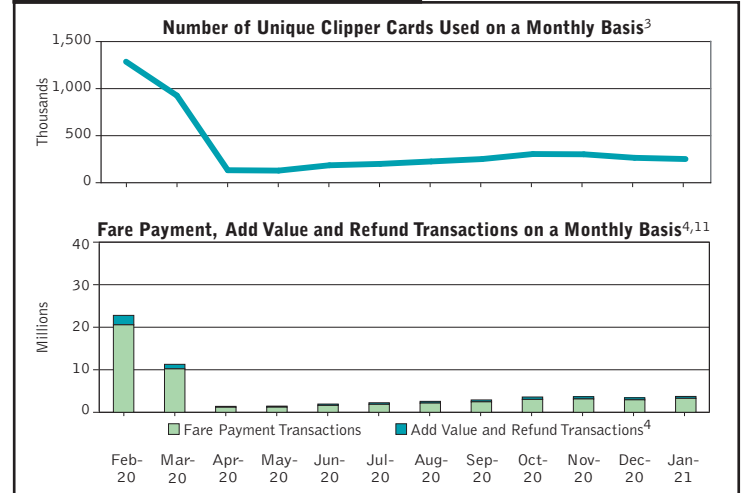
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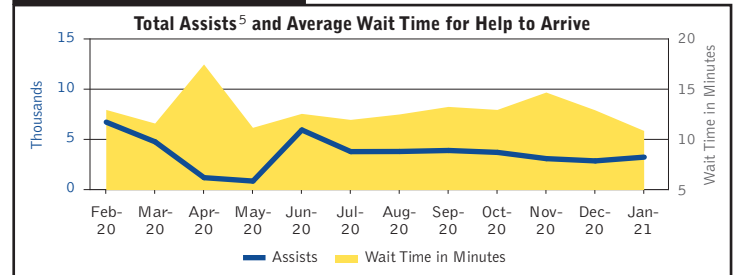
## Transit Ridership in COVID-19 Pandemic



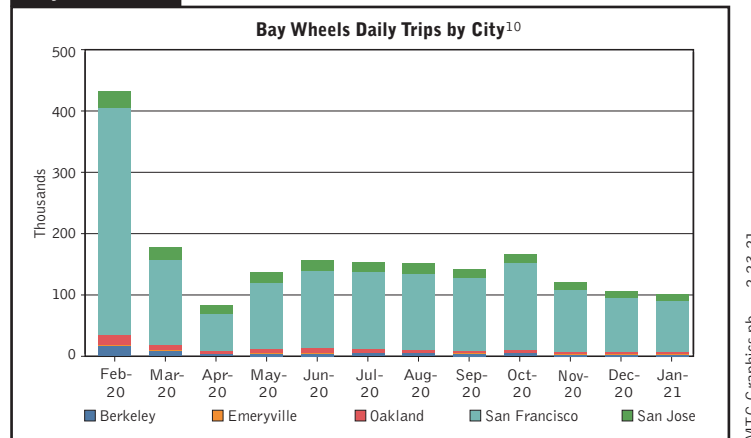
## Clipper® Fare Payment System



## 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 courtesy of 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.

11 Due to a graphing error, Fare Payment, Add Value and Refund Transactions were shown as much higher than actual in previous versions of this sheet. Correct data is now in place.