



Transbay Transit Center

Dear Transbay Transit Center Stakeholder:

With the start of the New Year, I am writing to update you on the progress of the Transbay Transit Center Project – the Grand Central Station of the West. We have completed our first year of construction on the new Transit Center, and we are proud to report the project is on schedule and on budget.

Every day, we have 150 to 200 workers on site working multiple shifts. Since construction began, we have employed over 1400 construction workers who have performed over 340,000 hours of work, offering a critically needed economic stimulus to the Bay Area. The Transbay Project has created new, living wage job opportunities and is actively contributing to the economic vitality of the San Francisco and Bay Area region.

On a daily basis, we work to minimize the impacts of Project construction to our residential, commercial, and commuting neighbors, while ensuring construction activities stay on pace for our Fall 2017 grand opening of Phase 1. In particular, we have worked with our construction team to adjust the construction methods and shift timing to reduce late night noise as well as impacts to pedestrian and traffic flow.

The new Transit Center's intermodal connections between 11 different transit providers will provide the public with a safe, convenient, and efficient transit facility generating immense environmental benefits. In addition, the new Transit Center will pave the way for a new transit oriented community with hundreds of residential units blocks away from the Transit Center and within easy walking distance of the largest employment center in the region. The units will be part of a new neighborhood that will offer improved transit connections, employment, shopping, recreation, and entertainment. Sidewalks will be inviting to pedestrians, shoppers, business, residential neighbors, and tourists. The community will also benefit from six acres of new public open space - more than doubling the amount of open space in the South of Market neighborhood.



Transbay Transit Center Park Level View

Our major accomplishments in 2011 included:

- Temporary Transbay Terminal named “2011 Transportation Project of the Year” by the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of the International Transportation Engineers.
- Completion of demolition of the former Transbay Terminal building and ramps with nearly 55,000 hours of labor without a single accident or injury on the job.
- Over 99% of all material from the former Terminal building and ramps was salvaged and reused or recycled. Elements of the former ramp structures will be repurposed in one of the new Transit Center’s major public art installations.
- Completion of final design of the Transit Center to 90%.
- Possession of all real estate necessary to complete Phase 1 construction.
- Completion of 85% of utility relocation.
- Completion of 95% of shoring wall construction.
- Commencement of construction of buttress wall.
- Commencement of excavation of the site.
- Negotiated and signed a Project Labor Agreement.
- Opening of the Transbay Archaeology Exhibit displaying Gold Rush Era artifacts recovered from the site. Over 80 artifacts and architectural elements were salvaged from the Transbay Terminal for reuse or interpretive display by the California Railroad Museum, the Western Railway Museum, the Oakland Museum, Caltrans, and the TJPA.



Transbay Temporary Terminal:
2011 Transportation Project of the Year



Demolition of Transbay Terminal is complete and
excavation of site is under way



Artifact from the Transbay Archaeology Exhibit

Major milestones anticipated in 2012 include completion of design details for the new Transit Center and completion of all utility relocation. The next element of construction, the below grade structure, will be advertised and awarded. We will also make significant progress on buttress, shoring and excavation work, including the removal of over 270,000 cubic yards of soil. These activities will generate over 300,000 hours of living wage employment.



Transbay Excavation



Cross-lot Excavation Bracing Installation



Transbay Archaeology



Buttress Foundation Installation

I hope you will explore opportunities to participate in the shaping of this project through our Transbay Joint Powers Authority Board meetings, Citizen's Advisory Committee meetings, monthly public progress briefings or one of many presentations we make throughout the community. For regular updates, including a weekly 10-day construction outlook, please visit our website at www.TransbayCenter.org.

Thank you for your support of this innovative and transformational model for transit-oriented development. We look forward to continuing to work with all of the stakeholders surrounding our construction site and throughout San Francisco, the Bay Area, and State of California.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director