



# City of San Leandro

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## Presentation

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**TO:** City Council

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**FINANCE REVIEW:** Not Applicable

**TITLE:** Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority - South Bay Connect Project Update

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### SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority (CCJPA), the managing agency of the Capitol Corridor intercity passenger rail service, is providing a presentation updating the status of the South Bay Connect Project.

Shirley Qian, South Bay Connect Project Manager and Principal Planner, will be the presenter. The presentation will cover the status of the South Bay Connect Project.

This item is for information only.

### Attachment to Staff Report

- PowerPoint slides (presentation)

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# Capitol Corridor South Bay Connect

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# South Bay Connect Recap



# Improving Rail Operations

## South Bay Connect – A key rail improvement project that will:

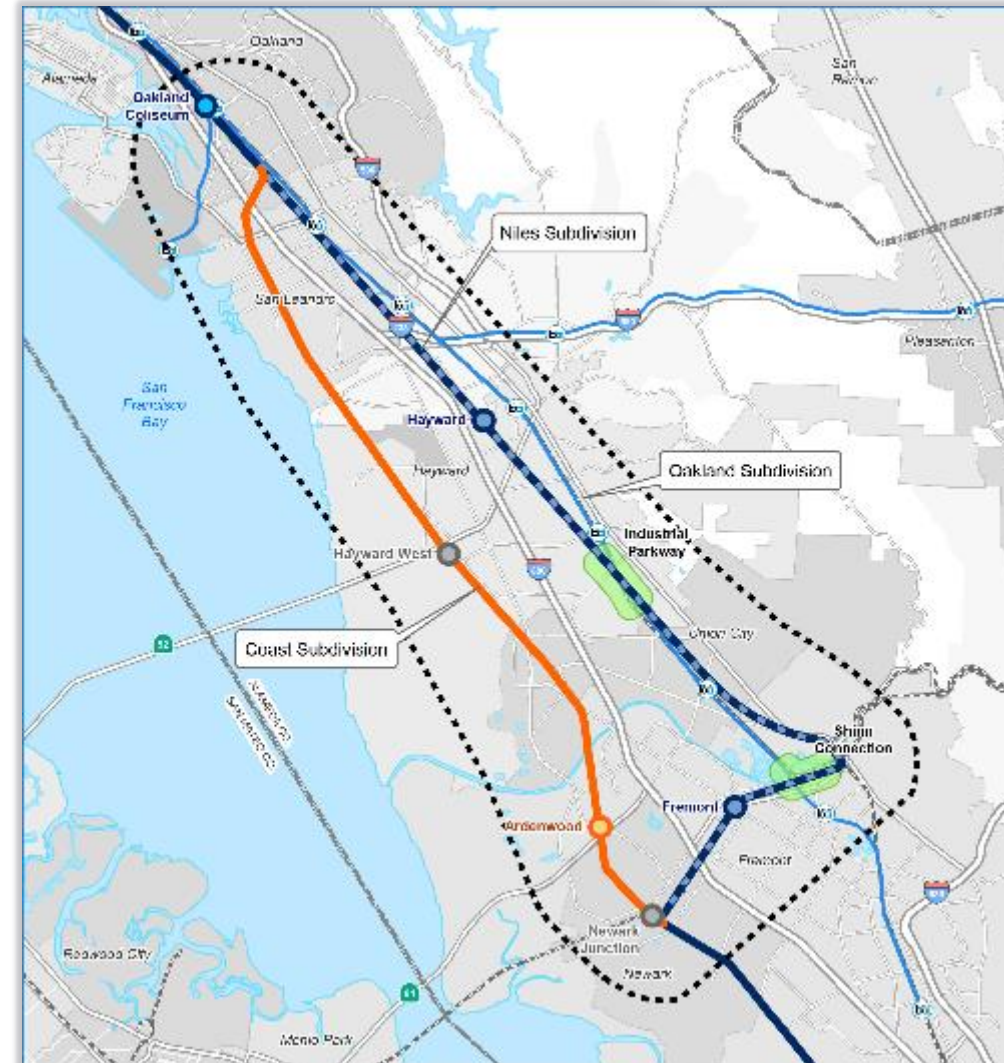
- Enhance **reliability, access, and travel time** for Capitol Corridor riders
  - Reduce **train congestion** between Oakland and San Jose
  - Improve **rail operations** for passenger & freight service



# What is South Bay Connect?



- **Capitol Corridor route relocation**  
*(Oakland Coliseum to Newark)*
- **Two discontinued Capitol Corridor stations**  
*(Hayward & Fremont-Centerville)*
- **New Ardenwood intermodal station**  
*(existing transbay bus & shuttle connections)*
- **No frequency increase** in Capitol Corridor service or expected changes to freight operations
- **Potential improvements to UP rail line**  
*(Industrial Parkway & Shinn Connection)*



# More than Just a Route Shift...

SBC has benefits that extend beyond operational improvements for Riders, Community, and the Region

## LONG-TERM BENEFITS of improved passenger rail



# Capitol Corridor Rider Benefit – Shorter Commute & More Reliable Service

## TRAVEL TIME SAVINGS

### 13 minutes each way



**26 MIN**  
per day

=



**2.16 HRS**  
per week

=



**8.64 HRS**  
per month

# Community Benefit – Less Train Congestion & Delays

## RELOCATING RAIL SERVICE for Capitol Corridor



Reduces rail congestion and local travel delays at rail crossings in:

**San Leandro • Hayward • Union City • Fremont**







# Project Update

# Current Activities and Focus



Ongoing Partner  
Coordination



Environmental  
Analysis



Rail Infrastructure  
Preliminary Engineering



Ongoing Project  
Communications



# Union Pacific Railroad (UP) Coordination

*Capitol Corridor's goal is to find the least expensive and environmentally impactful infrastructure improvement options that facilitate rerouting of freight and passenger rail trains.*

- UP committed to **finding feasible solutions** for both freight and passenger rail improvements
- Track infrastructure improvements on UP ROW will **facilitate rerouting of freight** to accommodate Capitol Corridor service relocation
- UP has stated that SBC **creates opportunity** for more efficient operations through East Bay
  - Freight frequency is market driven



CEQA environmental analysis WILL analyze potential impacts as a result of this project AND ways to minimize those impacts.

Analysis has begun on resource areas including, but not limited to:



Environmental  
Justice Analysis  
*(not required by CEQA)*



Land Use/  
Project  
Acquisitions



Noise/  
Vibration



Traffic/  
Mobility



Community

# Full Environmental Resource List



Analysis will identify potential impacts and mitigation measures to minimize impacts

Aesthetics

Agriculture forestry

Air quality

Biological

Cultural

Energy

Geology/soils

Greenhouse gas emissions

Hazards & hazardous materials

Hydrology/water quality

Land use/planning

Minerals

Noise

Population/housing

Public services

Recreation

Transportation

Tribal culture

Utilities

Wildfire



# California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

WE ARE  
HERE

ACTIVITY
Notice of Preparation (NOP) of Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
Scoping and 45-Day Public Comment Period — Formal Public Comment
<b>Draft EIR Development - Environmental Resource Area Analysis</b>
Draft EIR Circulation for minimum 30-day Public/Agency Review & Comment — Formal Public Comment
Preparation of Response to Comments
Development of FINAL EIR <i>(includes response to comments)</i>
Agency Decisions/Findings, Statement of Overriding Considerations, Mitigation Monitoring — Formal Public Comment
<i>Public engagement throughout plus specific formal public comment opportunities.</i>

# Ongoing Communications

Speaker's Bureau  
Community Working Groups  
Social Media  
Electronic Notices  
Website



# Next Steps



Identification of potential rail infrastructure improvements



Environmental analyses being conducted



Draft EIR is expected to be available for public review Spring 2022

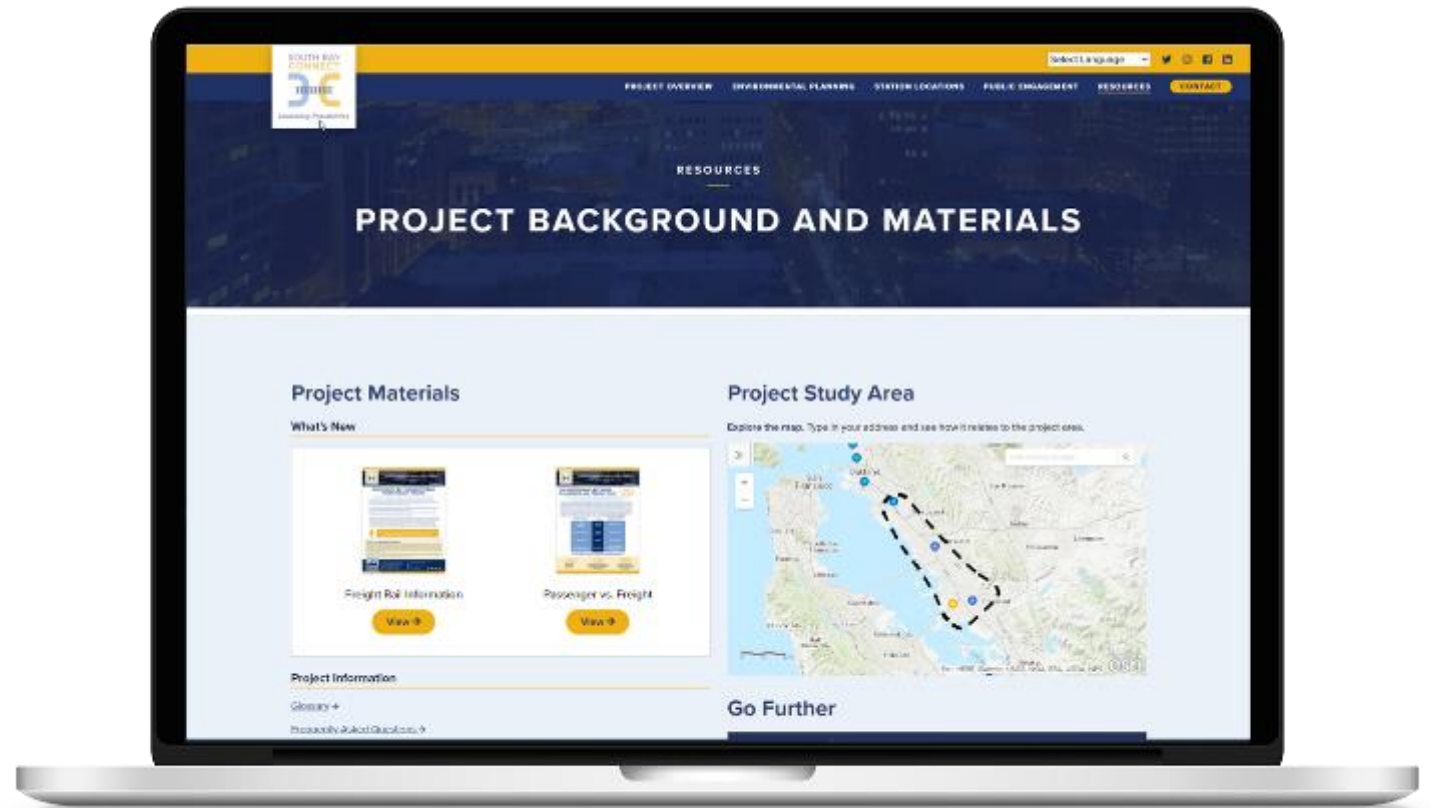


Ongoing stakeholder and public engagement



# Stay Engaged

- Project Website  
[southbayconnect.com](https://southbayconnect.com)
- Project Email  
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- Project Voicemail  
(510) 244-3667
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**Thank you!**