



Bay Wheels Bikeshare Update



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Bikeshare Programs in the Region

MTC: Bay Wheels

- Launched in 2017 in San Francisco, San José, Oakland, Berkeley, Emeryville
- Lyft bought operator in 2018
- MTC manages Lyft contract and coordination agreement between cities and Lyft
- MTC invested \$16 million in ebike expansion in 2023
- Expanded to Daly City in 2025

MTC: Bikeshare Capital Grants

- Grant program to pilot bikeshare in less dense areas.
- Grants awarded to Fremont, Richmond and a joint program with the Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA) and the Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM).

Other Programs:

- Many cities in the region have shared micromobility (scooters/bikes) permit programs
- Berkeley initially launched ebikes with different operator

SMART Corridor: Bikeshare Capital Grant Program

300 bikes

Richmond: Bikeshare Capital Grant Program

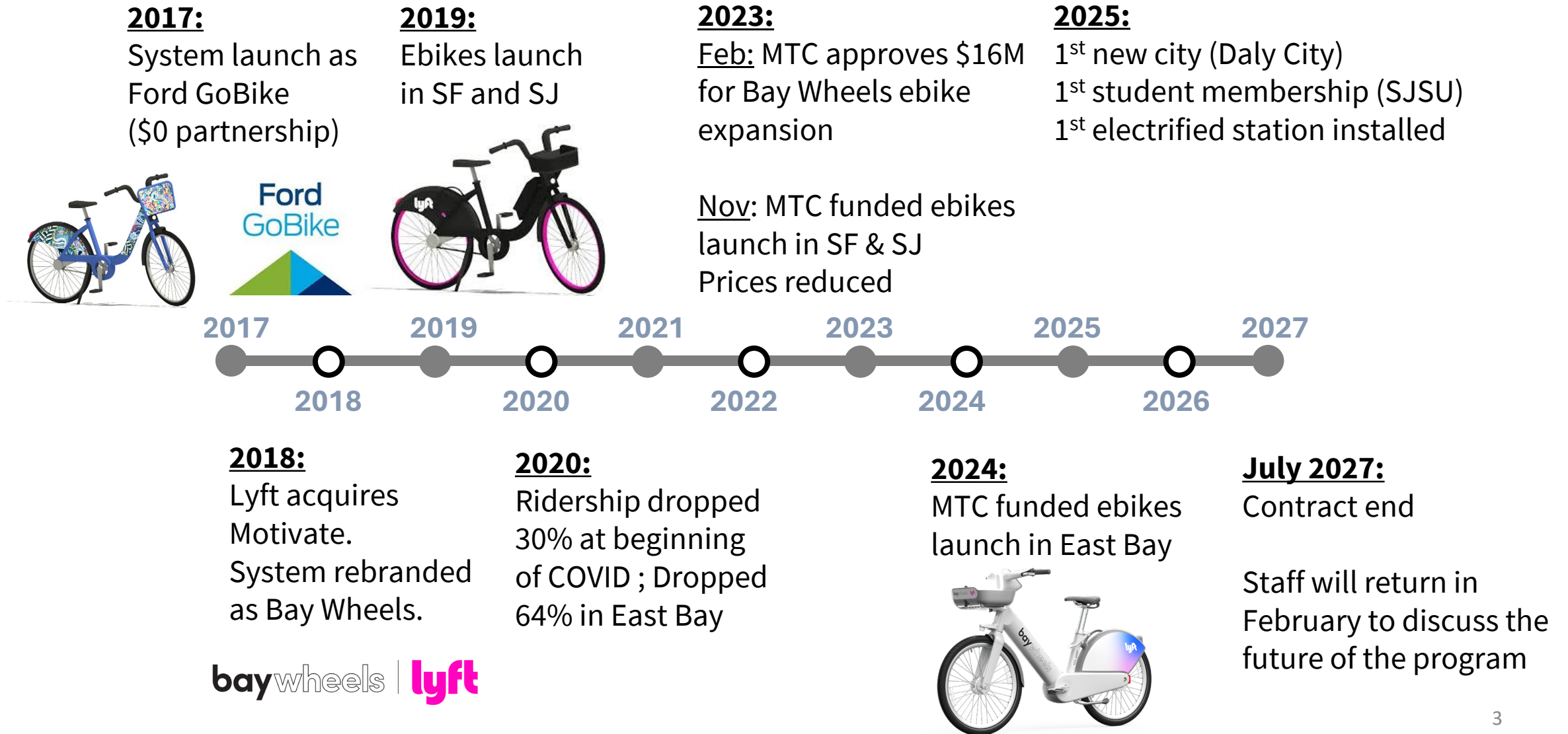
250 bikes

Fremont: Bikeshare Capital Grant Program

150 bikes

- Bay Wheels
6,000 bikes
- Bikeshare Capital Grant Programs
Varies by system

Bay Wheels History



Bay Wheels Overview

Sub regions: System is geographically split into three subregions: SF + Daly City, East Bay and San José

San Francisco hub: SF made up 89% of trips in 2025

Contract structure: Contract is a ten-year zero-dollar contract with two optional five-year extensions.

Transitioning to more public investment: MTC invested \$16 million in the system in 2023, funding ebikes, stations, program pilots, and expansion to Daly City.

San Francisco:

Classic Bikes: 1,260
Total Ebikes: 1,800
New Ebikes: 960
Stations: 334
Remaining stations: 5

Daly City:

Classic Bikes: 0
Total Ebikes: 80
Stations: 8
Remaining Stations: 4

East Bay: Berkeley, Emeryville and Oakland

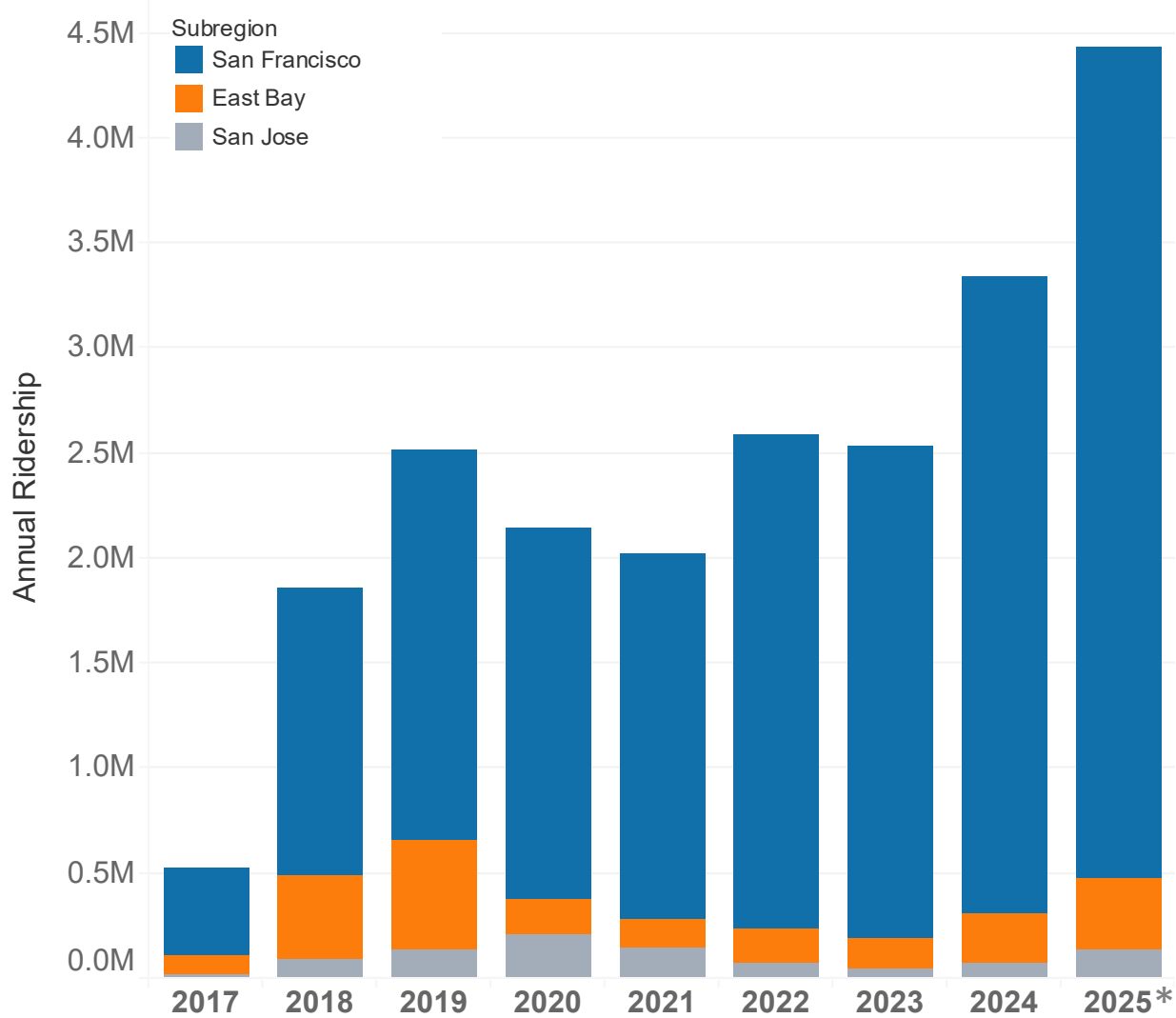
Classic Bikes: 940
New Ebikes: 620
Stations: 152
Remaining stations: 16

San José:

Classic Bikes: 630
Total Ebikes: 450
New Ebikes: 310
Stations: 80
Remaining stations: 23

Bay Wheels Ridership Booming From MTC Investment

- **Ebike expansion:** ridership has increased 74% comparing 2025 to 2023 (January-October)
- Ridership differs in each sub-region. SF ridership is more than double 2019, it's now 89% of system ridership.
- East Bay and San José still below 2019 levels.
- Highest ridership at transit hubs and universities.



*Includes projected ridership for December 2025

Ebikes Are Very Popular & Well Utilized

Ebikes made **79% of trips in 2025**

Ebikes made at least 3x as many trips per day as “classic” non-electric bikes

New “Cosmo” ebikes are ridden twice as much per day as older model ebikes

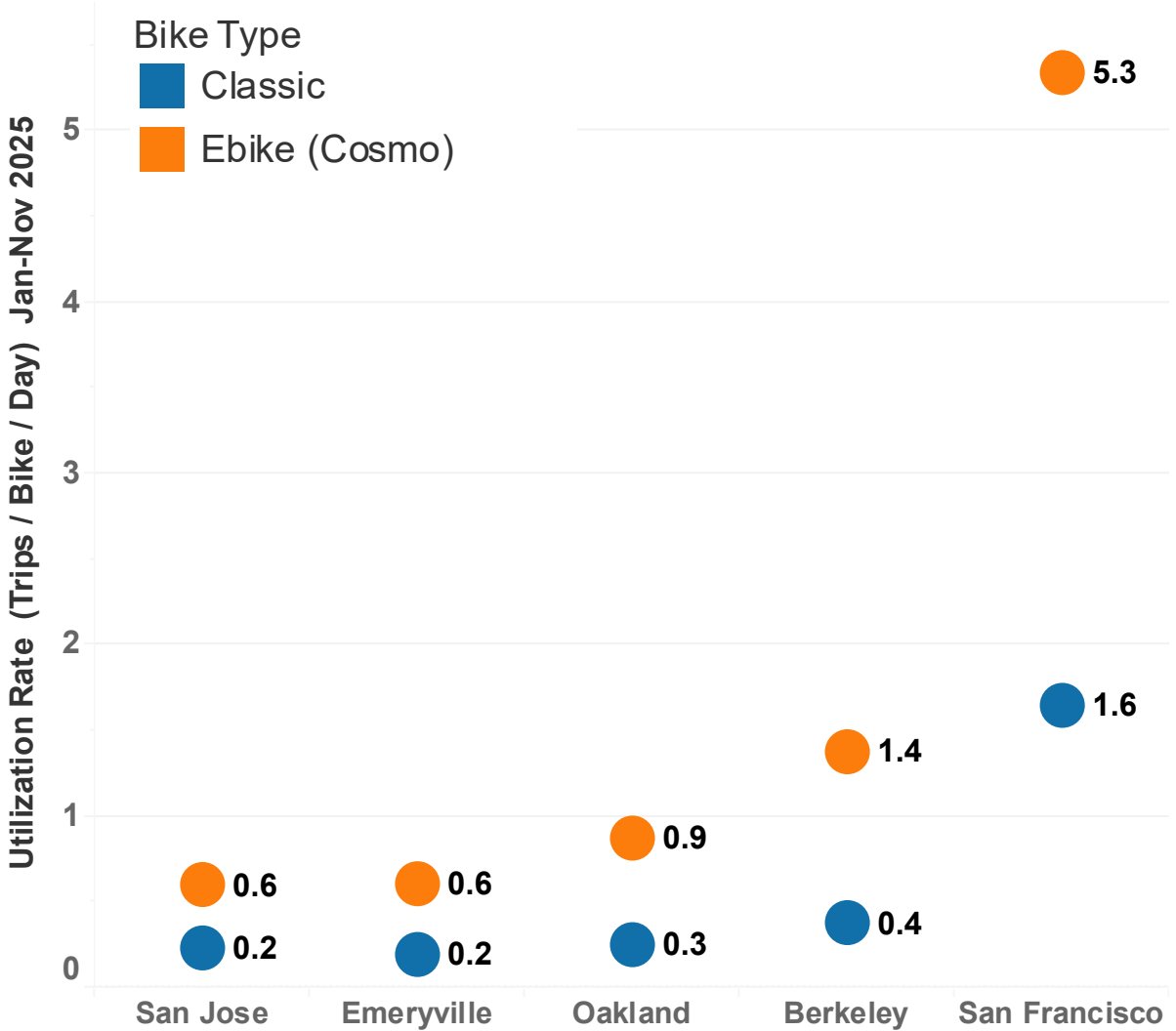
Ebikes and classic bikes in SF are utilized 3-8x more than bikes in other cities



Classic



Ebike (Cosmo)



Bikeshare is Part of the Regional Transit Network

Bay Wheels 7th largest transit operator

Bay Wheels has provided 21 million trips with moderate capital funding support

Provides first and last mile connection to regional transit. Many of the highest ridership stations are next to regional transit hubs:

- SF: 6 of top 10 stations adjacent to BART, Caltrain, or Ferry
- East Bay: 6 of top 10 stations adjacent to BART
- San José: Diridon #4

October 2025 Ridership

Rank	Operator	Total Ridership (Source: NTD)
1	SFMTA	15,647,147
2	BART	6,112,717
3	AC Transit	3,836,597
4	VTA	2,772,554
5	Caltrain	1,314,942
6	SamTrans	1,074,406
	Bay Wheels	485,213
7	Marin Transit	293,344
8	GGBHTD	284,088
9	County Connection	273,889
10	SF Bay Ferry	263,700

Deployment of MTC Funding

In February 2023, MTC approved \$16 million to Lyft for expanding ebikes to all cities, station expansion and electrification, and new programming.

	Completed Deployment	Future deployment
Ebike Deployment	Completed systemwide 2024	
Station Expansion	Stations installed in Emeryville, Oakland, and San Francisco in 2025	Berkeley and San José deployment expected in Q1 2026
System Expansion	Daly City Phase 1 Completed \$1.25 million (50%) remaining	Phase 2 Daly City expected Q1 2026 More contiguous cities interested
Electrified Stations	First electrified station installed in the Presidio	Working with Lyft and PG&E Expected in 2026
Student Memberships	Launched at San José State University and University of California San Francisco	In discussion with additional universities

Equity Focused Programs

- **Bikeshare for All**

- Bay Wheels low-income program
- \$5 first year, \$5/month after
- Low and capped ebike fees
- Over 1.4M rides since 2017

- **Adaptive Bikeshare**

- MTC supported programming for people with disabilities in partnership with Bay Area Outreach & Recreation Program (BORP)



Bikeshare Capital Grants



Fremont:

- MTC provided \$659,000
- Launched July 2019; ceased operations 2022



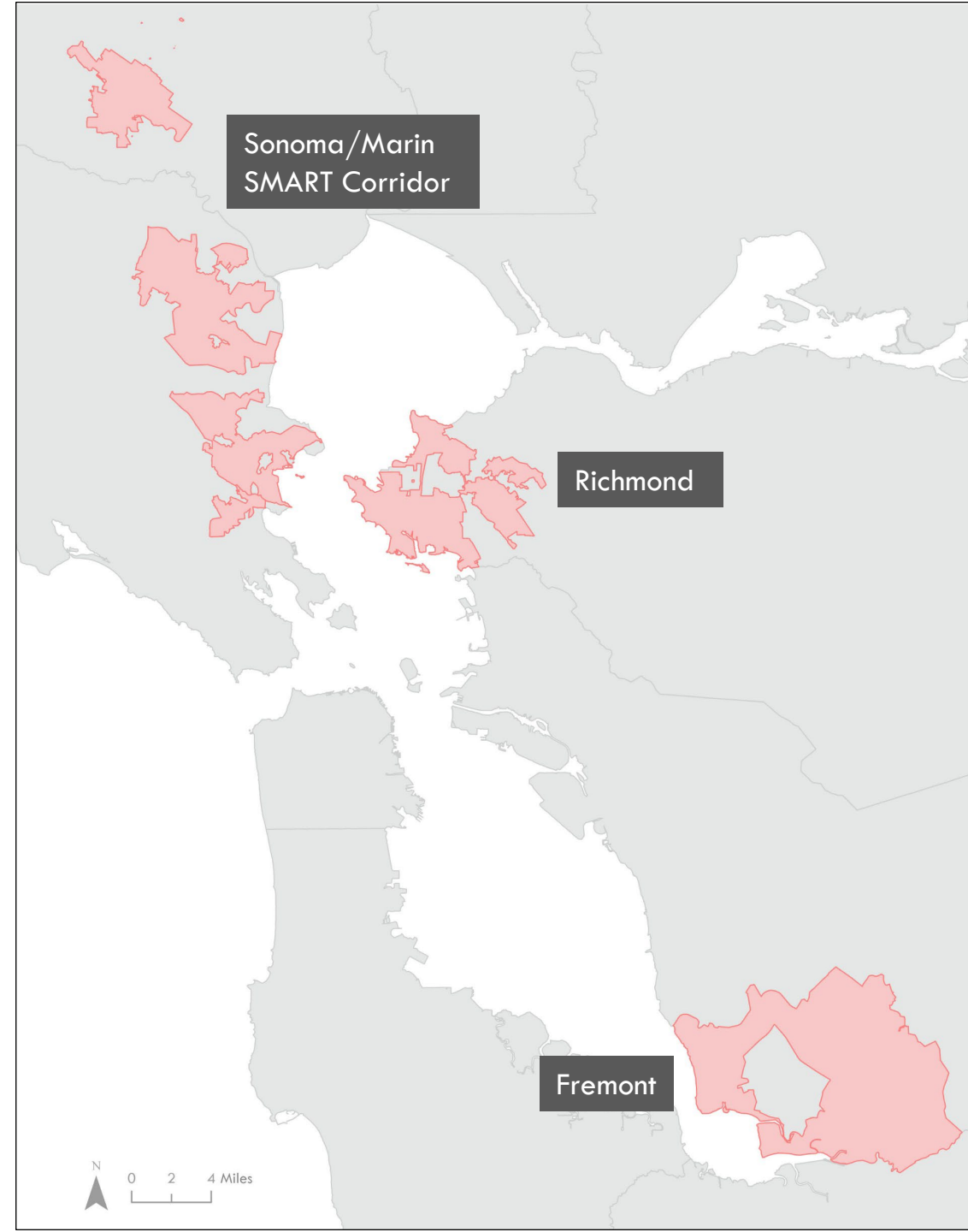
Richmond:

- MTC provided \$1.024 million
- Launched June 2021; ceased operations in 2022; temporarily restarted with funding from City of Richmond; City determining program future December 2025



Marin TAM/Sonoma SCTA SMART Corridor

- MTC provided \$826,000
- Launched November 2024



Thank you

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