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**Subject:** Public Comment - 5/13 MTC Programming and Allocations Committee, Item 4a 26-0346  
**Attachments:** Portal Letter of Support Fitness SF.pdf; Portal Letter of Support from BAC.pdf; Portal Letter of Support from Barebottle.pdf; Portal Letter of Support from BuildIt.pdf; Portal Letter of Support from CCJPA.pdf; Portal Letter of Support from CCSF Mayor Lurie.pdf; Portal Letter of Support from Friends of DTX.pdf; Portal Letter of Support from Seamless.pdf; Portal Letter of Support from SFChamber of Com.pdf; Portal Letter of Support from SFMTA.pdf; Portal Letter of Support from SOMBA.pdf; Portal Letter of Support from South Beach.pdf; Portal Letter of Support from SPUR.pdf; Portal Letter of Support from State Legislators SW MH CS.pdf; Portal Letter of Support from TJPA Board.pdf; Portal Letter of Support from Transbay Coalition.pdf; Portal Letter of Support Salesforce.pdf; TIRCP\_Letters of Support\_Provided MTC.pdf; 4a\_26-0346\_5\_Public\_Comment\_TJPA\_TIRCP\_Letters\_of\_Support.log

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Hi,

Enclosed are letters of support that TJPA is submitting into record for the May 13<sup>th</sup> Programming and Allocations Committee meeting's Item 4a, 26-0346, which is considering a TIRCP endorsement for TJPA. I've provided the list of letters below for ease of reference along with a PDF listing the letters.

**MTC Programming and Allocations Committee  
May 13, 2026, Item 4a – TIRCP Endorsement of TJPA  
Letters Of Support for TJPA's Application**

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2. City and County of San Francisco, Mayor Daniel Lurie
3. Transbay Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors
4. San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) and Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority (CCJPA)
5. San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA)
6. Bay Area Council
7. BuildIt
8. Friends of DTX
9. San Francisco Chamber of Commerce
10. San Francisco South Beach-Rincon-Mission Bay Neighborhood Association
11. South of Market Business Association (SOMBA)
12. SPUR
13. Seamless Bay Area
14. Transbay Coalition

15. Barebottle Brewing Company Inc.

16. Fitness SF

17. Salesforce

Thanks,

**Lily Madjus Wu**

Communications and Legislative Affairs Director | Transbay Joint Powers Authority

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# **MTC Programming and Allocations Committee**

## **May 13, 2026, Item 4a – TIRCP Endorsement of TJPA**

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- 16. Fitness SF**
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May 4, 2026

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor of California  
1021 O Street, Suite 9000  
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Toks Omishakin  
Secretary  
California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA)  
915 Capitol Mall, Suite 350B  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Newsom and Secretary Omishakin:

On behalf of FITNESS SF, a tenant at the Salesforce Transit Center, I want to express our support for a significant state funding commitment to advance The Portal project (Downtown Rail Extension), and to urge prioritization of this project within the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) and related state funding programs.

The Portal is the final phase of the Transbay Program and will extend Caltrain and future California High-Speed Rail into the multimodal Salesforce Transit Center in downtown San Francisco. This transformative investment will complete a decades-long vision for an integrated, statewide rail network, linking the Bay Area to the Central Valley and Southern California while unlocking the full value of prior public investments.

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With strong local and regional commitments, San Francisco is doing its part to close the remaining funding gap, and the project is positioned to move forward rapidly upon securing remaining funds.

Accordingly, I respectfully urge the State to:

- Prioritize The Portal as a top candidate for TIRCP Cycle 8 funding and support the application for \$750 million; and
- Advance complementary High-Speed Rail “bookend” funding to fulfill the State’s broader rail connectivity goals.

Completing The Portal will fulfill the promise of past investments, strengthen California’s transportation network, and deliver lasting economic, environmental, and equity benefits for the entire state.

Thank you for your continued leadership.

Sincerely,

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Zsolt Jackovics

President

FITNESS SF



May 11, 2026

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor of California  
1021 O Street, Suite 9000  
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Toks Omishakin, Secretary  
California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA)  
915 Capitol Mall, Suite 350B  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Newsom and Secretary Omishakin:

On behalf of the Bay Area Council, representing over 350 major employers across the San Francisco Bay Area, I write in support of a state funding commitment to advance The Portal project (Downtown Rail Extension), and to urge prioritization of this project within the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) and related state funding programs.

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Sincerely,

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**Emily Loper**  
Senior Vice President of Public Policy  
Bay Area Council



May 3, 2026

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor of California  
1021 O Street, Suite 9000  
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Toks Omishakin  
Secretary  
California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA)  
915 Capitol Mall, Suite 350B  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Newsom and Secretary Omishakin:

As the largest brewery in San Francisco, Barebottle Brewing Company wants to express our support for a significant state funding commitment to advance The Portal project (Downtown Rail Extension), and to urge prioritization of this project within the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) and related state funding programs.

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Thank you for your continued leadership.

Sincerely,

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Michael Seitz  
Co-Founder & CEO  
Barebottle Brewing Company  
San Francisco, CA



April 27, 2026

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor of California  
1021 O Street, Suite 9000  
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Toks Omishakin  
Secretary  
California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA)  
915 Capitol Mall, Suite 350B  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Newsom and Secretary Omishakin:

BuildIT, the world's large industry association dedicated to the sustainable development of LGBT and Allied businesses, professionals, contractors and tradespeople wishes to express our support for a significant state funding commitment to advance The Portal project (Downtown Rail Extension), and to urge prioritization of this project within the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) and related state funding programs.

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Thank you for your continued leadership.

Sincerely,



Rick Hobbs Seeley  
Vice President



Sandra Escalante  
Board Secretary



Tom Mann  
Director, Governance



May 11, 2026

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor of California  
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Secretary  
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Dear Governor Newsom and Secretary Omishakin:

The Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority wants to express our support for a significant state funding commitment to advance The Portal project (Downtown Rail Extension), and to urge prioritization of this project within the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) and related state funding programs.

The Portal is the final phase of the Transbay Program and will extend Caltrain and future California High-Speed Rail into the multimodal Salesforce Transit Center in downtown San Francisco. In the future, it will enable passenger trains from the Northern California Megaregion to reach the San Francisco Peninsula via a new underground transbay rail crossing (Link21) that connects to the Salesforce Transit Center. The Portal, a transformative investment, will complete a decades-long vision for an integrated, statewide rail network, linking the Bay Area to the Central Valley and Southern California while unlocking the full value of prior public investments.

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Completing The Portal will fulfill the promise of past investments, strengthen California's transportation network, and deliver lasting economic, environmental, and equity benefits for the entire state.

Thank you for your continued leadership.

Sincerely,

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Robert Padgette  
Managing Director, Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority



March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
1021 O Street, Suite 9000  
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Toks Omishakin  
400 Capitol Mall, Suite 2340  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Support for state investment in The Portal**

Dear Governor Newsom and Secretary Omishakin,

On behalf of the City and County of San Francisco, I write in support of a significant state funding commitment to advance The Portal project (Downtown Rail Extension), and to urge prioritization of this project within the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) and related state funding programs.

The Portal is the final phase of the Transbay Program and will extend Caltrain and future California High-Speed Rail into the multimodal Salesforce Transit Center in downtown San Francisco. This transformative investment will complete a decades-long vision for an integrated, statewide rail network, linking the Bay Area to the Central Valley and Southern California while unlocking the full value of prior public investments.

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With the recent reauthorization of the state's cap-and-invest program, California now has a critical opportunity to deliver on one of its longest-standing and most consequential transit priorities. The Portal has been a top regional priority since 1988 and is currently designated as a Level 1 project under the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Major Project Advancement Policy framework.

The project is not only vital to regional mobility, but also to the State's economic and environmental goals. The Portal will serve more than 90,000 daily riders, reduce congestion and greenhouse gas emissions, support housing growth, and generate an estimated 69,000 job-years nationwide. It is also a cornerstone of the California State Rail Plan and a necessary "bookend" investment to fully realize the benefits of high-speed rail.

Importantly, The Portal is ready to advance. The Transbay Joint Powers Authority has already initiated pre-construction activities, advanced procurement for major civil works, and achieved approximately \$700 million in cost reductions through value engineering. With strong local and regional commitments, San Francisco is doing its part to close the remaining funding gap, and the project is positioned to move forward rapidly upon securing remaining funds.

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The Portal is San Francisco’s highest-priority transit expansion project and the only Level 1 major project in the region yet to receive its anticipated share of TIRCP funding. Completing The Portal will fulfill the promise of past investments, strengthen California’s transportation network, and deliver lasting economic, environmental, and equity benefits for the entire state.

Thank you for your continued leadership and partnership. I look forward to working with you to secure the necessary funding for this vital project.

All my best,

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Daniel Lurie  
Mayor of San Francisco

May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor of California  
1021 O Street, Suite 9000  
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Toks Omishakin  
Secretary  
California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA)  
915 Capitol Mall, Suite 350B  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Newsom and Secretary Omishakin:

The Friends of the Downtown Rail Extension (Friends of DTX) want to express our support for a significant state funding commitment to advance The Portal project (Downtown Rail Extension), and to urge prioritization of this project within the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) and related state funding programs.

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Thank you for your continued leadership.

Sincerely,

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Michael Gimbel  
Co-Founder, Friends of DTX



May 6, 2026

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor of California  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Toks Omishakin  
Secretary  
California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA)  
915 Capitol Mall, Suite 350B  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Newsom and Secretary Omishakin:

Seamless Bay Area would like to express our support for a significant state funding commitment to advance The Portal project (Downtown Rail Extension), and to urge prioritization of this project within the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) and related state funding programs.

Seamless Bay Area supports a world-class, high ridership, customer-friendly rail and transit system for the San Francisco Bay Area and California.

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Thank you for your continued leadership.

Sincerely,



Adina Levin  
Executive Director  
Seamless Bay Area

<https://seamlessbayarea.org>



# SAN FRANCISCO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

May 11, 2026

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor of California  
1021 O Street, Suite 9000  
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Toks Omishakin  
Secretary  
California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA)  
915 Capitol Mall, Suite 350B  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Support for TIRCP Funding for the Portal**

Dear Governor Newsom and Secretary Omishakin,

On behalf of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, I write to express our support for a significant state funding commitment to advance The Portal project (Downtown Rail Extension), and to urge prioritization of this project within the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) and related state funding programs.

The Portal is the final phase of the Transbay Program and will extend Caltrain and future California High-Speed Rail into the multimodal Salesforce Transit Center in downtown San Francisco. This transformative investment will complete a decades-long vision for an integrated, statewide rail network, linking the Bay Area to the Central Valley and Southern California while unlocking the full value of prior public investments.

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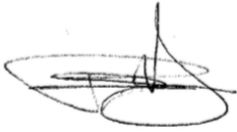
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Thank you for your continued leadership.

Sincerely,

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Rodney Fong  
President & CEO  
San Francisco Chamber of Commerce



Daniel Lurie, Mayor

Janet Tarlov, Chair  
Stephanie Cajina, Vice Chair  
Mike Chen, Director  
Alfonso Felder, Director

Steve Heminger, Director  
Dominica Henderson, Director  
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Julie Kirschbaum, Director of Transportation

May 7, 2026

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor of California  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Toks Omishakin  
Secretary, California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA)  
915 Capitol Mall, Suite 350B  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Newsom and Secretary Omishakin,

I am writing on behalf of the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency to express our support for the state funding commitment to advance The Portal project (Downtown Rail Extension), and to urge prioritization of this project within the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) and related state funding programs.

As the final phase of the Transbay Program, the Portal will extend Caltrain and future California High-Speed Rail into the multimodal Salesforce Transit Center in downtown San Francisco, completing a decades-long vision. This transformative investment will allow for an integrated, statewide rail network, utilizing the value of prior public investments to connect the Bay Area to the Central Valley and Southern California.

The Portal represents a \$7.6 billion, once-in-a-generation investment in California's transportation infrastructure. To date, approximately \$5.4 billion has already been committed from federal, state, regional, and local sources. Closing the remaining \$2.2 billion funding gap is essential to unlock nearly \$3.4 billion in committed federal Capital Investment Grant funding and allow the project to proceed into full construction.

With the recent reauthorization of California's cap-and-invest program, the State now has a timely opportunity to advance one of its most enduring and consequential transit priorities. The Portal has been a leading regional priority since 1988 and is designated as a Level 1 project under the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Major Project Advancement Policy framework.

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Once complete, The Portal is expected to serve more than 90,000 daily riders, reduce traffic congestion and greenhouse gas emissions, support housing growth, and create an estimated 69,000 job-years across the nation. It is a foundational element of the California State Rail Plan and a critical “bookend” investment required to fully realize the benefits of the State’s high-speed rail system.

San Francisco, together with its regional partners, has demonstrated strong commitment by advancing local and regional funding to help address the remaining gap. With this support in place, the project is well positioned to advance rapidly once remaining state funding is secured.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the State to:

- Designate The Portal as a leading candidate for TIRCP Cycle 8 funding and support the request for \$750 million; and
- Advance complementary High-Speed Rail “bookend” investments to fulfill the State’s broader rail integration and connectivity objectives.

Completion of The Portal will honor past investments, strengthen California’s transportation system, and deliver long-term economic, environmental, and equity benefits statewide.

Thank you for your continued leadership and commitment to California’s transportation future.

Sincerely,

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Julie Kirschbaum  
Director of Transportation

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April 24, 2026

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The Honorable Toks Omishakin  
Secretary  
California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA)  
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Dear Governor Newsom and Secretary Omishakin,

The South of Market Business Association (SOMBA) strongly supports a significant state funding commitment to advance The Portal project (Downtown Rail Extension) and urges its prioritization within the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) and related state funding programs.

The Portal represents the final phase of the Transbay Program, extending Caltrain and future California High-Speed Rail into the multimodal Salesforce Transit Center in downtown San Francisco. This transformative project fulfills a decades-long vision for a fully integrated statewide rail network, connecting the Bay Area to the Central Valley and Southern California while maximizing the return on prior public investments.

With a total cost of \$7.6 billion, The Portal is a generational investment in California's transportation infrastructure. To date, approximately \$5.4 billion has been secured from federal, state, regional, and local sources. Closing the remaining \$2.2 billion gap is critical to unlocking nearly \$3.4 billion in federal Capital Investment Grant funding and advancing the project into full construction.

The recent reauthorization of the state's cap-and-invest program presents a pivotal opportunity to deliver on one of California's most significant and long-standing transit priorities. The Portal has been a top regional priority since 1988 and is designated as a Level 1 project under the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Major Project Advancement Policy.

Once completed, The Portal will serve more than 90,000 daily riders, reduce congestion and greenhouse gas emissions, support housing growth, and generate an estimated 69,000 job-years nationwide. It is also a critical "bookend" investment necessary to fully realize the benefits of California's high-speed rail system and a key component of the State Rail Plan.

With strong local and regional commitments already in place, San Francisco is actively working to close the remaining funding gap. The project is well-positioned to move forward quickly upon securing final funding.

Accordingly, we respectfully urge the State to:

- Prioritize The Portal as a top candidate for TIRCP Cycle 8 funding, including support for the \$750 million application; and
- Advance complementary High-Speed Rail “bookend” funding to achieve the State’s broader rail connectivity goals.

Completing The Portal will fulfill the promise of prior investments, strengthen California’s transportation network, and deliver lasting economic, environmental, and equity benefits statewide.

Thank you for your continued leadership.

Sincerely,

Henry Karnilowicz  
President

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cc: Trans Bay Joint Powers Authority

South Beach | Rincon | Mission Bay Neighborhood Association

May 5, 2026

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
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The Honorable Toks Omishakin  
Secretary  
California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA)  
915 Capitol Mall, Suite 350B  
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Dear Governor Newsom and Secretary Omishakin:

On behalf of the San Francisco South Beach/Rincon/Mission Bay Neighborhood Association Board of Directors, I want to express our support for a significant state funding commitment to advance The Portal project (Downtown Rail Extension), and to urge prioritization of this project within the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) and related state funding programs.

The Portal is the final phase of the Transbay Program and will extend Caltrain and future California High-Speed Rail into the multimodal Salesforce Transit Center in downtown San Francisco. This transformative investment will complete a decades-long vision for an integrated, statewide rail network, linking the Bay Area to the Central Valley and Southern California while unlocking the full value of prior public investments.

The project represents a \$7.6 billion generational investment in California's transportation infrastructure, with approximately \$5.4 billion already committed from federal, state, regional, and local sources. Securing the remaining \$2.2 billion is essential to unlock the nearly \$3.4 billion federal Capital Investment Grant commitment and move the project into full construction.

With the recent reauthorization of the state's cap-and-invest program, California now has a critical opportunity to deliver on one of its longest-standing and most consequential transit priorities. The Portal has been a top regional priority since 1988 and is currently designated as a Level 1 project under the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Major Project Advancement Policy framework.

The Portal will serve more than 90,000 daily riders, reduce congestion and greenhouse gas emissions, support housing growth, and generate an estimated 69,000 job-years nationwide. It is also a cornerstone of the California State Rail Plan and a necessary "bookend" investment to fully realize the benefits of high-speed rail.

With strong local and regional commitments, San Francisco is doing its part to close the remaining funding gap, and the project is positioned to move forward rapidly upon securing remaining funds.

Accordingly, we respectfully urge the State to:

- Prioritize The Portal as a top candidate for TIRCP Cycle 8 funding and support the application for \$750 million; and
- Advance complementary High-Speed Rail “bookend” funding to fulfill the State’s broader rail connectivity goals.

Completing The Portal will fulfill the promise of past investments, strengthen California’s transportation network, and deliver lasting economic, environmental, and equity benefits for the entire state.

Thank you for your continued leadership.

Sincerely,



Bruce Agid

Board Member and Transportation Rep, on behalf of the Board of Directors  
of the South Beach/Rincon/Mission Bay Neighborhood Association

Cc: Lily Madjus Wu -- Communications and Legislative Affairs Manager (TJPA)

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May 11, 2026

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The Honorable Toks Omishakin  
Secretary  
California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA)  
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Dear Governor Newsom and Secretary Omishakin:

SPUR is writing to express our support for a significant state funding commitment to advance The Portal project (Downtown Rail Extension), and to urge prioritization of this project within the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) and related state funding programs.

The Portal is the final phase of the Transbay Program and will extend Caltrain and future California High-Speed Rail into the multimodal Salesforce Transit Center in downtown San Francisco. This transformative investment will complete a decades-long vision for an integrated, statewide rail network, linking the Bay Area to the Central Valley and Southern California while unlocking the full value of prior public investments.

The project represents a \$7.6 billion generational investment in California's transportation infrastructure, with approximately \$5.4 billion already committed from federal, state, regional, and local sources. Securing the remaining \$2.2 billion is essential to unlock the nearly \$3.4 billion federal Capital Investment Grant commitment and move the project into full construction.

With the recent reauthorization of the state's cap-and-invest program, California now has a critical opportunity to deliver on one of its longest-standing and most consequential transit priorities. The Portal has been a top regional priority since 1988 and is currently designated as a Level 1 project under the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Major Project Advancement Policy framework.

The Portal will serve more than 90,000 daily riders, reduce congestion and greenhouse gas emissions, support housing growth, and generate an estimated 69,000 job-years nationwide. It is also a cornerstone of the California State Rail Plan and a necessary "bookend" investment to fully realize the benefits of high-speed rail.

With strong local and regional commitments, San Francisco is doing its part to close the remaining funding gap, and the project is positioned to move forward rapidly upon securing remaining funds.

Accordingly, I respectfully urge the State to:

- Prioritize The Portal as a top candidate for TIRCP Cycle 8 funding and support the application for \$750 million; and
- Advance complementary High-Speed Rail “bookend” funding to fulfill the State’s broader rail connectivity goals.

Completing The Portal will fulfill the promise of past investments, strengthen California’s transportation network, and deliver lasting economic, environmental, and equity benefits for the entire state.

Thank you for your continued leadership.

Sincerely,

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Sebastian Petty

Senior Transportation Policy Advisor, SPUR



April 16, 2026

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
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Mr. Toks Omishakin, Secretary  
California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA)  
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**Request for \$750 million State Funding Commitment – The Portal**

Dear Governor Newsom and Secretary Omishakin:

We write to express our strong and unified support – and request your support – for a state funding commitment to advance The Portal (Downtown Rail Extension), and to urge prioritization of this project within the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) and related state funding programs. To date, the Portal has been developed with significant committed local matching funds and some federal funds. The requested state funding commitment would help the project secure the federal match authorized by the Federal Transit Administration when it admitted the Portal into the New Starts program’s engineering phase.

**Project Description** – The Portal extends recently electrified Caltrain and future California High-Speed Rail into the multimodal Salesforce Transit Center (STC) in downtown San Francisco. This transformative investment completes a decades-long vision contributing to an integrated, statewide rail network linking the Bay Area to the Central Valley and Southern California while unlocking the full value of prior public investments.

The project represents a \$7.6 billion generational investment in California’s transportation infrastructure, with approximately \$5.4 billion already committed from federal, state, regional, and local sources. Securing the remaining \$2.2 billion is essential to unlock the nearly \$3.4 billion federal Capital Investment Grant commitment and move the project into full construction.

**Regional/State Priority** – This is a pivotal moment. With the recent reauthorization of the state’s cap-and-invest program, California can deliver on one of its longest-standing and most

consequential transit and rail priorities. The Portal has been a top regional priority since 1988 and is currently designated as a Level 1 project under the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Major Project Advancement Policy framework. It is also identified as a key mid-term capital investment in the adopted California State Rail Plan, with the STC identified as a critical node for future through-running transbay regional rail service. The project will also increase the success of Caltrain electrification by providing direct service for riders of the new electrified trains into downtown San Francisco.

**Project Benefits** – The Portal is not only critical to regional mobility but also to statewide economic and environmental goals. The Portal will serve more than 90,000 daily riders, reduce congestion and greenhouse gas emissions, support housing growth, and generate an estimated 69,000 job-years nationwide. It is also a cornerstone of the California State Rail Plan and a necessary “bookend” project without which high-speed rail benefits could not be fully realized.

**Project Development and Cost Control** – The Transbay Joint Powers Authority has already initiated pre-construction activities, advanced procurement for major civil works, and achieved approximately \$700 million in cost reductions through value engineering. The project has a strong multi-party governance structure involving key stakeholders, encouraging holistic and informed decision-making with significant regional buy-in. With strong local and regional commitments this project is positioned to move forward rapidly upon securing remaining funds.

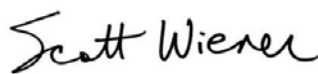
We respectfully urge the State to:

- Prioritize The Portal as a top candidate for TIRCP Cycle 8 funding and support a multi-year \$750 million TIRCP commitment
- Advance complementary High-Speed Rail “bookend” funding for the Portal to fulfill the State's broader rail connectivity goals

The Portal is San Francisco's highest-priority transit expansion project and the only Level 1 major project in the region yet to receive long-contemplated TIRCP funding. Comparable projects in the region, such as BART to Silicon Valley, have received more than \$1 billion in TIRCP support, underscoring the fairness and reasonableness of this request.

Simply put, it is time to finish the job. Completing The Portal will fulfill the promise of past investments, strengthen California's transportation network, and deliver lasting economic, environmental, and equity benefits for the entire state. We appreciate your leadership and partnership in advancing California's transportation future and stand ready to work with you to secure the necessary funding for this vital project.

Sincerely,



**Scott Wiener**  
Senator, 11<sup>th</sup> District



**Matt Haney**  
Assemblymember, 17<sup>th</sup> District



**Catherine Stefani**  
Assemblymember, 19<sup>th</sup> District



TRANSBAY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

Adam Van de Water • Executive Director

April 17, 2026

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The Honorable Toks Omishakin  
Secretary  
California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA)  
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Dear Governor Newsom and Secretary Omishakin:

On behalf of the Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA) Board of Directors, we express our support for a significant state funding commitment to advance The Portal project (Downtown Rail Extension), and to urge prioritization of this project within the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) and related state funding programs.

The Portal is the final phase of the Transbay Program and will extend Caltrain and future California High-Speed Rail into the multimodal Salesforce Transit Center in downtown San Francisco. This transformative investment will complete a decades-long vision for an integrated, statewide rail network, linking the Bay Area to the Central Valley and Southern California while unlocking the full value of prior public investments.

The project represents a \$7.6 billion generational investment in California's transportation infrastructure, with approximately \$5.4 billion already committed from federal, state, regional, and local sources. Securing the remaining \$2.2 billion is essential to unlock the nearly \$3.4 billion federal Capital Investment Grant commitment and move the project into full construction.

With the recent reauthorization of the state's cap-and-invest program, California now has a critical opportunity to deliver on one of its longest-standing and most consequential transit priorities. The Portal has been a top regional priority since 1988 and is currently designated as a Level 1 project under the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Major Project Advancement Policy framework.

The project is not only vital to regional mobility, but also to the State's economic and environmental goals. The Portal will serve more than 90,000 daily riders, reduce congestion and greenhouse gas emissions, support housing growth, and generate an estimated 69,000 job-years nationwide. It is also a cornerstone of the California State Rail Plan and a necessary "bookend" investment to fully realize the benefits of high-speed rail.

Importantly, The Portal is ready to advance. The Transbay Joint Powers Authority has already initiated pre-construction activities, advanced procurement for major civil works, and achieved approximately \$700 million in cost reductions through value engineering. With strong local and

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regional commitments, San Francisco is doing its part to close the remaining funding gap, and the project is positioned to move forward rapidly upon securing remaining funds.

Accordingly, I respectfully urge the State to:

- Prioritize The Portal as a top candidate for TIRCP Cycle 8 funding and support the application for \$750 million; and
- Advance complementary High-Speed Rail “bookend” funding to fulfill the State’s broader rail connectivity goals.

The Portal is San Francisco’s highest-priority transit expansion project and the only Level 1 major project in the region yet to receive its anticipated share of TIRCP funding. Completing The Portal will fulfill the promise of past investments, strengthen California’s transportation network, and deliver lasting economic, environmental, and equity benefits for the entire state.

Thank you for your continued leadership and partnership. I look forward to working with you to secure the necessary funding for this vital project.

Sincerely,

Signed by:



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Jeff Gee, Chair

Transbay Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors

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Rafael Mandelman, Vice Chair

Transbay Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors



May 12, 2026

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
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The Honorable Toks Omishakin  
Secretary  
California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA)  
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Dear Governor Newsom and Secretary Omishakin:

On behalf of Transbay Coalition's 14,000 members throughout the Bay Area, I wanted to express our support for a significant state funding commitment to advance The Portal project (Downtown Rail Extension), and to urge prioritization of this project within the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) and related state funding programs.

The Portal is the final phase of the Transbay Program and will extend Caltrain and future California High-Speed Rail into the multimodal Salesforce Transit Center in downtown San Francisco. This transformative investment will complete a decades-long vision for an integrated, statewide rail network, linking the Bay Area to the Central Valley and Southern California while unlocking the full value of prior public investments.

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Level 1 project under the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Major Project Advancement Policy framework.

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With strong local and regional commitments, San Francisco is doing its part to close the remaining funding gap, and the project is positioned to move forward rapidly upon securing remaining funds.

Accordingly, I respectfully urge the State to:

- Prioritize The Portal as a top candidate for TIRCP Cycle 8 funding and support the application for \$750 million; and
- Advance complementary High-Speed Rail "bookend" funding to fulfill the State's broader rail connectivity goals.

Completing The Portal will fulfill the promise of past investments, strengthen California's transportation network, and deliver lasting economic, environmental, and equity benefits for the entire state.

Thank you for your continued leadership.

Sincerely,

Carter Lavin

Co-Founder

Transbay Coalition

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May 8, 2026

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The Honorable Toks Omishakin  
Secretary  
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Dear Governor Newsom and Secretary Omishakin:

Salesforce wants to express our strong support for a significant state funding commitment to advance The Portal project (Downtown Rail Extension), and to urge prioritization of this project within the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) and related state funding programs.

Salesforce was founded 27 years ago in San Francisco and currently has over 7,000 employees assigned to our headquarters at Salesforce Tower. As the largest private employer in San Francisco, we are committed to the future success of the city, which includes increasing mobility across the Bay Area and the economic nucleus of the city.

The Portal is the final phase of the Transbay Program and will extend Caltrain and future California High-Speed Rail into the multimodal Salesforce Transit Center in downtown San Francisco. We are proud to have our name associated with this extraordinary facility. This transformative investment will complete a decades-long vision for an integrated, statewide rail network, linking the Bay Area to the Central Valley and Southern California while unlocking the full value of prior public investments.

The Portal will serve more than 90,000 daily riders, reduce congestion and greenhouse gas emissions, support housing growth, and generate an estimated 69,000 job-years nationwide. It is also a cornerstone of the California State Rail Plan and a necessary "bookend" investment to fully realize the benefits of high-speed rail.

Completing The Portal will fulfill the promise of past investments, strengthen California's transportation network, and deliver lasting economic, environmental, and equity benefits for the entire state.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and continued leadership.

Sincerely,

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Brittany Jarnot  
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