



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Metropolitan Transportation Commission
May 26, 2021

New Appointments

Kevin Wong – Kevin started with MTC on May 17th as an Operations Program Associate, Fastrak Customer Service Center in the Electronic Payments 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>

Draft Plan Bay Area 2050 Released for Public Comment; Draft EIR Slated for Release Next Week

Draft Plan Bay Area 2050, the long-range regional vision for transportation, housing, the economy, and the environment, was released for public comment earlier today after more than three years of analysis and public engagement with tens of thousands of Bay Area residents. The draft plan document, supplemental reports, and near-term implementation plan are available on planbayarea.org, with comments due by July 20th; the draft environmental impact report is slated for release by the end of next week. Staff will provide a briefing on Draft Plan Bay Area 2050 and its EIR at next month's committee meetings, kicking off the final round of public engagement in June as well with virtual workshops, hearings, and more. Plan Bay Area 2050 remains on track to be considered for adoption by MTC and ABAG this fall.

American Planning Association Award for PDA program

MTC and ABAG's Priority Development Area Program has received an "Award of Excellence" from the Northern California chapter of the American Planning Association for work on the City of Oakland Innovative Construction Methods. The project looks at cost- and time-saving construction methods (e.g., 3-D printing, tiny homes on wheels, factory-built housing, and methods that aren't even under development yet) as a way to address housing affordability.

Clipper

On May 19, Clipper launched on Google Pay and released a mobile app for easier management of Clipper cards on Android phones, following last month's introduction of Clipper on Apple Pay.

Housing Element Webinars

The Housing Technical Assistance program is providing Housing Element webinars. To date, eight webinars have reached more than 900 attendees, averaging around 100 local staff per webinar. Additional webinars are planned and more information is on the [Housing Technical Assistance page](#) on the ABAG website.

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The Fare Coordination/Integration Study

The Fare Coordination/Integration group is hosting a webinar to engage policymakers on the work that will inform the study's fare policy recommendations. All board members of each Bay Area transit agency as well as MTC Commissioners are invited to attend the webinar, which will have time dedicated to board member questions. Your participation is encouraged. The webinar is a publicly noticed Brown Act event and is open to the public. The webinar is being held on May 26th at 3:30pm. Link to register is below:

https://bavareametro.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_sgLm4h6aRu2EQCu0tk7G5g

SWCB Award

The State Wildlife Conservation Board will approve a \$640K grant to MTC on May 20 to prepare a Regional Conservation Investment Strategy (RCIS) for the North Bay as part of our effort to address transportation, ecology and sea level rise within the Resilient SR 37 Program.

This RCIS is a collaboration between DPD and SFEP and partner agencies. We're really excited about this project!

Items of Note:

BAHFA Showcase

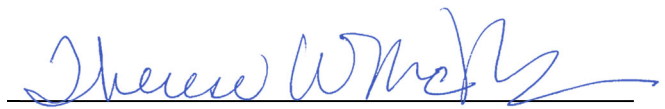
On Monday, May 24 I welcomed the audience to the webinar "Advancing the 3 P's through the Bay Area Housing Finance Authority," which Nonprofit Housing of Northern California put on as part of [Affordable Housing Month](#). The panelists included MTC Commissioner Libby Schaaf and ABAG Executive Board President Jesse Arreguin, along with MTC's Daniel Saver, who shared new innovative initiatives BAHFA is poised to lead in rising to the challenges of our region's housing crisis.

TransForm Event May 19

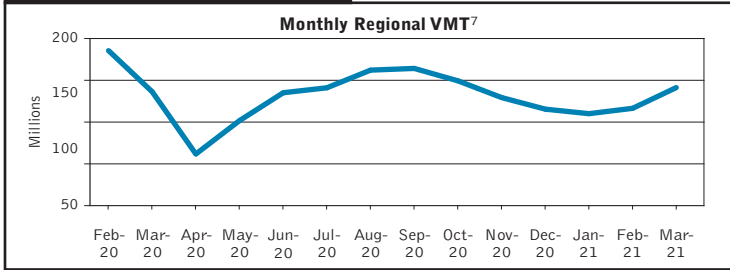
I spoke at a TransForm panel on May 19 with Assemblymember David Chiu and speakers from TransForm, the San Francisco Foundation and Urban Habitat. The subject was the deep collaboration necessary to improve transportation in the region, including lessons learned from the CASA process.

Summer Academy

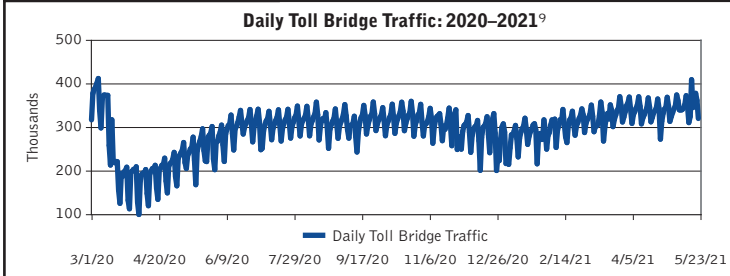
We had 38 students apply for the Bay Area Summer Academy, which is slated to run in July. There are applicants from eight of our nine Bay Area counties, Sonoma being the exception. The [application form](#) is still live, and while we are not actively promoting further applications, we had hoped to have at least one student from each county.


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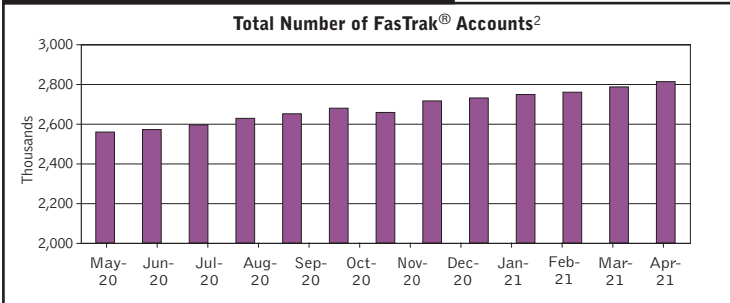
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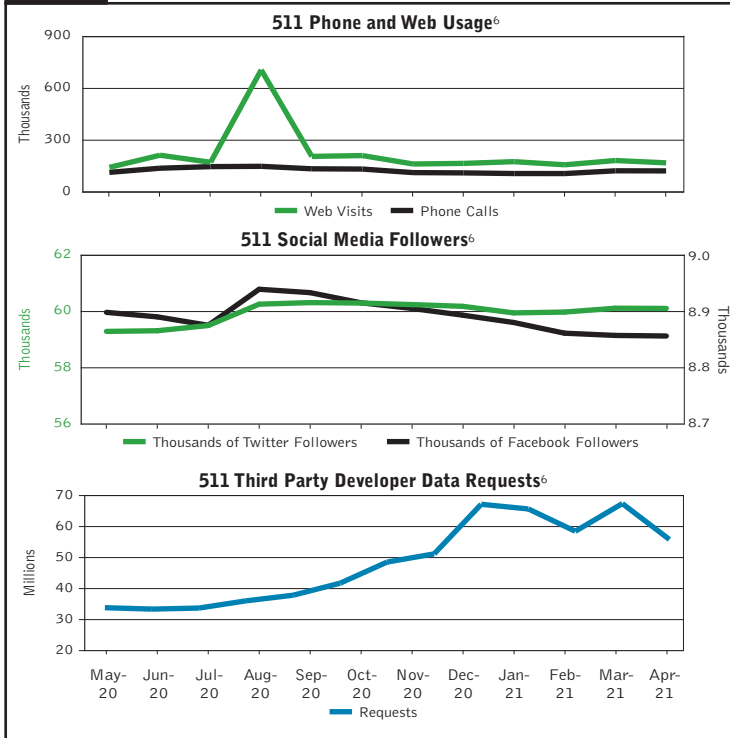
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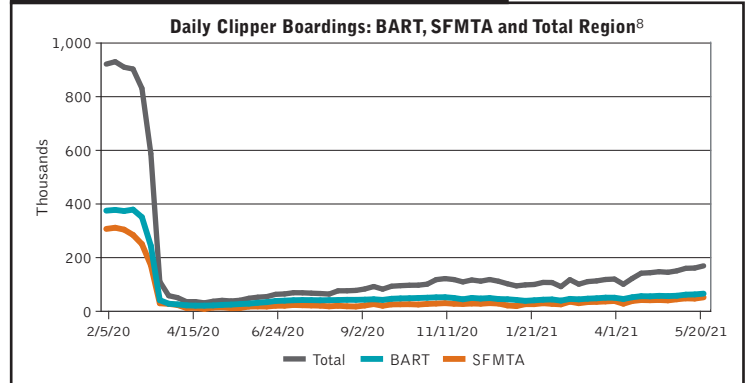
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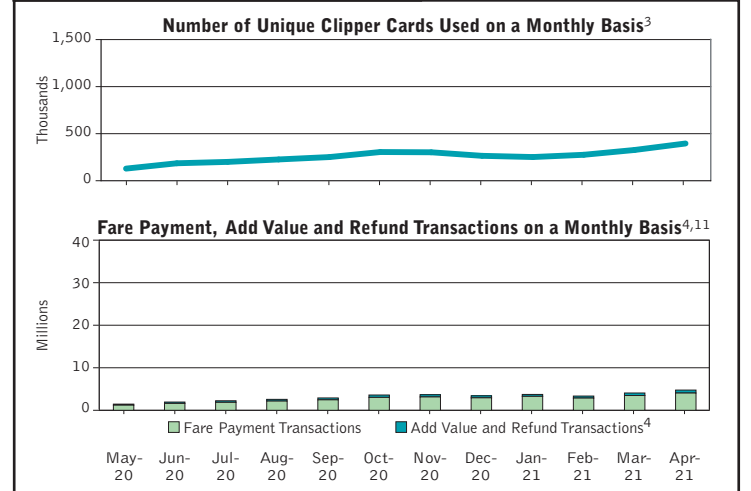
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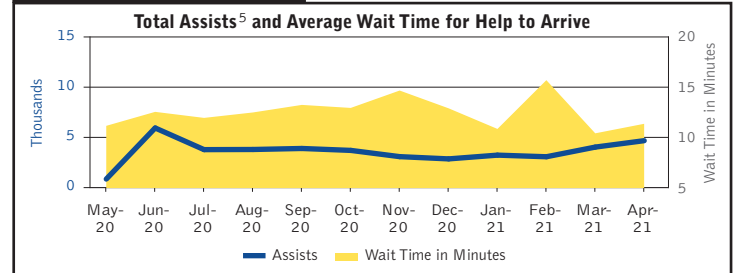
Transit Ridership in COVID-19 Pandemic



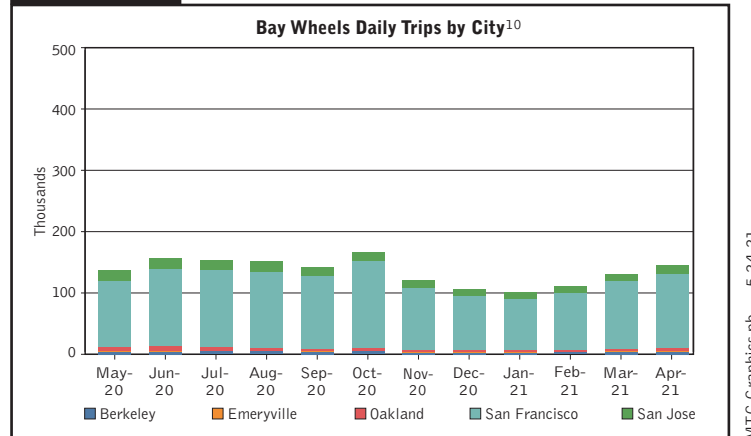
Clipper® Fare Payment System



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.