



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Metropolitan Transportation Commission
September 22, 2021

Retirements

Vince Cabrieto – Vince started with MTC in April 2006 as an Assistant Financial Analyst. His last day with MTC is September 30, 2021 as an Associate Financial Analyst in the Treasury and Revenue section.

New Appointments

Thomas Arndt– Thomas started with MTC on September 7th as a Funding Analyst in the Funding Policy and Programs section.

Benson Fu– Benson started with MTC on September 7th as a Junior Grants Receivable Accountant in the Finance and Accounting section.

Chris Tran– Chris started with MTC on September 7th as a Senior Accountant in the Finance and Accounting section.

Liz Lam– Liz started with MTC on September 20th as a Clipper Program Coordinator in the Electronic Payments section.

Rose Lapada– Rose started with MTC on September 20th as a Senior Accountant in the Finance and Accounting section.

Clair McDevitt– Clair started with MTC on September 20th as a Public Engagement Assistant in the Legislation and Public Affairs 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>

Policy Advisory Council: Every Commissioner and their staff should have received an email from Ky-Nam Miller last week that included the staff recommendations for the next Policy Advisory Council. Each of the nine counties has 2 Members, and there are 9 at-large Members. There were 132 applications for the 27 slots. Please review the email, which includes information on all the applicants from your respective counties, and respond to Ky-Nam by October 1st (his email is kmiller@bayareametro.gov).

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PBA2050

For the month of October, there will be a joint meeting between the MTC Commission and ABAG EB to take a final vote on PBA2050. This meeting will take place on Thursday, October 21st at 5pm. It will occur during ABAG's regularly scheduled Executive Board meetings and will be a "Special" meeting for the MTC Commission.

Bay Area Transit Tour for State Senate and Assembly Transportation Committee Chairs

In August, I was able to meet with the Transportation Committee Chairs from the State Senate and Assembly—Chair Lena Gonzalez (D-Long Beach) and Chair Laura Friedman (D-Glendale). MTC organized the three-day tour on August 9-11 at Assemblymember Chiu's request, with excellent assistance from our partner agencies. During this time, the Chairs were able to ride a number of the region's transit systems, tour the Golden Gate Bridge and meet with key transit agencies, including AC Transit, BART, Santa Clara VTA, California High Speed Rail Authority, Caltrain, the City of San Jose, Golden Gate Bridge, Highway & Transportation District, SFMTA, the Port of Oakland, SFCTA and Transbay JPA.

While the Bay Area has long held the Chair for one or both transportation committee, Southern California now holds both. The tour was an excellent opportunity to provide the Chairs a first-hand experience of the region's transportation network. Bay Area legislators who participated in segments of the tour included Senator Josh Becker (D-Menlo Park), Senator Nancy Skinner (D-Berkeley), Senator Bob Wieckowski (D-Fremont), and Senator Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco). Chair Pedroza and Commissioners El-Tawansy, Liccardo and Schaaf were able to join for portions of the tour.


Express Lanes

On August 20, BAIFA tolling commenced on the new 11-mile extension of the southbound Express Lane on I-680 in Contra Costa County, from Martinez through Walnut Creek. By linking with the existing Express Lane from Rudgear Road in Walnut Creek to Alcosta Blvd. in San Ramon, drivers now have a continuous 22-mile southbound I-680 Express Lane through Contra Costa County.

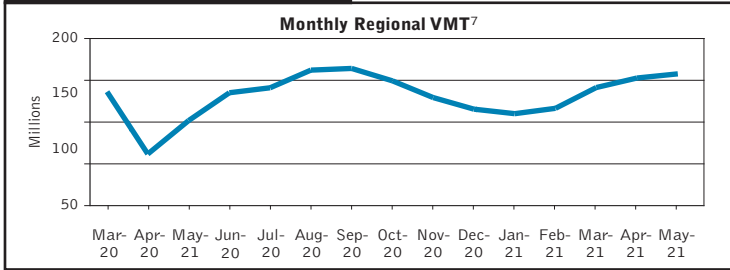
BayREN Update

For those Commissioners not too familiar with the Bay area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) program, BayREN and ABAG were featured in an article by CalCOG published on September 9th, 2021. It highlighted the role BayREN plays in filling service gaps by providing "Financing and Rebate incentives, Education and Training tools, and Workforce development training opportunities" to customers who normally face barriers to participating in these money-saving energy efficiency programs. Resiliency and Climate Change are issues that span both agencies and I'd like to highlight staff's effort in this space. A link to the full article is below:

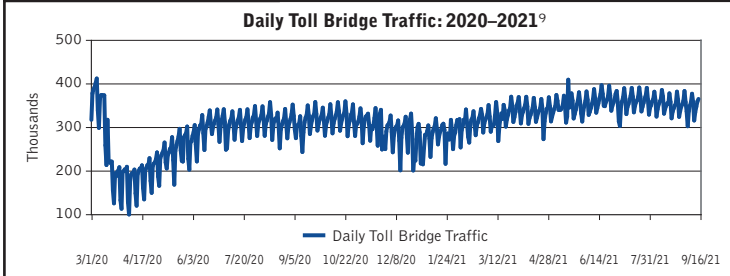
<https://calcog.org/abag-and-bayren-a-regional-model-for-energy-efficiency/>


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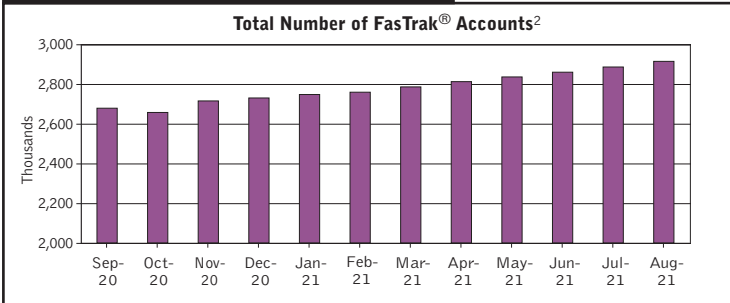
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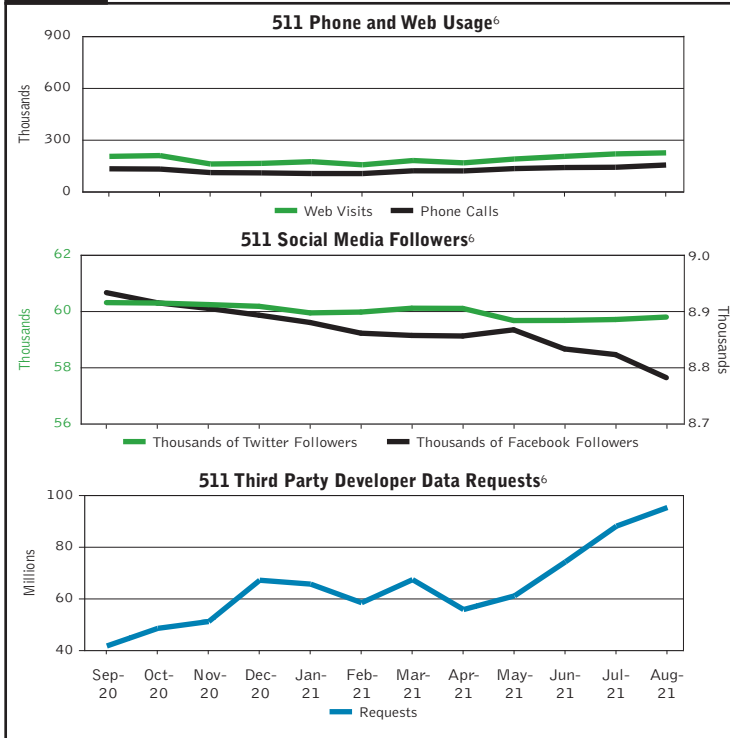
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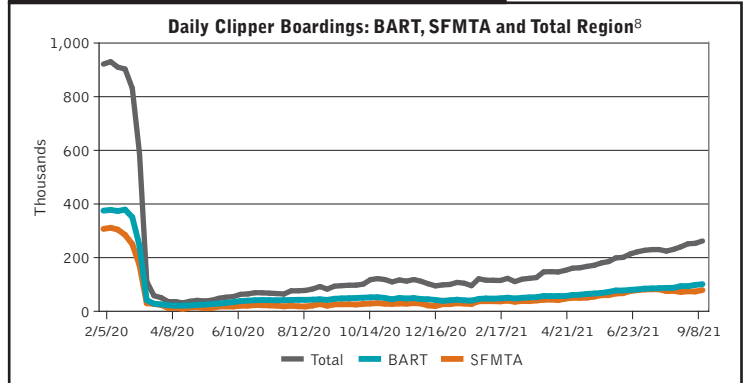
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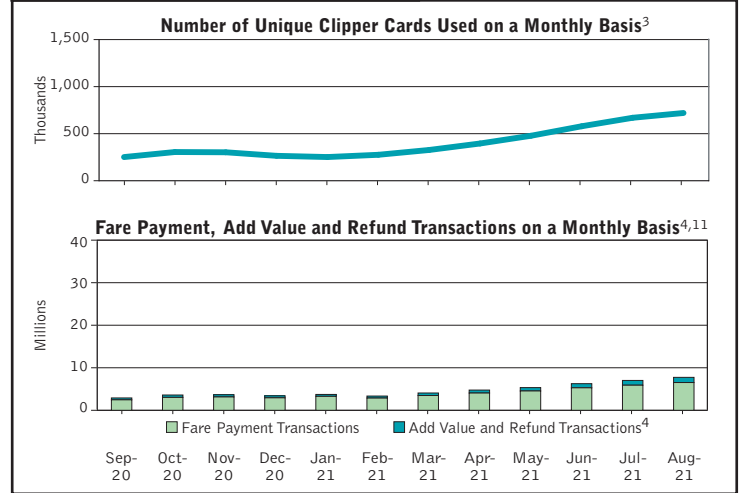
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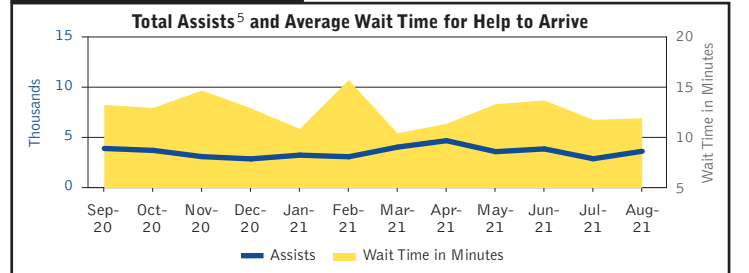
Transit Ridership in COVID-19 Pandemic



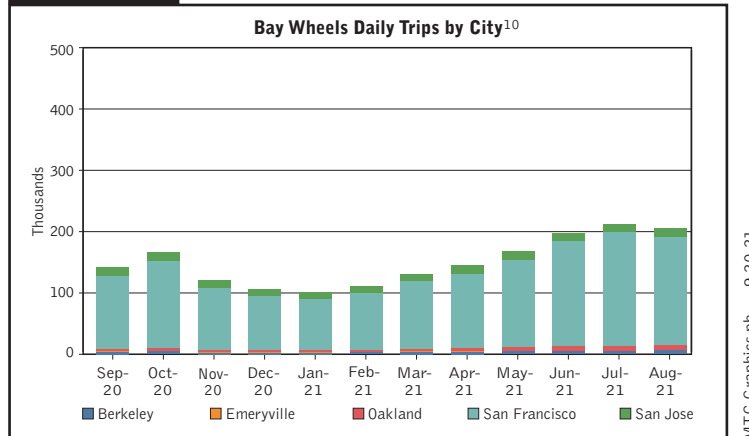
Clipper® Fare Payment System



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.