

LINK21

CONNECT NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Connecting Northern California

Transbay Joint Powers Authority,
Citizen's Advisory Committee

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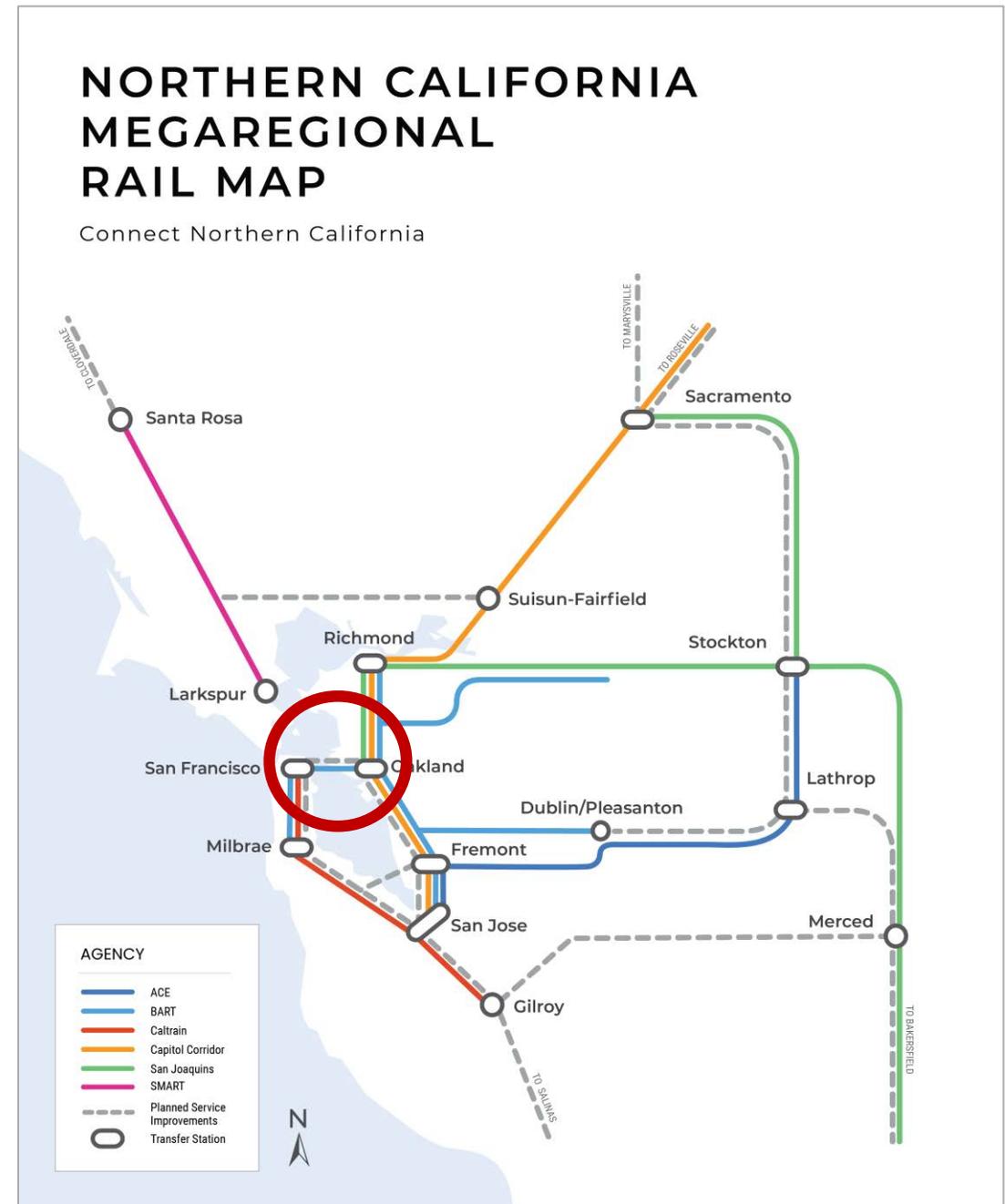
Link21: Transformative Rail Program for the Megaregion

Link21 is a *program of projects* to integrate and connect rail systems in Northern California to provide more service, faster connections, and access to jobs for the megaregion's residents and visitors.



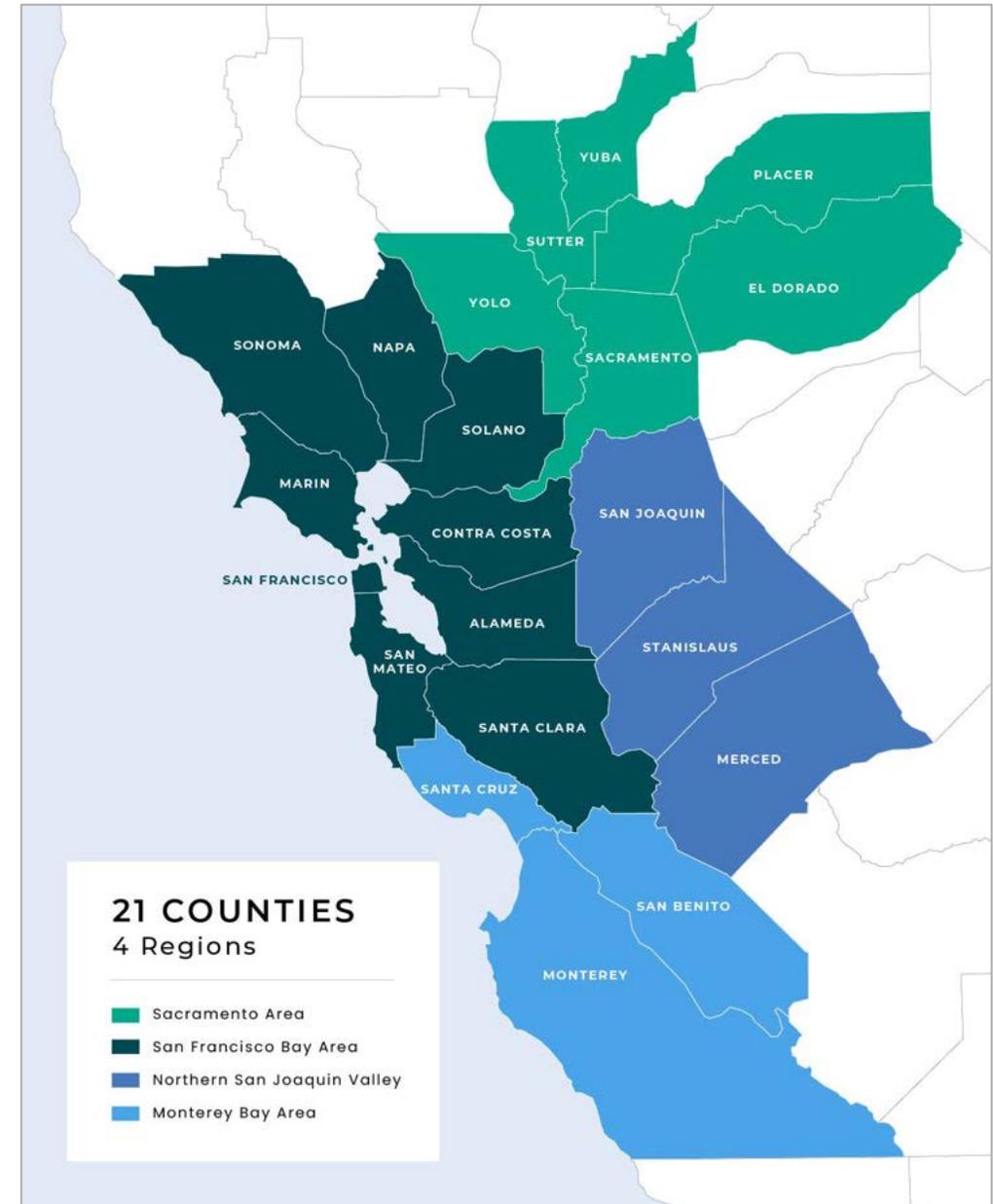
New Transbay Rail Crossing: Unlocks the Megaregion's Potential

A *major project* within the Link21 Program is a new transbay passenger rail crossing between Oakland and San Francisco.



The Need for the Link21 Program

- Persistent traffic congestion
- Inconvenient, disparate rail service and limited routes
- Unreliable travel times
- Overcrowded BART trains
- Climate- and health-damaging air pollution



Link21 Goals and Objectives



TRANSFORM THE PASSENGER EXPERIENCE

- Provide better service
- Improve reliability and system performance
- Build ridership and mode share



ENHANCE COMMUNITY AND LIVABILITY

- Connect people and places
- Improve safety, health and air quality
- Advance equity



SUPPORT ECONOMIC GROWTH AND GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS

- Improve access to opportunity and employment
- Connect major economic, research and education centers
- Enable transit-supportive land use



ADVANCE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AND PROTECTION

- Increase climate change resilience
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Conserve resources

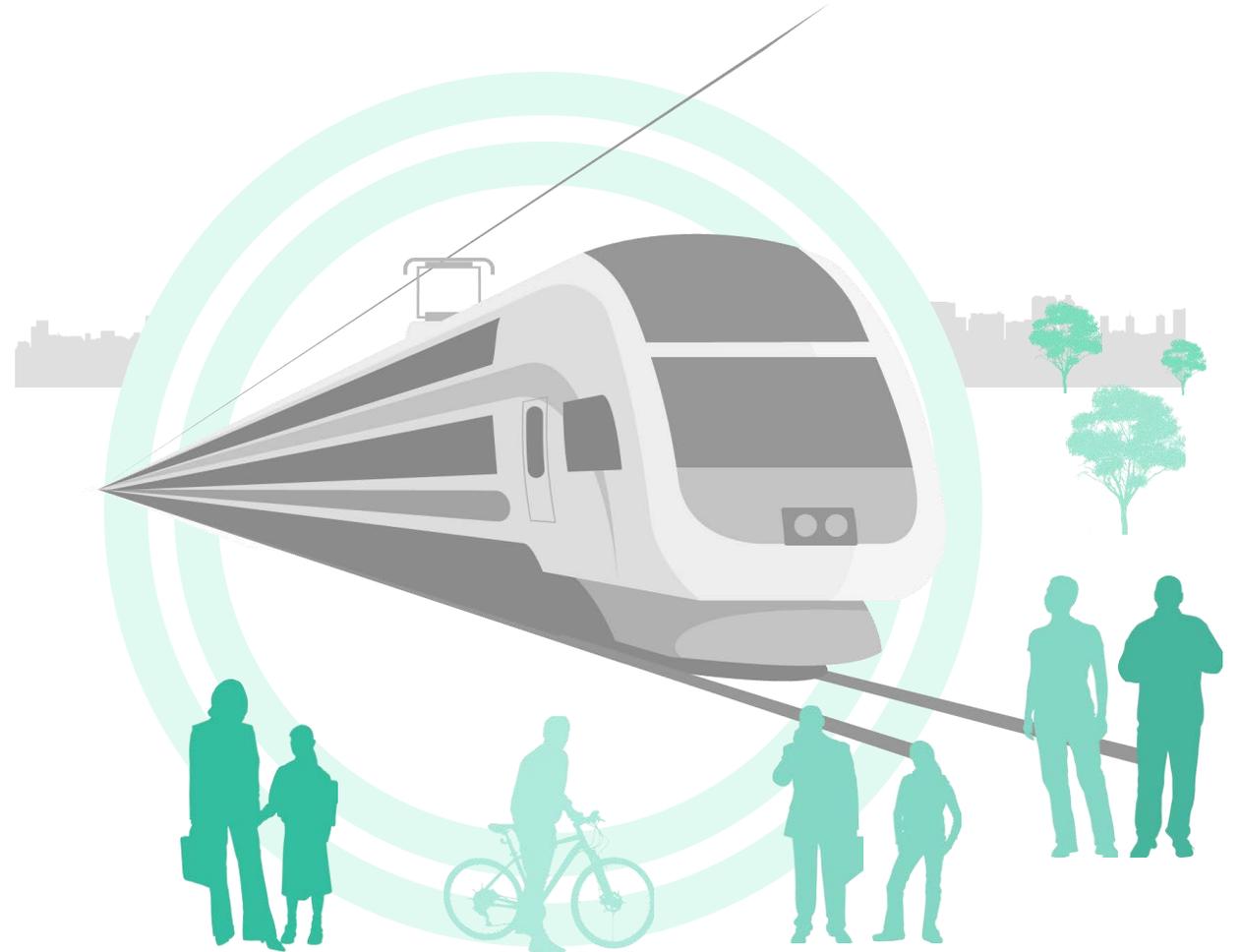
Link21 as an Economic Powerhouse

- Link21 will create **faster, frequent, and reliable** travel to jobs, airports, education centers, healthcare, sports, and recreation facilities throughout the Megaregion
- Everyone deserves **access to quality jobs**. Link21 will help bridge the gap between affordable housing and job centers



Link21 will Enable Clean and Green Transportation

- An optimized rail network will provide convenient alternatives to driving
- Air quality will be improved; greenhouse gases will be reduced



Link21 is an Equitable Program

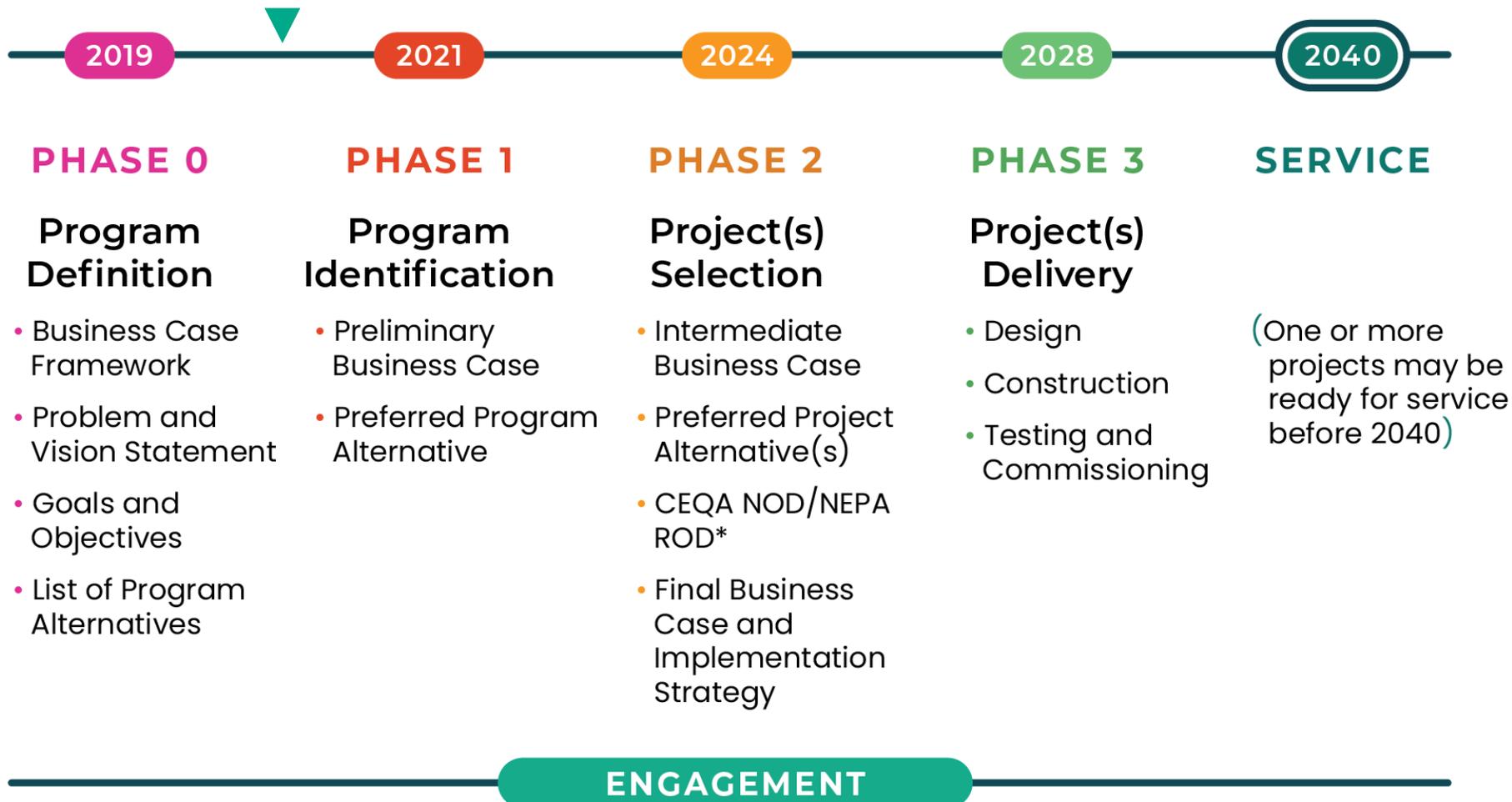


- Equity is a central principle of Link21
- We are committed to incorporating equity through *all* Program work
- Link21's equity strategy will align with BART's larger equity vision



Program Timeline

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*CEQA NOD = California Environmental Quality Act Notice of Determination/NEPA ROD = National Environmental Policy Act Record of Decision



Coordination on Salesforce Transit Center



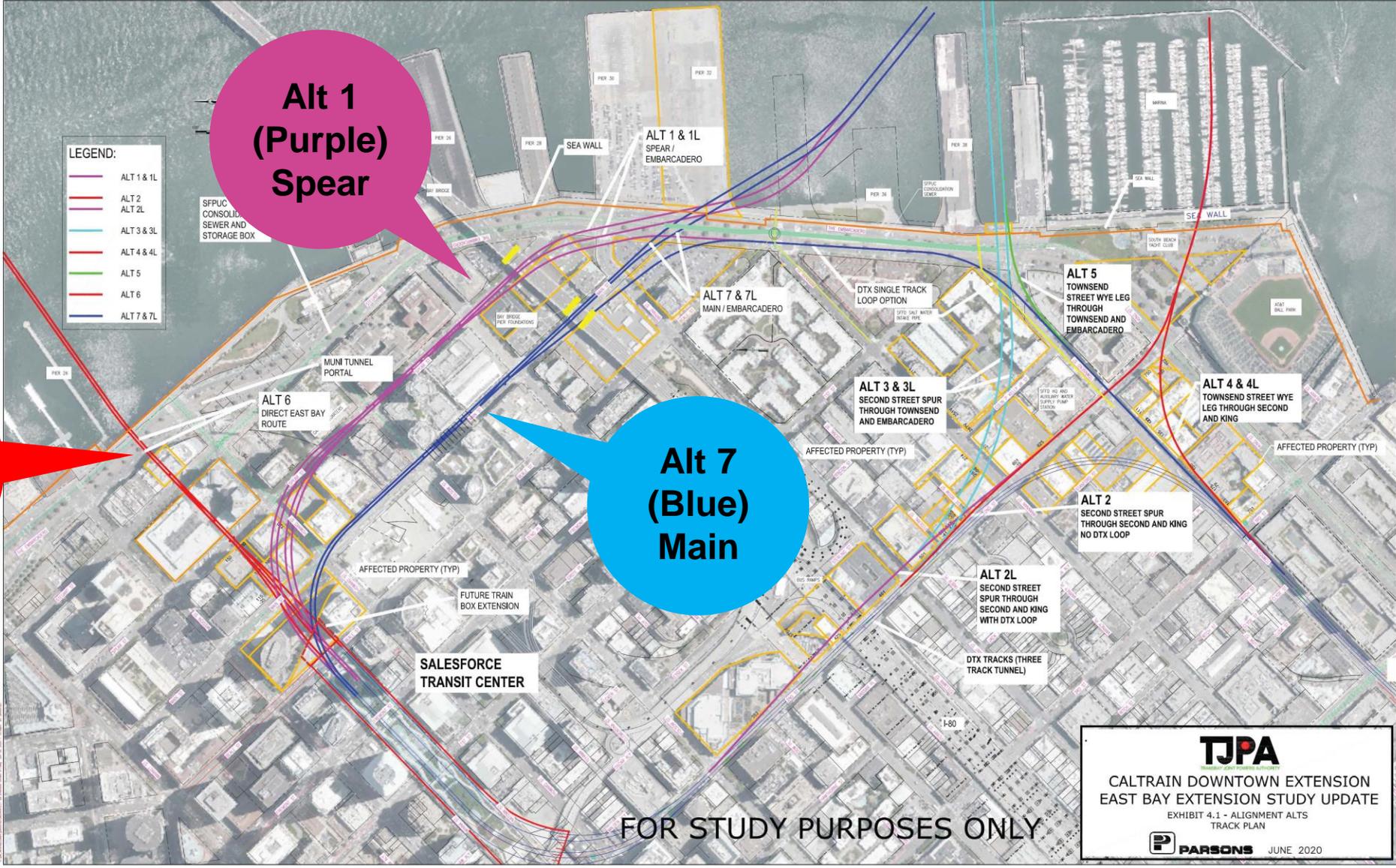
- Regular meetings with TJPA team and consultants in 2020 to update 2014 tech memo
- Revised memo issued in June 2020; Link21 using as basis for further studies on connecting to STC for regional rail concepts
- Monthly meetings with Caltrain, CAHSR, and Caltrans DRMT on coordinated regional rail operations
- Caltrans-led Northern California Rail Working Group (Caltrain, ACE, SJJPA, CAHSR, TAMC, MTC) participation
- Regular meetings with TJPA will resume Spring/Summer 2021

Initial Assumptions



- Main goal: integrated passenger rail network in megaregion
- Universe of Link21 Program concepts is still very broad
- STC early assumptions for regional rail concepts in development:
 - Two tracks from East Bay into STC
 - Service operates through on to Caltrain
 - ZEV vehicles similar to Caltrain
 - Operator agnostic
 - Cognizant of Caltrain 2040 Vision Plan investment and service levels
- *All assumptions are very preliminary*
- *Many options are being considered*
- *Planning for flexibility and operating capacity*
- *Seeking input. **What do you think is important?***

Please let us know your ideas and suggestions



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TJPA
 CALTRAIN DOWNTOWN EXTENSION
 EAST BAY EXTENSION STUDY UPDATE
 EXHIBIT 4.1 - ALIGNMENT ALTS
 TRACK PLAN
PARSONS JUNE 2020

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