



# SB 125 Regional Accountability Measure Progress Update



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# SB 125 Recap

- SB 125 provides \$1.2B in state support for Bay Area transit operations and/or capital projects over 5 years
  - \$665M for capital projects
  - \$505M for operating support
- Complemented by \$300M regional contribution
- SB 125 operating funds support continued service provision
- SB 125 operating funds do not fund operator capital commitments



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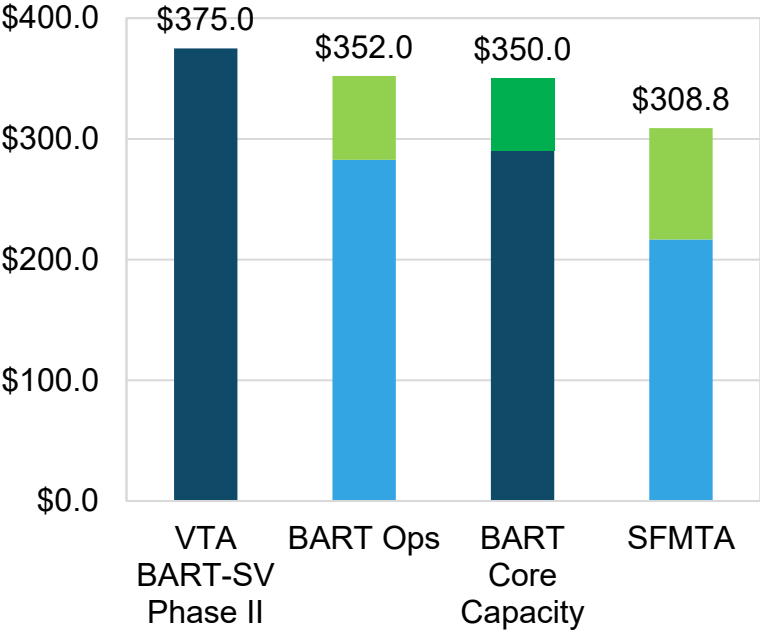
# SB 125 State and Regional Funding Summary

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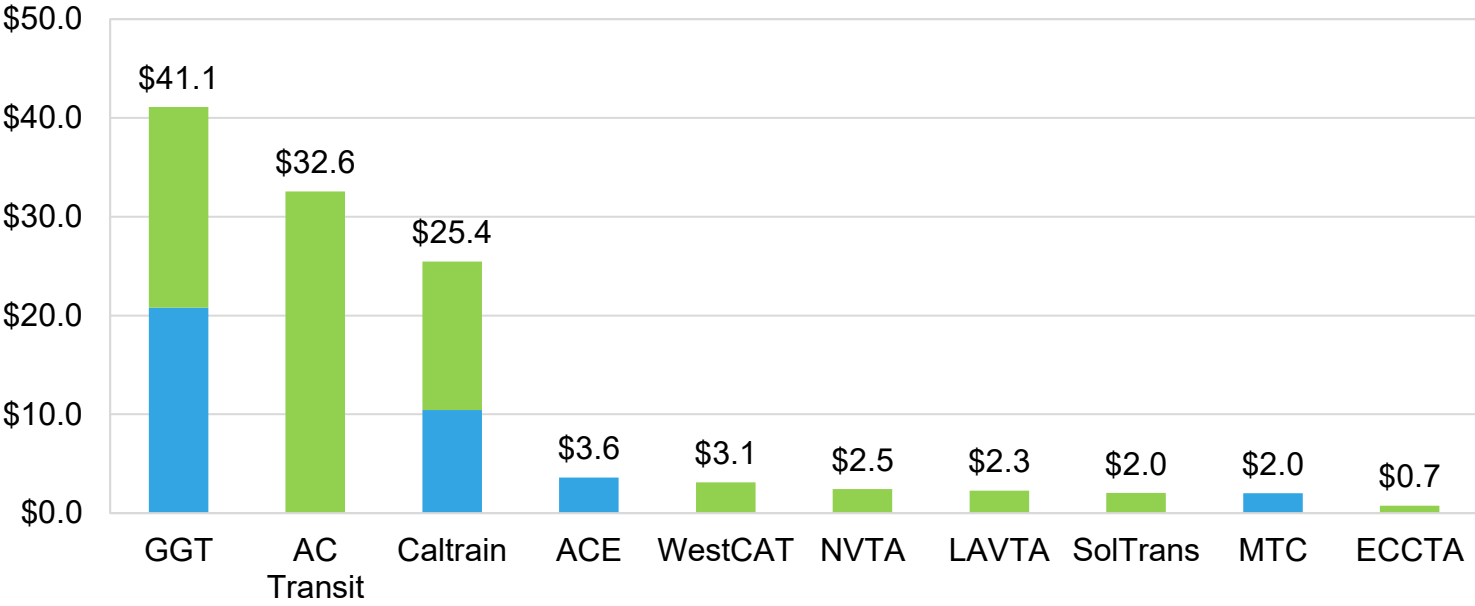
Regional Funding Framework (\$300M)

■ SB 125 Operating ■ SB 125 Capital ■ Regional Operating ■ Regional Capital

SB 125 Recipients >\$100M



SB 125 Recipients <\$100M



# SB 125 State and Regional Funding Summary

## Current Status

- \$728M in SB 125 funds received from state
  - \$407M allocated so far for FY 2024-25 and FY 2025-26 operations
- \$300M regional funding framework fully programmed
  - All \$75M in regional funds (RM3, STA) allocated
  - All \$225M in federal funds (TCP, STP/CMAQ) received approval in TIP

## Near-Term Milestones

- MTC to make \$128M in final SB 125 operating allocations (Fall 2025-Spring 2026)
- MTC to work with capital funding recipients (BART, VTA) to determine cash flow needs in advance of allocation

## Future Decisions

- Commission will make programming decisions on ~\$100M STP/CMAQ contribution, including \$7.8M swapped for TCP funds, as part of OBAG 4 framework development.

# Regional Accountability Measures

MTC Resolution No. 4619, Revised, adopted the following accountability measures that operators must advance in exchange for SB 125 funds

Regional Accountability Measure Type	Assigned Operator(s)
Participation in Regional Initiatives	All
Schedule Coordination	All
GTFS Best Practices	All
Ambassador Programs	BART, SFMTA
Crisis Prevention Program	Caltrain
Efforts to Curtail Fare Evasion	BART, SFMTA
Service Optimization	AC Transit, Golden Gate Transit

# AC Transit Update

## LEGEND

- ... Maintain Current Performance
- ... In-Progress - Satisfactory
- × In-Progress - Unsatisfactory

Status	Initiative	Summary
<span>...</span>	Regional Initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Currently participating in all applicable initiatives</li> <li>Co-manages several regional initiatives</li> </ul>
<span>...</span>	Schedule Coordination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Currently participating in all applicable coordination efforts</li> <li>In August 2025, shifted to align with common sign-up schedule</li> </ul>
<span>...</span>	GTFS Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AC Transit has implemented most basic best practices</li> <li><b>Next Milestone:</b> AC Transit should make technical revisions identified by 511 staff</li> </ul>
<span>...</span>	Service Optimization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Realign bus network changes implemented in August 2025</li> <li><b>Next Milestone:</b> AC Transit will report on performance through their existing Key Performance Indicators</li> </ul>

## Program Highlight AC Transit Realign Plan



Image Credit: AC Transit

# BART Update

## LEGEND

- ⋯ Maintain Current Performance
- ⋯ In-Progress - Satisfactory
- × In-Progress - Unsatisfactory

Status	Initiative	Summary
<span>⋯</span>	Regional Initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Currently participating in all applicable initiatives</li> <li>Co-manages several regional initiatives</li> </ul>
<span>⋯</span>	Schedule Coordination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aligned with the common sign-up schedule</li> <li>Implemented schedule changes to reduce transfer times in August 2025 as part of the region's "Big Sync"</li> </ul>
<span>⋯</span>	GTFS Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BART has implemented some basic best practices</li> <li><b>Next Milestone:</b> BART should make technical revisions per 511</li> </ul>
<span>⋯</span>	Fare Gates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New fare gates have been installed at all 50 stations</li> </ul>
<span>⋯</span>	Ambassador Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Currently has ~34 ambassadors and crisis intervention specialists</li> <li><b>Next Milestone:</b> BART should continue to monitor effectiveness and implement improvements as necessary</li> </ul>

## Program Highlight

### Next Generation Fare Gate Installation



Image Credit: BART

# Caltrain Update

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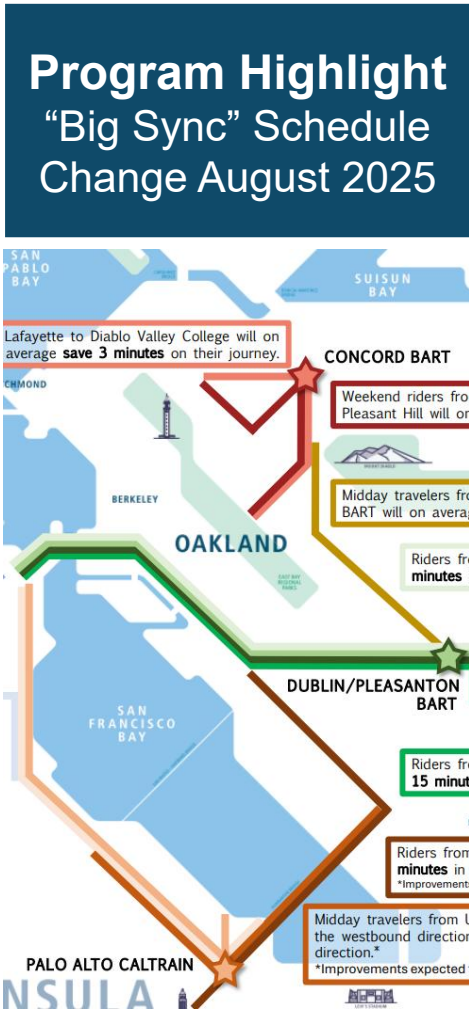
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In-Progress - Unsatisfactory

Status	Initiative	Summary
...	Regional Initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Currently participating in all applicable initiatives</li> </ul>
...	Schedule Coordination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aligned with the common sign-up schedule</li> <li>Participated in schedule coordination to reduce transfer times in August 2025 as part of the region’s “Big Sync”</li> </ul>
...	GTFS Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Caltrain has implemented all applicable basic best practices</li> <li><b>Next Milestone:</b> Caltrain is working with MTC staff on efforts to provide Caltrain real time data in GTFS-RT format</li> </ul>
...	Crisis Prevention Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Replaced signage with 988 crisis hotline along entire corridor</li> <li>Suicide prevention tactics include barriers, signs, and coordination</li> <li><b>Next Milestone:</b> Caltrain should evaluate the effectiveness of their Crisis Prevention Program and identify improvement opportunities</li> </ul>





# Golden Gate Transit Update

## LEGEND

- ⋯ Maintain Current Performance
- ⋯ In-Progress - Satisfactory
- ✗ In-Progress - Unsatisfactory

Status	Initiative	Summary
<span style="color: green;">⋯</span>	Regional Initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Currently participating in all applicable initiatives</li> <li>Closely involved in mapping &amp; wayfinding pilot preparation</li> </ul>
<span style="color: green;">⋯</span>	Schedule Coordination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aligned with the common sign-up schedule</li> <li>MASCOTS plan will optimize schedules and improve transfers</li> </ul>
<span style="color: orange;">⋯</span>	GTFS Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Golden Gate has implemented all basic best practices</li> <li><b>Next Milestone:</b> Golden Gate Transit should make revisions per 511</li> </ul>
<span style="color: orange;">⋯</span>	Service Optimization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completed public outreach for MASCOTS proposed service changes</li> <li><b>Next Milestone:</b> Golden Gate Transit board to approve the MASCOTS service plan in late October, for 2026 implementation</li> </ul>

## Program Highlight MASCOTS Optimization Study

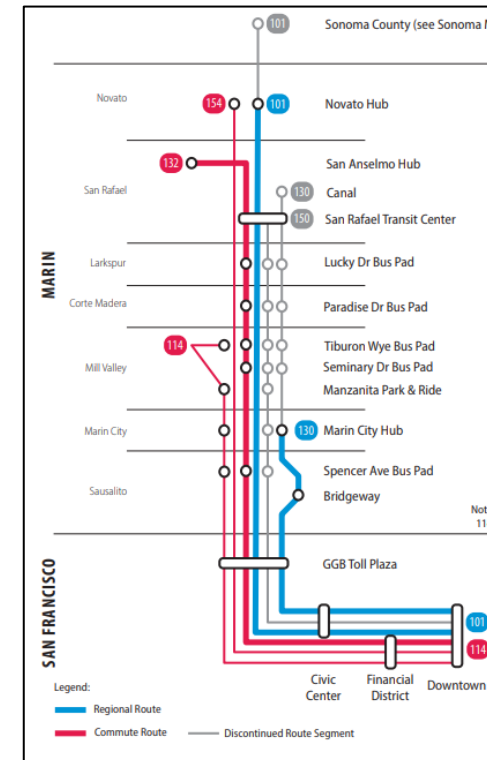







Image Credit: GGBHTD

# SFMTA Update

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-  *In-Progress - Satisfactory*
-  *In-Progress - Unsatisfactory*

Status	Initiative	Summary
	Regional Initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Currently participating in all applicable initiatives</li> <li>Launched mini-prototype of new mapping and wayfinding at Powell St. Station in May and June 2025</li> </ul>
	Schedule Coordination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SFMTA aligns operator sign-ups with BART (on common schedule)</li> <li><b>Next Milestone:</b> SFMTA should continue to coordinate on transfers</li> </ul>
	GTFS Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SFMTA has implemented all basic best practices</li> <li><b>Next Milestone:</b> SFMTA will deploy some changes later this year</li> </ul>
	Fare Collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SFMTA has hired more fare inspectors and doubled fare inspections</li> <li><b>Next Milestone:</b> SFMTA should fill all fare inspector vacancies and continue their public education campaign to deter fare evasion</li> </ul>
	Ambassador Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SFMTA completed 2024/2025 Rider Safety Survey and focus groups</li> <li><b>Next Milestone:</b> SFMTA should provide an update on survey analysis and Safety Equity Action Plan efforts</li> </ul>

## Program Highlight

Powell St. Station  
Wayfinding Prototype



Image Credit: Karl Nielsen

# Look Ahead: FY 2026-27 and Beyond

- Operating support from SB 125 and the Regional Funding Framework will conclude in FY 2025-26, after which some operators are projecting significant budgetary shortfalls
- Senate Bill 63 if enacted would authorize the placement of a measure on the November 2026 ballot to provide operating funds for 14 years, beginning in 2027

# Next Steps

- Operators will continue to report on SB 125 progress as they submit TDA/STA claims throughout FY 2025-26
- Staff will provide a final update on the SB 125 Regional Accountability Measures in early 2026