

EXPANDING TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS: TRANSIT AND TDM PLAN

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Why this Presentation and Meeting?

- Project Background and Purpose
- Present existing conditions analysis
 - Your role: Discuss and share your experiences and identify other key issues and opportunities
- Present project goals and objectives
 - Your role: Discuss and provide input on the goals and objectives

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

What are the Transit and TDM Plans?

Vision

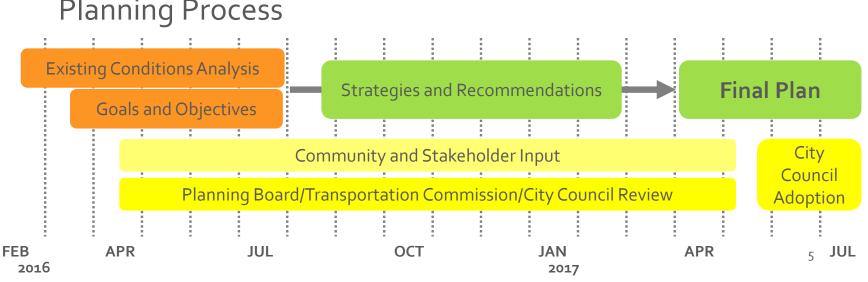
• Sustain a high quality of life in Alameda by improving mobility for all.

• Transit Plan

- Outcome of the General Plan to guide transit improvements
- Analyze existing transit conditions
- Implementation focus: identify strategies, projects, and key steps to improve transit
- Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Plan
 - Assess state of TDM in City
 - Identify strategies to improve and expand TDM

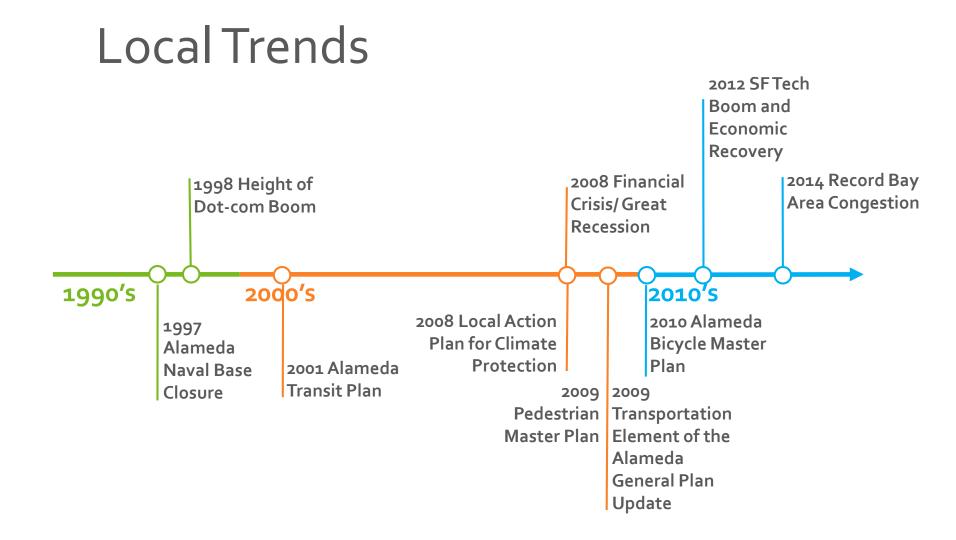
Project Background

- City Council direction
- Implementation-focused plan
- Carry out General Plan Transportation Element



Planning Process

EXISTING CONDITIONS ANALYSIS

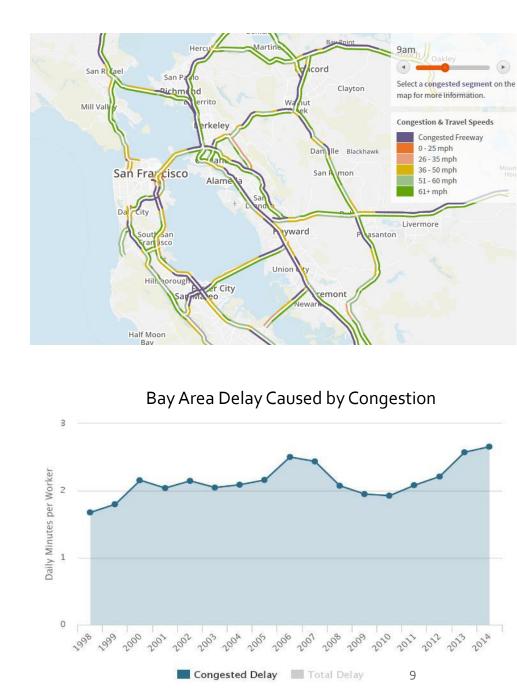


Key Concepts

- 1. Congestion is increasing
- 2. Housing and jobs are growing
- 3. Regional commute patterns are changing
- 4. Alameda is a multimodal city
- 5. Alameda is well-served by transit
- 6. Transportation Demand Management (TDM) improves transportation options

1. Congestion Is Increasing

- Freeway congestion and delay has surpassed peak 2006 levels
- Delay up 40% since 2010



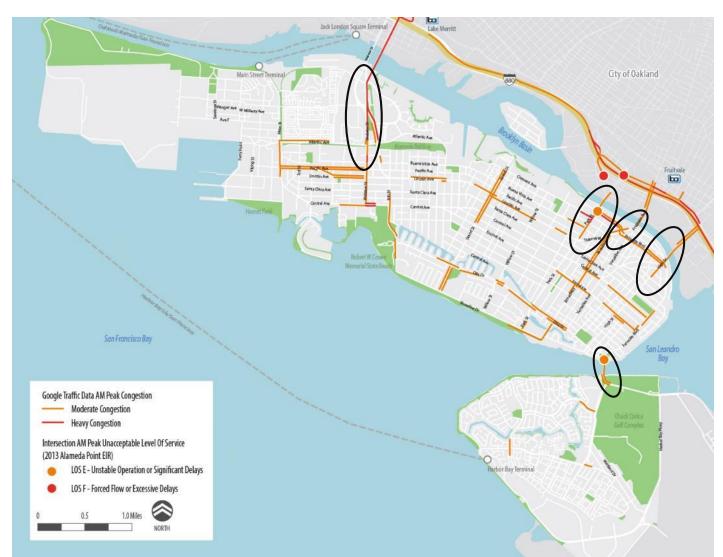
Island Crossings Are Congested

- Limited access on/off the island with long queues
 - Tube congestion has increased due to traffic merging onto I-880





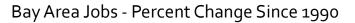
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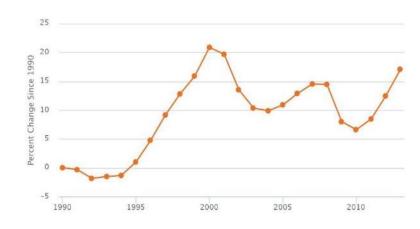


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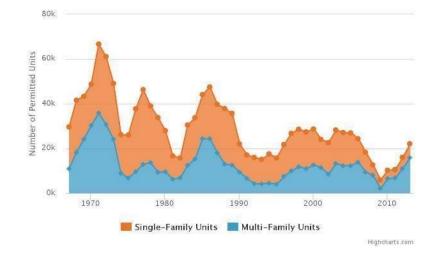
2. Housing and Jobs Are Growing

- Regional Job growth and increasing housing demand
 - **17.1% job increase** since 1990
 - Uptick in permitted units since 2010
 - Higher percentage of multifamily units
 - Housing Element Requirements

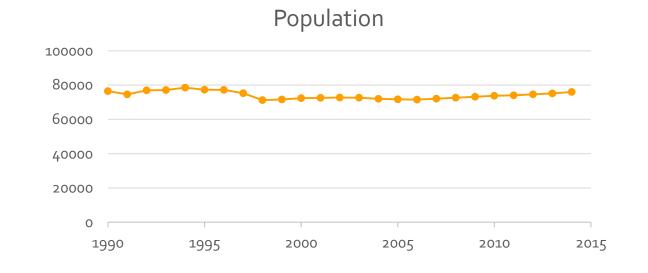


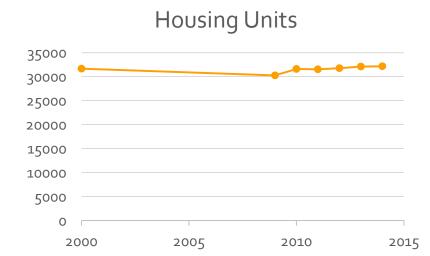


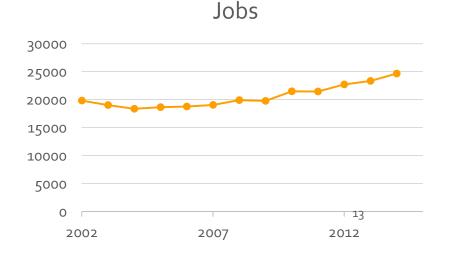
Bay Area Housing Growth



Alameda Population and Job Growth







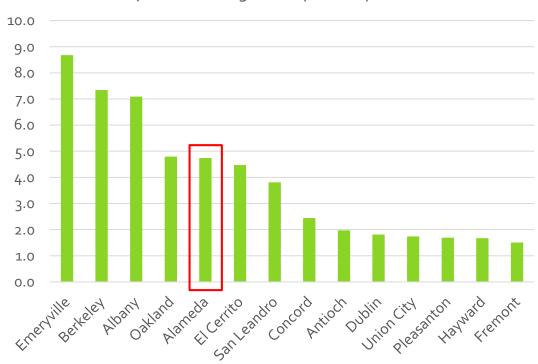
Permitted Units Over Time

• 1990 – 2013 Alameda on average permitted about 67 units per year.



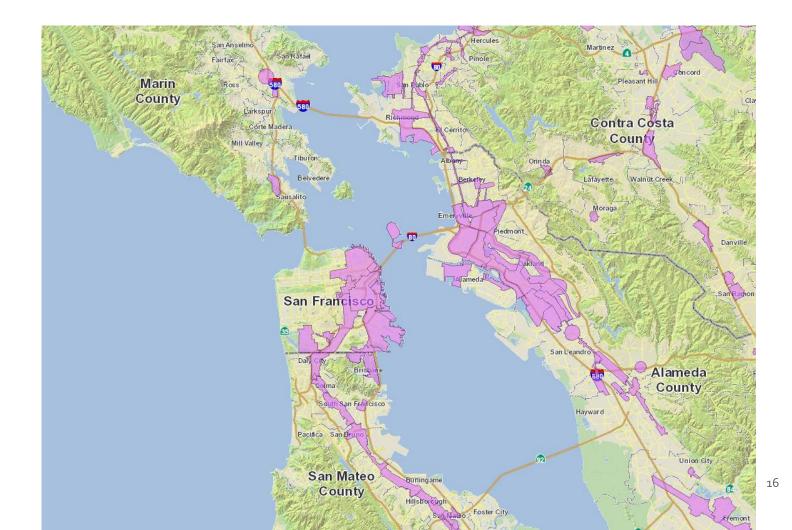
Housing Density

• Alameda citywide housing density: 4.7 units per acre

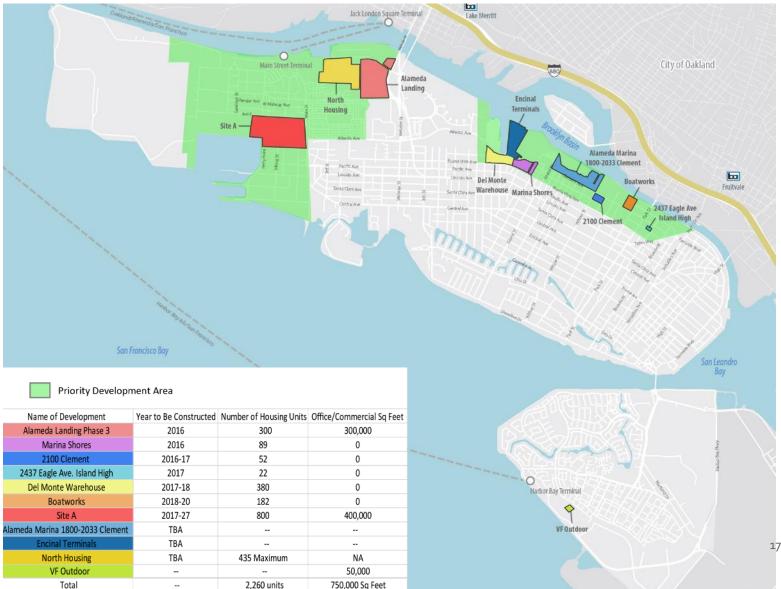


Citywide Housing Density (Units per Acre)

ABAG Priority Development Areas



Priority Development Areas Approved/Entitled Development



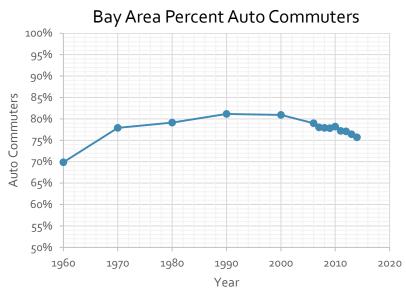
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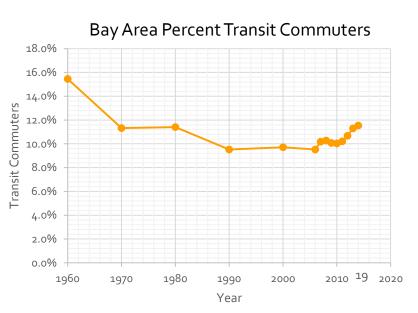
- Housing Growth
 - Alameda: 2,260 Units (7% increase over 2014 units)
 - Bay Area: 8.5% increase over 10 years
- Job Growth
 - Alameda: 7,909 Jobs (30% increase over 2015 jobs)
 - Bay Area: 11.4% increase over 10 years



3. Regional Commute Patterns Are Changing

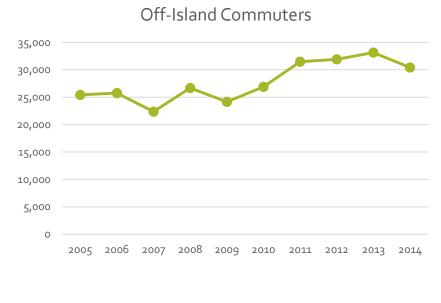
- Auto commuters declining. Percent of auto commuters on downward trend 76%—lowest since 1960.
- Transit commuters increasing. Recent modest increase in transit use over the past four years increasing from 10% to 12% of all commute trips.
- Millennials are multimodal, significant decrease in drivers and car-ownership.
 - 22% of young people plan on never getting a driver's license



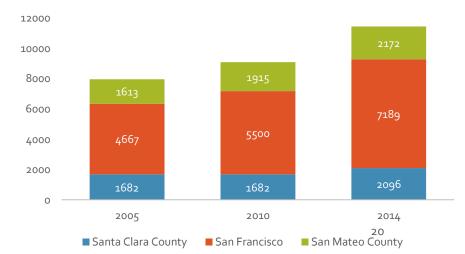


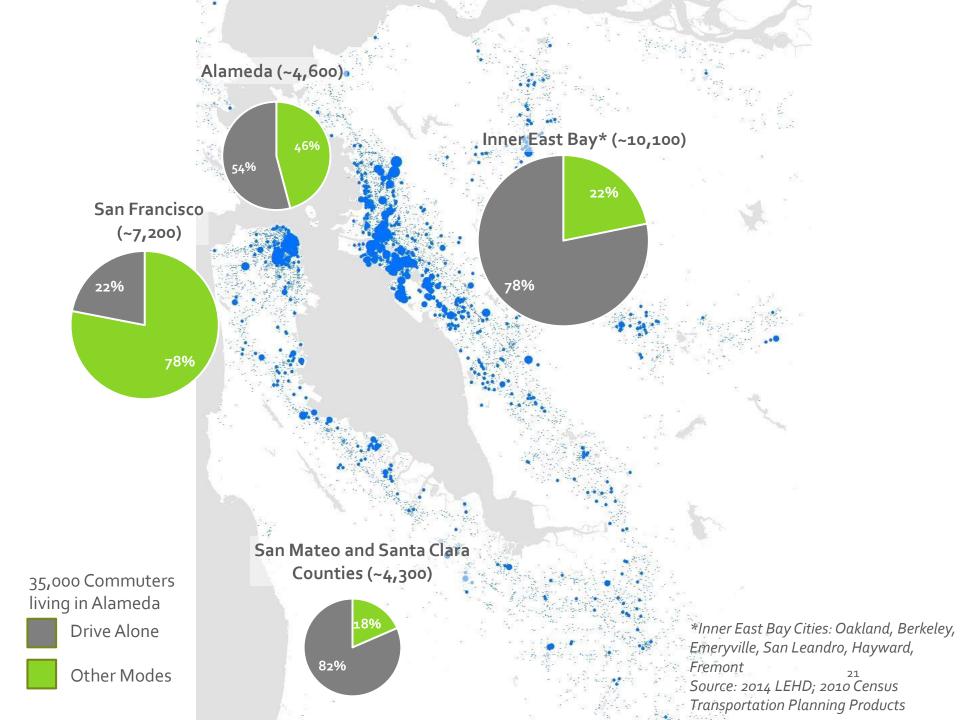
Alameda Commute Trends

- 5,000 more off-island commuters since 2005 -20% increase
- Increasing number of commuters to San Francisco, South Bay and Peninsula

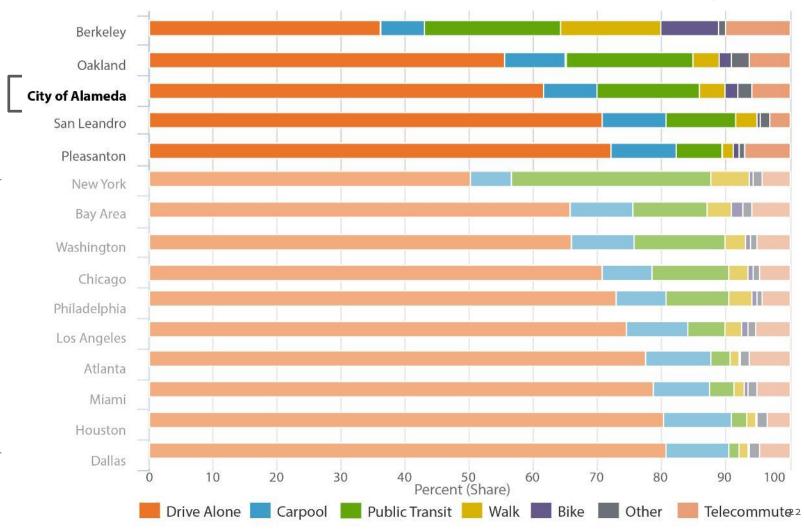


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4. Alameda is a Multimodal City



Source: 2014 American Community Survey (5-year)

Multimodal Facilities Face Opportunities and Challenges

Opportunities

- Well-suited geography
- General Plan has strong goals and policies
- City requiring transportation alternatives for new development projects
- Constructing or obtaining funding for multi modal improvements
- Coordinating services with transit agencies

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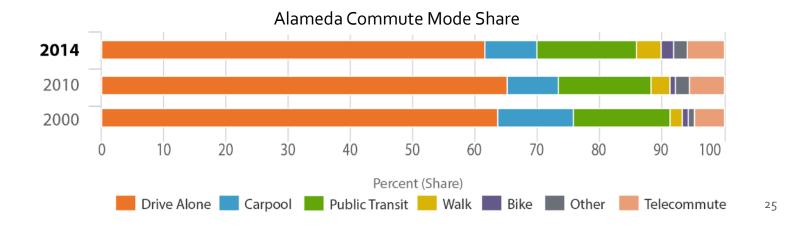
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Challenges

- Island crossing issues continue for all modes
- How to make multimodal choices more attractive than driving
- Adapt to new technologies as they arise
- Address public perceptions and awareness of transit
- Balance the needs of all users on streets

Commute Mode Share

- Shift in mode slowly occurring
- As growth occurs in Alameda, more people are using alternatives to driving
- 2010 2014
 - Non-drive alone travelers up 1,480
 - Additional commuters up 1,550



Travel Within Alameda

- Nearly 50% of Alamedans who work in Alameda walk, bike, take transit, or telecommute to work
- 2 out of 3 homes and jobs are within a ¼-mile of a local bus stop
- 37% increase in bicycle commuting (2010 to 2014)





Travel Within Alameda

- School pick-up and drop-off can increase traffic
- Alameda Unified School District: 9,400 Students
 - No enrollment increases over past ten years
 - Citywide magnet schools total almost 1,000 students
- 1,500 new charter school students in West Alameda
 - Academy Elementary (75)
 - Academy Middle (505)
 - ACLC (390)
 - NEA (529)
- Safe routes to school programs



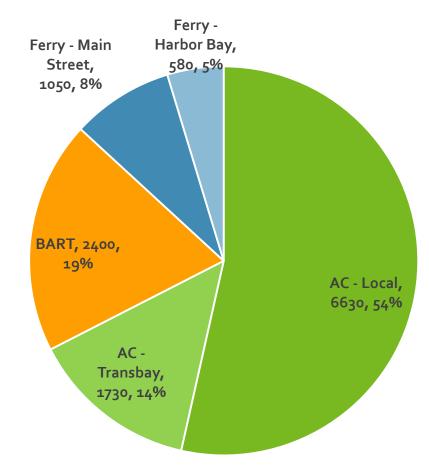
Bicycle Facilities and Improvements

- Upcoming Bicycle Master Plan Update
- Planned Bicycle Improvements
 - Cross Alameda Trail improvements
 - Bikeway and complete street improvements
- Bike share feasibility study
 - First-last mile solution
 - Connection to jobs
 - Connection to transit



Transit Ridership

- •12,390 Weekday Boardings
- 16% Alameda commuters take transit



Source: 2014 American Community Survey; AC Transit 2015 Ridership; 2015 WETA Ridership; BART 2015 SPS

5. Alameda is Well-Served by Transit

- Bus stops within a ¼ mile
 - **67%** have access to local AC Transit routes (Lines 20, 21, 31, 51A)
 - **30%** have access to Line 51A service
 - 65% have access to AC Transbay service
- Two ferry terminals
- Three nearby BART Stations
- Shuttles
 - West End
 - Harbor Bay Business Park



Transit Service is Expanding

- Recently Completed:
 - Line 51A improvements
 - Additional Line O morning trips
 - Additional ferry trips
- Funded Improvements
 - New Northern Waterfront AC
 Transit Route
 - Bus-only lanes on Appezzato Parkway
- Planned Improvements
 - Bus queue jump lanes at Stargell
 - Seaplane Lagoon Ferry Terminal and Service



AC Transit Ridership in Alameda

- Local Route Boardings:
 6,632 up 3% since 2010
- Transbay Boardings:
 1,727 up 27% since
 2010
- Transit Isochrones (areas of equal travel time)
 - 30 min to access Oakland Downtown
 - 45- 60 minute to access San Francisco Downtown

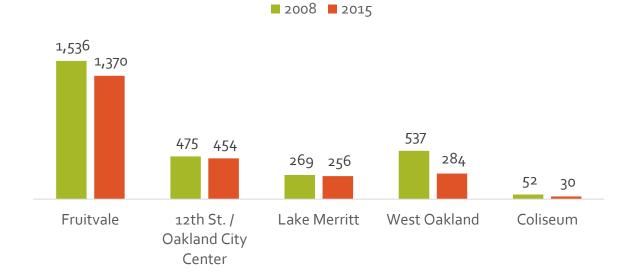




BART Ridership

- •2015: 2,395 home-origin based station entries each weekday
- Down 17% since 2008

Alameda Home-Based BART Boardings



Paratransit

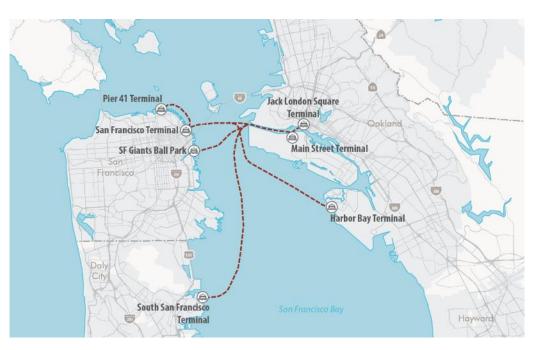
- East Bay Paratransit
 - Operated by BART and AC Transit
- City-based paratransit • Funded by Measure B/BB
- Alameda Paratransit Shuttle
 - Averages 430 boardings per month
- Taxi vouchers
 - Average 92 trips per month
- Proposed program changes
 - Shuttle service to Fruitvale BART
 - Increased shuttle frequency
 - Shuttle rebranding



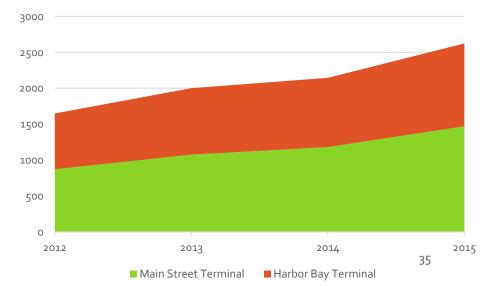


Ferry Service

- Daily Boardings up 60% since 2012
 - Main Street Terminal: 1050 Boardings (2015)
 - Appx. 900 parking spaces (full by 8 a.m., no transit service)
 - Harbor Bay Terminal: **580** Boardings (2015)
 - Appx. 250 parking spaces (full by 7:30 a.m.)
 - Line 21 free for ferry riders
 - Business park shuttle







6. Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Improves Transportation Options

TDM creates a more efficient transportation system:

- Frequent and reliable transit services
- Carpooling and carsharing
- Walking or bicycling/bikesharing
- Improve pedestrian and bicycling safety
- Transportation information and incentives
- Parking management well used City asset
- Safeguards Guaranteed Ride Home Program
- Benefits all Alameda residents and workers





What Does TDM in Alameda Look Like Today?

City requires TDM in all new developments:

- Trip reduction goals of 10% to 30%
- Key developments
 - *Alameda Landing* West Alameda Transportation Management Association
 - Alameda Point TDM Plan in process
 - Northern Waterfront (Del Monte and Marina Shores) – Coordinating on improved bus service on restored Line 19 (Buena Vista Avenue)



What Could TDM Look Like?

Create a single, consolidated TMA

- Increases efficiencies
- More user friendly
- Helps achieve TDM Goals
 - Manage TDM program
 - Engage with City, transit operators and funding
 - Facilitate shared services
 - Market services and programs
 - Coordinate annual requirements to the City

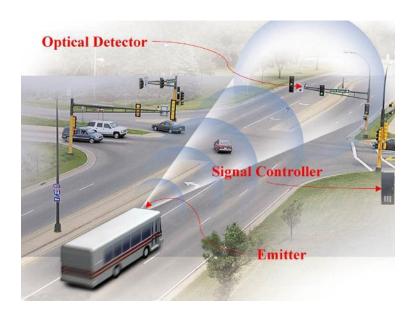




BEST PRACTICES AND NEW TECHNOLOGIES

Transit and Priority Treatments

- Signal priority
- Queue jump lanes
- Bus-only lanes
- Real-time arrivals
- Transit passes



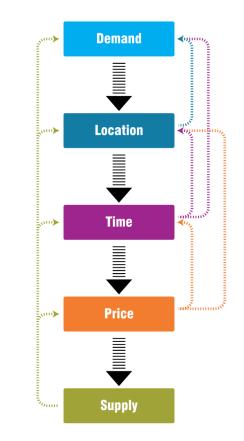




Parking Management Strategies

- Demand-based pricing (85% capacity)
- Parking cash-out
- Parking maximums
- Unbundling parking costs







On Demand Car-Sharing and Ride-Sharing

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Union City

San Francisco

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Redwood City

Mountain view

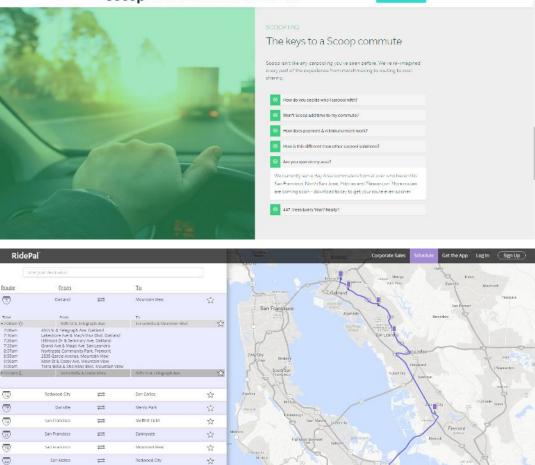
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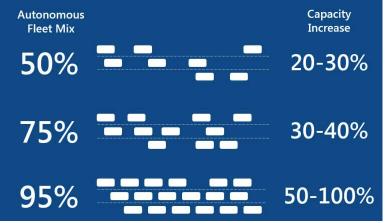
- Transportation Network Companies (Uber, Lyft, Scoop, etc)
 - Carpooling
 - Demand-based transit routes



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Other Trends and New Technologies







GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

Goals and Objectives Framework

Improve Multimodal Mobility and Minimize/No Increase in Drive Alone Trips

Goal 1 At Island Crossings

- Transit
 Objectives
- TDM Objectives

Goal 2 Within Alameda

- Transit
 Objectives
- TDM Objectives

GOAL 1: No increase in drive alone trips at island crossings , especially in the peak period

Transit Objectives

- Objective 1.A: Improve transit frequency, reliability and times in/out of Alameda, especially in the peak period
- Objective 1.B: Improve access to transit options, including BART, ferry terminals and transbay buses
- Objective 1.C: Increase public, employee/employer and residential association awareness of transit options in/out of Alameda
- Objective 1.D: Maintain positive partnerships with transit operators to leverage monies and expertise

GOAL 1: No increase in drive alone trips at island crossings , especially in the peak period

Transportation Options Objectives

- Objective 1.E: Provide programs and strategies to reduce drive alone trips in/out of Alameda, including those related to transit, bicycling, walking, carsharing and ridesharing, and new transportation technologies
- Objective 1.F: Integrate land use changes and transportation improvements, and strengthen public-private partnerships
- Objective 1.G: Elevate the priority of transit, bicycling, walking, carsharing and ridesharing, especially for first-mile/last-mile transportation choices
- Objective 1.H: Increase public, employee/employer and residential association awareness of transportation options in/out of Alameda
- Objective 1.1: Emphasize safety in the planning, design and implementation of all transportation improvements
- Objective 2.J: Ensure transportation improvements are applied equitably for all users including senior, low-income, and minority populations, and are compliant to ADA requirements

GOAL 2: Enhance multimodal mobility within Alameda

Transit Objectives

- Objective 2.A: Improve bus frequency, reliability and times within Alameda
- Objective 2.B: Improve access to buses within Alameda
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- Objective 2.1: Use parking management strategies to reduce incentives to driving
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Evaluation Criteria

- Transit Frequency
- Transit Reliability/Travel Time
- Transit Access
- Public Awareness and Perception
- Mode Share
- Drive Alone Trips
- Transportation Options at New Developments
- Reduce Drive Alone Incentives

- Access to Transportation Option Strategies
- Cost
- Financial Feasibility
- Public Support
- Supports Existing Plans
- Partnerships
- Parking Management
- Safety
- Equity

DISCUSSION

Discussion Topics

- Are there areas where we need to investigate further?
- Are there topics we missed?
- What do think about the Goals and Objectives?
- Are there other areas we should be covering?

Next Steps

- City Council: July 19
- Next Advisory and Community Meetings: Fall 2016
- Project Website: <u>http://alamedaca.gov/citywide-transit-tdm-plans</u>
- Open Forum Web Survey: <u>https://alamedaca.gov/public-</u> works/open-forum
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