



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Association of Bay Area Governments

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Updates

State of the San Francisco Estuary Conference Re-scheduled

- The State of the San Francisco Estuary Conference has been re-scheduled for May 28-29 at the Oakland Scottish Rite Center. The event was cancelled in March because the previous venue was not ready. More information on the Estuary Partnerships website: www.sfestuary.org.

Bay Wheels East Bay Expansion

- Alix and I were joined by ABAG Vice-President and Berkeley Mayor Jesse Arreguin, Emeryville Councilmember Courtney Welsh and BART Director Rebecca Saltzman at an event earlier this month where MTC and Lyft announced the addition of 24 new docking stations and 565 next-generation docked e-bikes to the [Bay Wheels regional bikeshare system](#) in Oakland and Emeryville. The East Bay expansion marks the second phase of a two-step Bay Wheels growth strategy that began last fall with the introduction of more than 1,500 new e-bikes and 30 new docking stations in San Francisco and San Jose.

Disadvantaged & Small Business Enterprise Programs

- At [this month's Administration Committee meeting](#), staff gave an update to commissioners about MTC's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) and Small Business Enterprise (SBE) programs. It is worth noting that from 2020-2023, MTC awarded over \$71 million under the DBE and SBE Programs. MTC also does outreach for these programs, including mentoring, DBE certification assistance, and procurement technical assistance.

Bay Area Summer Academy Now Accepting Applications

- [Applications for the Norman Mineta Bay Area Summer Academy](#) now are being accepted through April 28. Please help the participating regional agencies—ABAG, MTC, BCDC and the Air District—spread the word by encouraging high schoolers in your communities to participate in this paid summer opportunity.

Sea Level Rise Project List Update

- ABAG, MTC and BCDC are updating a regional sea level rise project inventory in support of Plan Bay Area 2050+. Updated data will be used in Plan Bay Area 2050+ to create the Sea Level Rise Resilience Project List and also will be integrated into other regional efforts, such as BCDC's [Shoreline Adaptation Project Map](#) program and BCDC's [Bay Adapt Joint Platform](#).

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Looking Ahead

Washington, D.C., Advocacy Trip, May 14-16

- ABAG members, MTC commissioners and staff will travel to Washington, D.C., to meet with our Bay Area legislative delegation next month.

Bike to Wherever Days

- Thursday, May 16, is the 30th anniversary of Bay Area Bike to Work Day. Consider [pledging to ride that day](#) or for the entire month of May. And for the first time, we now have a Bay Area-wide Bike to Wherever Days [events calendar](#) on the Bay Area Bike to Work Day website, where residents can find events across the nine counties.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew Fremier".

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