

**City of Oakland**  
Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD)  
Monday, July 20, 2026  
5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.  
Hearing Room 1, First Floor  
One Frank H. Ogawa Plaza (City Hall), Oakland, CA 94612

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### Agenda

- 5:30 1. In-person meeting logistics and rules
- 2. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum
- 5:35 3. Open Forum  
Any person may directly address the Commission on any items within the jurisdiction of this Commission not on the agenda for today. Speakers wishing to address a specific item on the agenda may do so when invited at the time the item is being

considered. ***There is no discussion allowed during Open Forum.*** Please raise your hand if you wish to comment and wait to be called on.

In-person public comment will only be taken during Open Forum and during specific requests for public comment. There may be time limits put on comments if necessary.

All discussion topics are first opened to MCPD commissioners for comment and then for public comment, unless otherwise stated. Staff will read any e-comments that were submitted.

- 5:45 4. Agenda Modification  
MCPD Commissioners may move around the agenda items to better conduct the meeting.
5. Approval of June 2026 Minutes (***Exhibit A***)
- 5:50 6. Commissioner's Announcements  
Commissioners will provide brief updates on their activities and make announcements relevant to the commission and the Strategic goals of the Commission. ***There is no discussion during announcements.***
- 6:00 7. Connect Bay Area with Kaleo Mark (Seamless Bay Area) (***Exhibit B***)
- 6:25 8. Inspector General's Office with Zurvohn Maloof (***Exhibit C***)
- 6:50 9. General Plan Walking Tours with Khalilha Haynes (Planning and Building) and Anwar Baroudi (***Exhibit D***)
- 7:25 10. Staff Updates and Announcements  
Anh Nguyen, ADA Programs Division Manager

Future Agenda Items

Staff will briefly update on agenda items for upcoming meetings.

See MCPD scheduler at [tinyurl.com/MCPD-AgendaPlanner](http://tinyurl.com/MCPD-AgendaPlanner). Suggestions for future agenda items are also welcome; email [adaprograms@oaklandca.gov](mailto:adaprograms@oaklandca.gov) to submit suggestions.

- 7:30 11. Adjournment  
(Meeting shall end no later than 7:30 p.m., unless extended by majority vote of the Commission.)

Note: The Commission May Take Action on Any Item on the Agenda

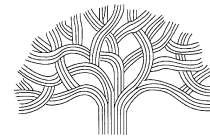
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**City of Oakland**

Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities (MCPD)  
Monday, June 15, 2026 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.  
Hearing Room 1, First Floor  
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**Minutes**

**Commissioners:** Anwar Baroudi (Chair), Jia Wilson (Co-Vice Chair), Fatimah Aure (Co-Vice Chair), Benjamin Bartu, James Carter, Nadia Morales-Saleh, Cynthia Gutierrez, Lauren Reed, Emily Habansky, Brian Hollander, Keana Giles

**Commission staff:** Anh Nguyen-ADA Programs Division Manager, Mark Romoser-ADA Programs Division Program Analyst I

**Presenters:** Jane Mei, Michael Ford, Amit Salwan

**Other attendees:** none

**Attendees on Zoom:** Sheela Gunn

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Mark Romoser begins the meeting with a reminder of rules for in-person meetings:

- No food or open drink allowed in Hearing Room 1 to maintain a clean and professional environment.
- Drinks must be in a closed container to prevent any spills or accidents.
- When commissioners speak- please press the top red button that says “mic” and when you are finished, please press the button again.
- To ensure clarity and transparency, when commissioners speak, please state your name before speaking.
- When a member of the audience is speaking or commenting- please first state your name and any affiliations you may have.
- Restrooms are located outside Hearing Room 1, near the elevators.

Chair Baroudi called the meeting to order at 5:36.

**Roll Call**

- At roll call, quorum was established with eight of eleven commissioners present.

## **Exhibit A**

<b>Commissioners</b>	<b>Present (x)</b>
Anwar Baroudi (Chair)	X
Jia Wilson (Co-Vice Chair)	X (via Zoom)*
Fatimah Aure (Co-Vice Chair)	X
Benjamin Bartu	Absent
James Carter	X
Nadia Morales-Saleh	X
Cynthia Gutierrez	X
Lauren Reed	Absent (excused)
Emily Habansky	X
Brian Hollander	X
Keana Giles	X (late)

\*Just Cause rule was used

### **Open Forum:**

- There were no comments in Open Forum.

### **Approval Of Minutes**

- The May minutes were approved 8-0. Motion by Comm. Carter, seconded by Comm. Habansky.

### **Commissioner's Announcements**

- Chair Baroudi reported on his recent report to the city council and Life Enrichment Committee, emphasizing MCPD's ask for full staffing of ADA Programs Division. He also noted that he attended the Mayor's Commission on Aging (MCOA) transportation subcommittee meeting.
- Comm. Gutierrez noted that Co-Vice Chair Wilson, Comm. Reed and herself had been working on their portion of the strategic plan by preparing a survey to be distributed to community groups.
- Comm. Hollander introduced himself. He is a longtime disability activist who recently moved to Oakland.

Comm. Hollander moved to modify the agenda, seconded by Comm. Gutierrez. Motion passed 8-0.

## **Exhibit A**

### **Bus Shelter Program**

- Michael Ford gave his presentation.
- Comm. Gutierrez noted that the bus stop at Bancroft and 82<sup>nd</sup> consists of a hill that people sit on, and asked why East Oakland bus stops didn't get as much attention as those downtown. Mr. Ford replied that the previous generation of bus shelters relied on advertising, so most were placed in high-traffic areas like downtown, but that the new shelters would not have advertising, so equity can be considered when deciding where to place them. He added that it is still possible to get benches with advertising placed at bus stops.
- Comm. Carter asked whether the bus stops at the Uptown Transit Center on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> streets were legacy or new shelters. Mr. Ford replied that those bus shelters, as well as the ones along the BRT Tempo line, were maintained by AC Transit.
- Comm. Morales-Saleh asked about the cost of the program. Mr. Ford replied that the cost per shelter, including hardware, construction and maintenance. Hardware is between \$10,000 and \$25,000 per shelter, about the same for construction and installation. He added that the program was designed to reduce maintenance costs to about \$1500-\$2000 per year. Comm. Morales-Saleh then asked how many shelters didn't have room for wheelchairs. Mr. Ford replied that all bus stops have space for wheelchairs.
- Comm. Habansky asked about the covering, and if there were spaces designated for wheelchair users. She added that she appreciated Mr. Ford coming to MCPD for feedback. Mr. Ford replied that the new shelters could have markings indicating spaces for wheelchair users, Chair Baroudi added that the pilot shelters along 14th Street did not have wheelchair spaces at first, but that they had since been added.
- Comm. Hollander asked about information, wayfinding, and lighting as they relate to nonvisual cues. Mr. Ford replied that OakDOT was working with AC Transit on accessible information and wayfinding systems. Comm. Hollander then asked if there was a map showing bus stop locations in each council district. Mr. Ford replied that there was no such map because the bus system changes so frequently, but that he did have an inventory of bus shelter locations and would create a map of them. Chair Baroudi added that AC Transit's open data portal does have a map of bus stops. Comm. Hollander then asked what the timeline was for the project, with an eye toward including it in an upcoming survey. Mr. Ford replied that this is a program, not a project, so there isn't a timeline as such. He added that he had enough funding for about ten pilot shelters. Chair Baroudi added that knowing when shelters were installed and removed would be helpful for research projects.

## **Exhibit A**

- Chair Baroudi pointed out that wayfinding signs are often placed too high and are too hard to read. He suggested adding raised text. He added that it can be hard to find shelters on islands, and suggested a wayfinding tone. He then added that the pilot shelters along 14<sup>th</sup> Street don't provide much shade, and that islands aren't always detectable by blind people.
- Sheela Gunn asked for Mr. Ford's contact information. They then noted that Berkeley has a similar commission to MCPD, and that both TheCIL in Berkeley and CRIL in Hayward will want to provide input, as will the East Bay Center for the Blind. They also recommended two chapters of the California Council of the Blind (CCB), Bayview and San Francisco, many of whose members reside in the East Bay. They then asked about the design of the canopy, noting that wind could blow through from the side or the back. Mr. Ford replied that the canopy worked like an umbrella, and does not have side panels due to maintenance concerns. Mx. Gunn then asked if the canopy was hard or canvas. Mr. Ford replied that it was hard. Mx. Gunn then asked about bus stops that only have signs on poles. They noted that there is a nursing home at their corner, and that the button to activate the pedestrian beacon to cross from the west side of Fruitvale Avenue to the east side has been broken for months.

### **73<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Project**

- Jane Mei gave her presentation.
- Chair Baroudi noted that there were several links on the project website and asked which one had the design. Ms. Mei replied that it was in different locations on the desktop and mobile versions of the site.
- Comm. Carter asked whether 73<sup>rd</sup> Ave. was primarily commercial or residential. Ms. Mei replied that the stretch at the north end of the project site borders Eastmont Mall, that there are businesses along 73<sup>rd</sup> between Bancroft and Weld, and primarily residential south of Weld. Comm. Carter added that he was asking how much street parking was utilized along 73<sup>rd</sup>, and noted that wide streets like 73<sup>rd</sup> tend to have speeding. Ms. Mei responded that parking utilization there is lower than downtown, but businesses don't want to see their parking removed. Planners have suggested planters to narrow the street along the residential portion. Comm. Carter then noted that dual bicycle/pedestrian paths don't always work for pedestrians, especially not when e-bikes and scooters are used. Ms. Mei replied that the engineers have considered this, and that the design of the path had not been finalized. She added that the path is not wide enough to include both, and that there aren't many cyclists in the area.
- Comm. Gutierrez noted that she lives within a quarter-mile of 73<sup>rd</sup> Ave., and agreed that there aren't many cyclists on 73<sup>rd</sup>. She noted that East Oakland is under-resourced, and added that there is a median with trees along Bancroft that

## **Exhibit A**

has become a site for illegal dumping. She also noted that double-parking is frequent around 78<sup>th</sup> and Bancroft, which presents a danger to pedestrians. Ms. Mei replied that residents have expressed frustration about illegal dumping, and added that the path in the median on Mandela Parkway had become a park, making OPRYD responsible for its maintenance, and that other neighborhoods sponsored volunteer cleanup efforts. She also noted that double-parking is frequent at the local elementary school, where a pedestrian beacon will be installed.

- Chair Baroudi noted that this was basically a bike path design rather than a dual bike/pedestrian path, which is problematic for pedestrians, who would be better served by expanded sidewalks. He also noted that the designs of crossings needed improvement. Ms. Mei replied that she would pass that along to the designers, and added that they decided against fences or bollards in the median due to cost reasons.
- Comm. Habansky asked about plans for pedestrian visibility, given the frequency of speeding along 73<sup>rd</sup>. Ms. Mei replied that pedestrian-scale lighting, no parking with 20 feet of corners, high-visibility crosswalks, and curb extensions. Comm. Habansky then asked about wayfinding along the path. Ms. Mei replied that there would be wayfinding signs to transit connections at either end of the project area.
- Chair Baroudi noted that this appears to him like an effective bike project, allowing children to ride bikes to school and so forth, and a good way to narrow the street.
- Comm. Gutierrez asked how funding would affect the project's timeline. Ms. Mei replied that the latest grant was due next week, and if funded, the project would have to be completed by 2032.
- Comm. Giles noted that the project favored bikes over pedestrians, and mentioned the problems that the Valencia St. bike lane in San Francisco had.
- Mx. Gunn asked if the document contained pictures, which are useless to blind people. They added that they dislike bulbouts because they don't have parallel traffic lines to follow, and that they don't like pedestrian beacons because the lights don't stay on long enough and cars don't always stop for them. They noted that streetlights are better. Ms. Mei replied that she would like to hear more of Mx. Gunn's suggestions and will follow up after the meeting.

**Action Items: Ms. Mei will contact Mx. Gunn to get their suggestions.**

## **Exhibit A**

### **Access During Construction Listening Session**

- Amit Salwan gave his presentation.
- Comm. Gutierrez praised OakDOT's trainings and asked how OakDOT receives complaints other than through 311. Mr. Salwan replied that the trainings help staff keep disability issues in mind, and added that 311 is the standard process for complaints, but if someone sees a lack of ADA access during construction, they may contact him directly. Comm. Gutierrez then mentioned that the 311 app had been down for a while.
- Comm. Habansky mentioned that she lives downtown and has seen improvements in access in active construction zones, and would like to see features such as stable ramps, wayfinding paths, and overall pedestrian safety. She offered to advise OakDOT on ADA compliance. Mr. Salwan replied that the training teaches that such features must be detectable as well as accessible, and that makeshift attempts at access aren't acceptable.
- Chair Baroudi pointed out that there were ramps without directions, "sidewalk closed" signs on the far side of the street, pedestrian signal buttons that can't be reached, and debris on the sidewalk blocking the right of way. He asked where the vacancies mentioned in the presentation were located. Mr. Salwan replied that most of the vacant positions were engineers, due to a nationwide shortage of civil engineers and the fact that most engineers prefer to work in areas other than construction management. Chair Baroudi asked if there were enough inspectors. Mr. Salwan replied that there is a shortage of inspectors, but not on his team. Chair Baroudi then asked whether the documents mentioned in the presentation were publicly available. Mr. Salwan replied that they were.
- Co-Vice Chair Wilson asked if the city had specifications for public right-of-way and temporary ramps, and if they had been audited by people with disabilities. Mr. Salwan replied that OakDOT followed state MUDTC guidelines and sometimes additional local guidelines. Co-Vice Chair Wilson then noted that MUTCD and other sets of guidelines are meant to be minimums.

### **Staff Announcements**

- Mr. Romoser announced that MCPD will be holding a retreat in the fall, that MCPD is in the process of updating its bylaws, that the Alameda County-Oakland Community Action Partnership (AC-OCAP) is preparing its Community Action Plan for 2027-28, that there will be a Safety First Town Hall featuring Mayor Lee and other officials on June 25 in East Oakland, and that the Oakland Emergency Management Services Division is holding a Personal Emergency Preparedness (PEP) class on June 30 at Fire Station 1 downtown.

***Exhibit A***

Meeting adjourned at 7:26.

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*Exhibit B*

# CONNECT BAY AREA

Regional Transportation Ballot Measure

Alameda, Contra Costa, Santa Clara, San Francisco, San Mateo

***Exhibit B***

# Help Save & Improve East Bay Transit!

*What the funding measure means for  
Alameda County and how to get involved*

July 20, 2026

Regional Transportation Ballot Measure  
Alameda, Contra Costa, Santa Clara, San Francisco, San Mateo

## Who we are

## *Exhibit B*



Seamless Bay Area's mission is to transform the Bay Area's fragmented public transit into a world-class, unified, equitable, accessible, and widely-used system by building a diverse movement for change and promoting funding and policy reforms.

# *Why East Bay transit matters*

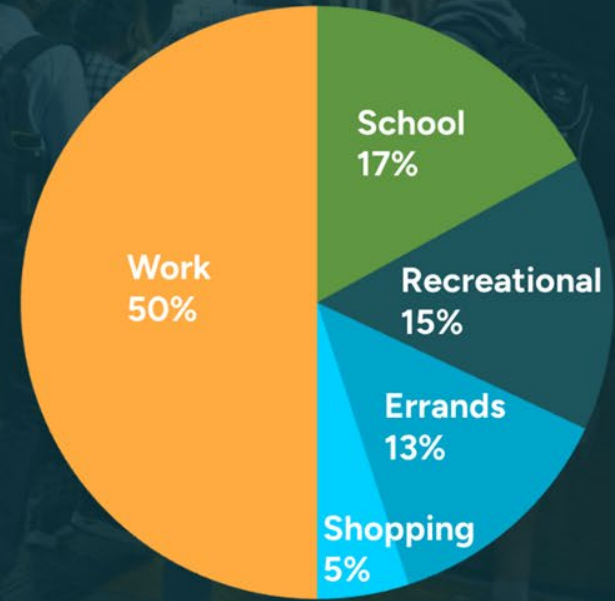
***Exhibit B***

*Exhibit B*

70%

of Bay Area residents take public transportation.

Almost **1 million** transit trips are made in the Bay Area everyday.  
**Half** of those trips are for work.



***Exhibit B***

Bay Area 2023-2024 Transit Rider Snapshot

CONNECT  
BAY AREA

# Alameda County and public transportation

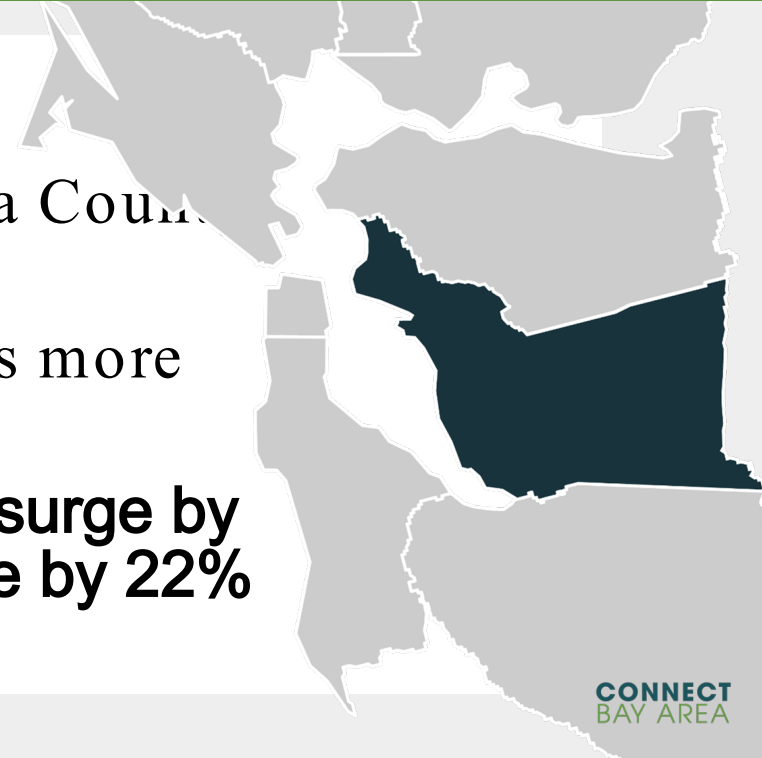
**63% of Alameda County residents report riding transit.**

On a typical weekday, 150,000 Alameda County residents board AC Transit or BART.

Without transit, that's tens of thousands more cars on the road every day.

Without BART, **Bay Bridge** traffic would surge by **73%** & **Caldecott Tunnel** traffic would rise by **22%**

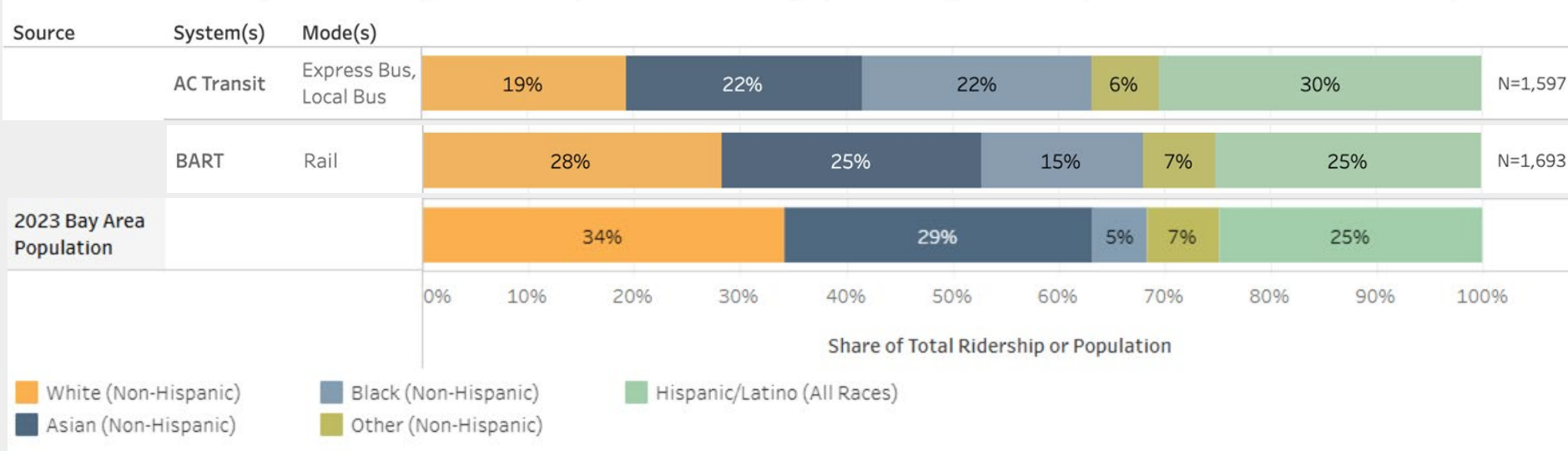
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# Transit Riders are diverse

## Exhibit B

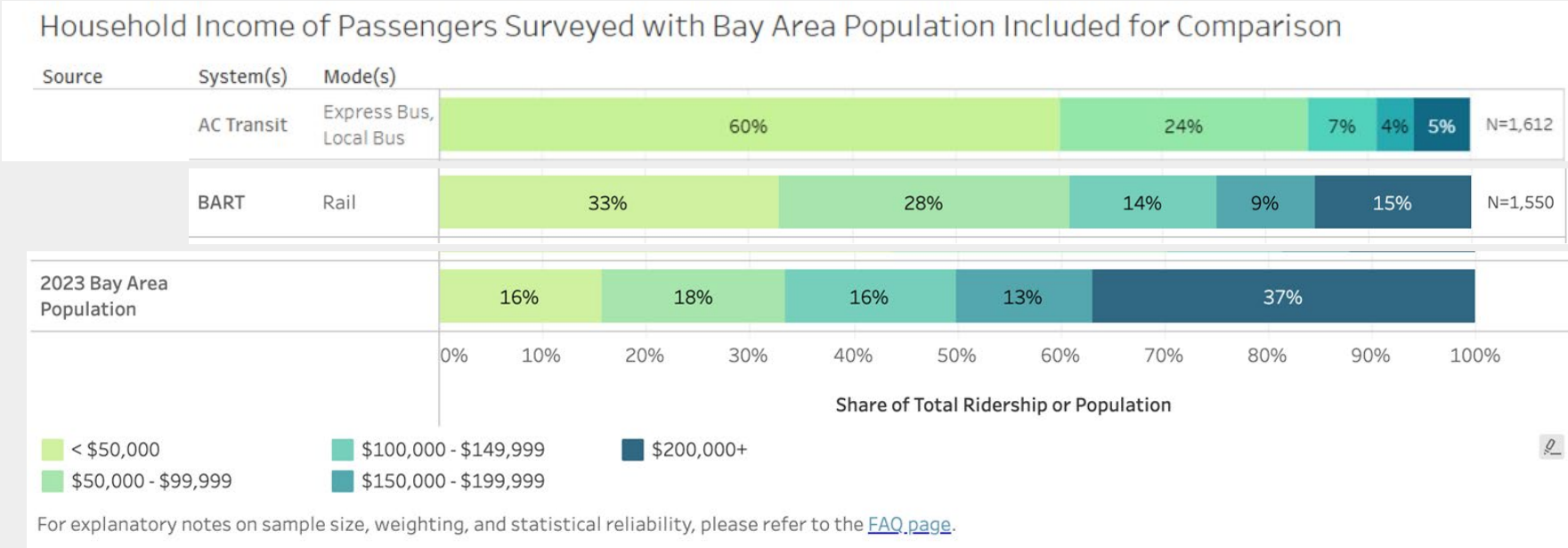
Race and Ethnicity of Passengers Surveyed on Weekdays, with Bay Area Population Included for Comparison



Source: [2023-2024 Regional Transit Passenger Snapshot Survey](#), MTC

# Transit Riders are mainly working class

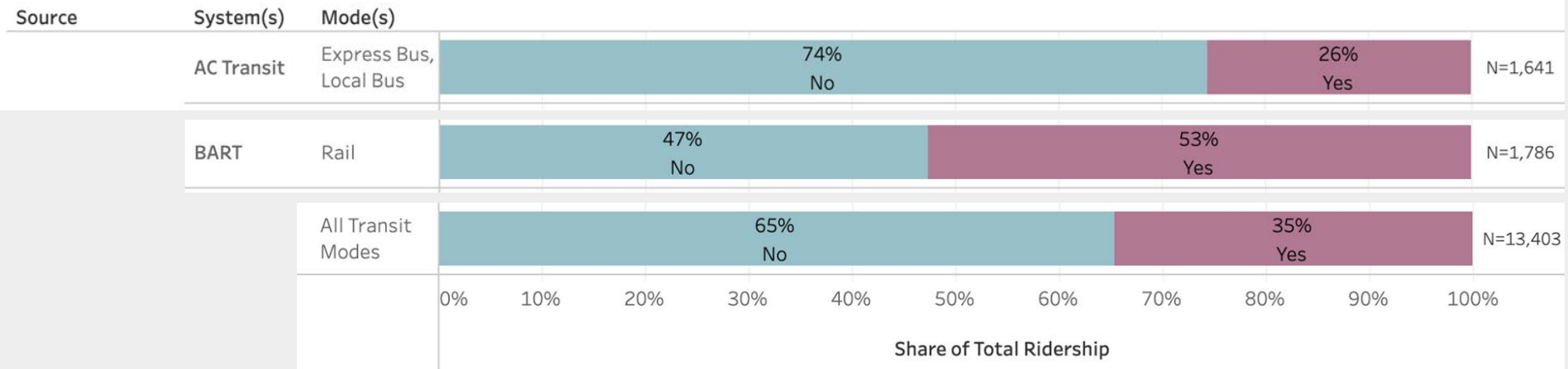
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Source: [2023-2024 Regional Transit Passenger Snapshot Survey](#), MTC

# Most Transit Riders don't have access to a car

Household Vehicle Availability for Passengers Surveyed on Weekdays



Source: [2023-2024 Regional Transit Passenger Snapshot Survey](#), MTC

## *Exhibit B*

Life  
without  
transit will  
get more  
expensive.





## ***Exhibit B***

The 12-mile trip from downtown San Francisco to Berkeley in a rideshare is 10x the cost of the fare on BART.

# TRANSIT IS ESSENTIAL TO THE BAY AREA

Every person who takes public transit  
reduces traffic  
congestion and  
air pollution

## *Exhibit B*

Our efforts  
to **solve the  
housing  
crisis** will be  
**undermined**  
without  
transit.



The Bay Area's biggest operators are **projecting severe, ongoing financial deficits starting next year**



~\$322-\$398 million

**25%**

of operating budget



~\$355-\$385 million

**30%**

of operating budget



~\$65-\$76 million

**42%**

of operating budget



~\$51-\$72 million

**10%**

of operating budget

These four agencies represent **80%** of all ridership in the region  
*Deficit ranges based on May 2025 MTC - commissioned independent review of operator projected deficits for FY26 -FY30*

# Significant Service Cut Projections

**Exhibit B**



- Eliminating entire routes
- 30% cuts to major bus and metro lines
- Suspending historic train and cable car service



- Eliminated two full lines
- Closing up to 15 stations
- Stopping service at 9pm
- Eliminating weekend service



- Cutting weekday service to once an hour
- Eliminating all weekend service
- No trains after 9pm weekdays



- Cutting up to 31% of overall service

AC Transit be cut by

**31%**

of pre-2019 service  
levels

Fewer:  
Stops  
Service  
Hours

BART may have to **shut down** 2 of its 5 lines and **close** up to 15 stations.

*They might be your stations.*

**Exhibit B**



If BART runs out of funding,  
drivers will sit in traffic for up to

**12 more hours**

per week on average.

# The Solution

## NOVEMBER 2026 REGIONAL BALLOT MEASURE

To fund transit operations  
for 14 years

# Connect Bay Area Measure



- **Includes 5 Bay Area Counties:** Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara
- **1% sales tax in SF, 0.5% sales tax in the other counties, 14 year duration**
- **Funds ALL transit operations in the Counties and stops the vast majority of the cuts**
- **Additional funds for capital projects within specific counties**

# Connect Bay Area Measure cont.



- **Funds improvements** to safety, cleanliness, convenience and seamless integration of transit services – AND fare discount programs like START and the **\$2.85 discount on all transfers** via Clipper 2.0
- **Additional funds for capital projects within specific counties**

# What our communities get

*Exhibit B*

A 5-county measure is projected to generate over \$1 billion annually in FY31.

Regional Transit Transformation Investments	Direct Support to Transit Operators	County “Return -to-Source” Funds for Public Transit Projects
<p><b>REGIONAL TRANSIT PROGRAMS</b> \$46.4m to fund the discounted and coordinated</p>	<p><b>LARGE OPERATORS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•\$330m BART</li><li>•\$170m MUNI</li><li>•\$51m AC Transit</li><li>•\$75m Caltrain</li></ul>	<p><b>DESIGNATED COUNTY ENTITY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$10.3m Alameda County Transportation Commission</li><li>• \$26.5m Contra Costa County Transportation</li></ul>

# What our communities get cont.

*Exhibit B*

A 5-County Measure is projected to generate just over \$1 billion annually in FY31.

Regional Transit Transformation Investments	Direct Support to Transit Operators	County "Return -to-Source" Funds for Public Transit Projects
like Clipper START and BayPass for 14 years, accessibility improvements, transit priority	<b>SMALL OPERATORS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•<b>\$5.3m</b> Alameda County</li><li>•<b>\$15.8m</b> Contra Costa County</li><li>•<b>\$7m</b> SF Bay Ferry</li><li>•<b>\$1m</b> Golden Gate</li></ul>	<b>DESIGNATED COUNTY ENTITY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>\$50m</b> San Mateo County Transit District</li><li>• <b>\$264m</b> Santa Clara Valley Transportation</li></ul>

### **INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

Ensures expenditures are consistent with statute.

### **MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT**

Ensures the measure augments (rather than replaces) existing transit ops funding.

### **AD HOC ADJUDICATION COMMITTEE**

Creates a process to ensure operators apply same service levels, cleanliness, safety standards across all counties.

### **FINANCIAL EFFICIENCY REVIEW**

Third-party review of the four largest operators to reduce costs without compromising service.

# Connect Bay Area

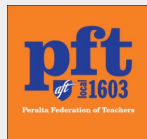
## Exhibit B



ADVOCACY COUNCIL INCLUDING ORGS LIKE



Endorsed by 90+ Elected Leaders and Organizations



East Bay Housing Organizations



- Congresswoman **Lateefah Simon**
- Oakland Mayor **Barbara Lee**
- State Senator **Jesse Arreguín**
- Alameda County Supervisors **Nikki Fortunato Bas** and **Elisa Márquez**
- BART Directors **Victor Flores**, **Barnali Ghosh**, **Robert Raburn**, and more
- AC Transit Directors **Jean Walsh** and **Sarah Syed**
- And other leaders throughout the region

# Transit will be on the November ballot after grassroots, transit rider organizing and signature gathering

- 1,000 volunteers from every corner of the Bay Area.
- 600+ events over 4 months.
- 77,000 signatures gathered from volunteers, more than twice the anticipated amount.
- And we need your help to pass the ballot in November!



# Next Steps

- Talk to community members and groups about the issue, answer questions, and build up the team of supporters.
- Door knocking, phone banking, and canvassing starting in late-July/August.
- Sign up to stay in the loop →



***Exhibit B***

# How You Can Help!

Officially endorse the initiative. *Exhibit B*

Tell your transit story to spread the word online.

Connect us with a community group, house of worship, or other organization you are connected to!

Organizational  
endorsement form



***Exhibit B***

**Get  
involved/Ask  
Questions**

Seamless Bay Area  
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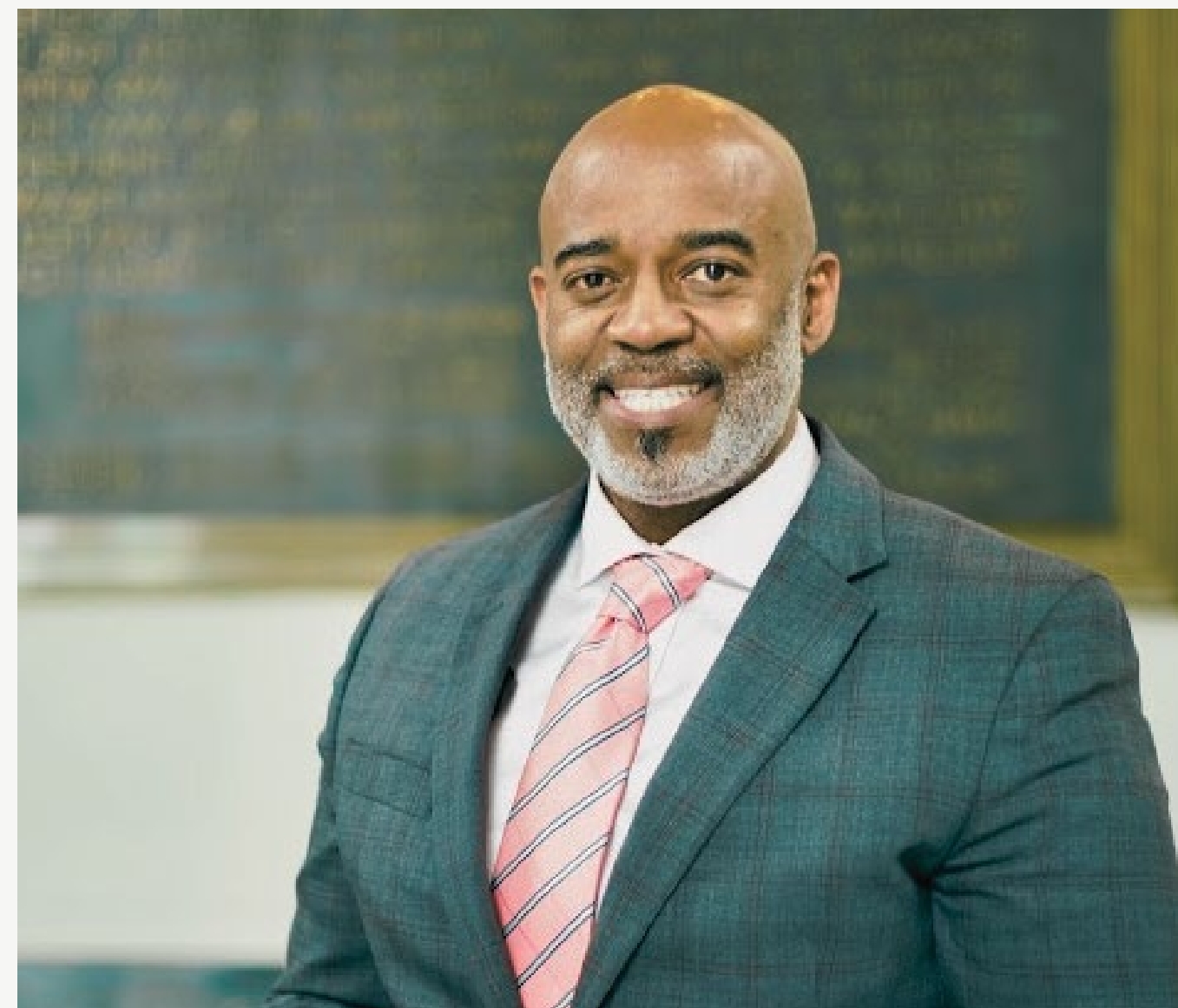
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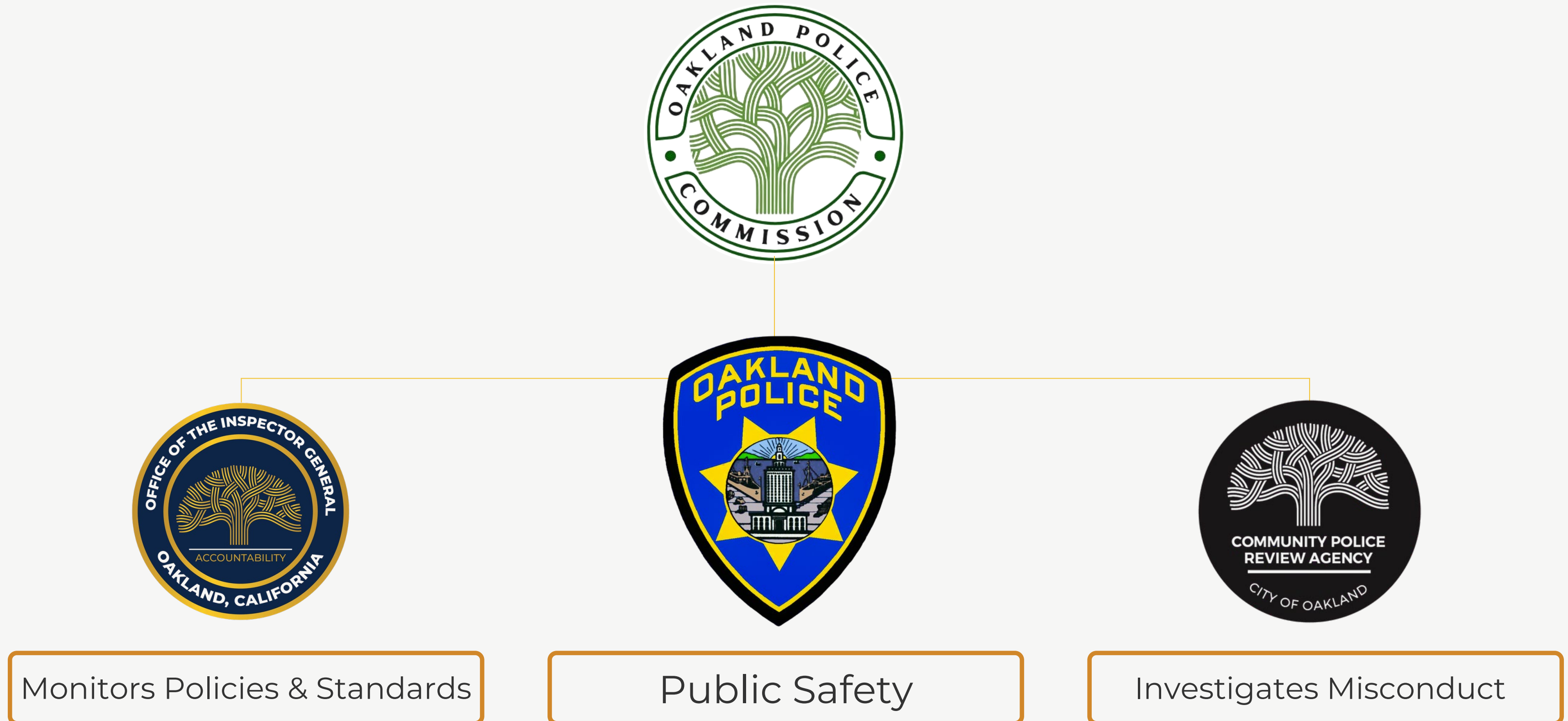
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## INSPECTOR GENERAL

- Over 20 years experience in oversight
- Worked in federal agencies
- 2024: Certified Inspector General



# CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT STRUCTURE





# JURISDICTION

## OAKLAND CITY CHARTER SECTION 604



### NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

NSA Task 3: Integrity Tests  
Compliance Inspection

Completed



### OPD POLICIES, PRACTICES, AND PROCEDURES

Persons with Mental Illness  
(DGO O-1) Policy Review

Completed



### CPRA INVESTIGATIVE PROCESSES

CPRA cannot review IAD  
investigations before completion

Completed

# POLICY REVIEW OF DGO 0- 1

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## PERSONS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS

### POLICY PURPOSE

- “Policy and procedures regarding detentions and arrests of persons with mental illness.”
- Compliance with the Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5008(h)(1), Section 5150, and Section 5585

### WHY THIS POLICY MATTERS

- OPD has a duty to protect and serve all members of the Oakland Community.
- OPD officers can identify mental illness factors and necessary procedures in accordance with the law and constitutional policing.

# POLICY REVIEW OF DGO 0 - 1 CONT.



## PERSONS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS

### FINDINGS

- The policy was implemented in October 2014, but there is no record of updates or revisions.
- Important changes in the law, including the Welfare and Institutions Code.
- Outdated mental illness resources, especially APA's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual.

### METHODOLOGY & LIMITATIONS

- We reviewed relevant laws, scholarly publications, and resource documents..
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# POLICY REVIEW OF DGO 0 - 1 CONT. 2



## PERSONS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS

### RECOMMENDATIONS Released August 2025



OPD should updated policy and provide officers:

- ✓ current definitions of mental disorders and dementia
- ✓ example characteristics of mental disorders and dementia
- ✓ accurate facility information
- ✓ up-to-date mental health resources
- ✓ streamline procedures for determining the authority for medical attention

# POLICY REVIEW OF DGO O- 1.1

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## CRISIS INTERVENTION PROGRAM

### POLICY PURPOSE

- Training purpose: “evaluation, de-escalation, and referral services” for persons who may be in crisis
- Policy is for OPD officers trained in crisis intervention
- Policy: “ensure the appropriate triage of individuals with mental health challenges”

### WHY THIS POLICY MATTERS

- It guides OPD officers when responding to a person with a mental disorder who needs evaluation, de-escalation, and referral *instead of arrest*

# POLICY REVIEW OF DGO O - 1.1 CONT .

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## CRISIS INTERVENTION PROGRAM

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# Thank you!

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# **General Plan Update (GPU) Walking Tours Recap**

**Presentation to the Mayor's Commission  
on People with Disabilities**

**July 20, 2026**

**Anwar Baroudi, Khalilha Haynes, Noel  
Pond-Danchik**



# Purpose of Walking Tours



- Engagement partnership between DOT and PBD for Phase 2 of General Plan Update and the Pedestrian Plan Update
- Led by residents in Environmental Justice Communities
- Understand the opportunities, challenges, needs, and wants of different neighborhoods around the city

# 2026 Walking Tours – Overview

**13 walking tours across the City covering 22 miles • Mayor's Commission on People with Disabilities - Lake Merritt (1.61 mi)**  
**September – November 2025**

## Leaders

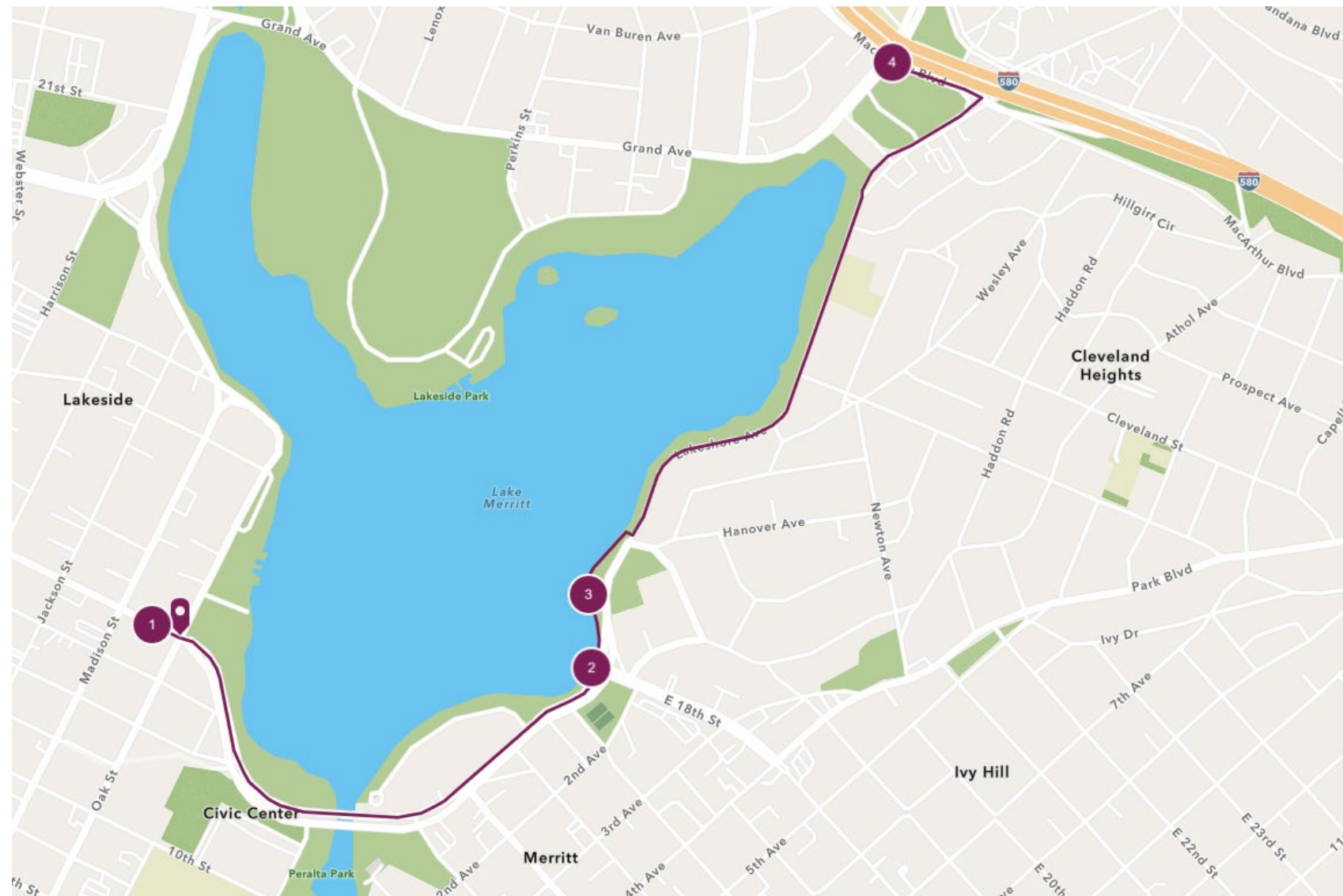
- West Oakland Neighbors (0.58 mi)
- Communities for a Better Environment (3.55 mi)
- Block by Block Organizing Network & Allen Temple Baptist Church, Public Ministries (1.37 mi)
- Black Liberation Walking Tour (1.22 mi)
- Black Cultural Zone
- Melrose 27X Neighborhood (2.04 mi)
- Ethnic Ties - Chinatown (0.45 mi)
- Rainbow Community Neighborhood Council (1.4 mi)
- Havenscourt Neighborhood Association (2.1 mi)
- Brothers on The Rise (1.05 mi)
- Black Film Guild (2.33 mi)
- San Antonio Station Alliance (1.63 mi)

# MCPD Walking Tour



**Image** is a group picture of a subset of attendees; those that remained until the very end of the tour

# MCPD Walking Tour – Overview



- **October 11, 2025**
- **Participants:** ~12 community members, 6 City staff
- **Some Topics Discussed:**
  - ADA ramp alignment and functionality
  - Audible pedestrian signals (LPS) and braille signage
  - Sidewalk conditions
  - Construction impacts on pedestrian access
  - Public safety and navigation challenges near underpasses
  - Encampments, trash, and sidewalk obstructions
  - Infrastructure design flaws (tactile surfaces, curb cuts, garage conversions)

**Image** shows route of MCPD walking tour around Lake Merritt

# MCPD Walking Tour – Key Issues Raised

- Disabled residents often **unable to complete trips** due to issues in the public realm
- Accessibility and safety challenges for people with disabilities, especially around **construction zones, intersections, and public transit stops**
- Misaligned ADA ramps, blocked paths during construction, and **frequent sidewalk obstructions**



**Image** shows tour participants in front of the first stop at Oakland Main Library

# MCPD Walking Tour – Key Issues



**Image** shows tour participants in front 14<sup>th</sup>/ Oak bus stop discussing accessibility at bus stops as a key issue



**Image** shows tour participants at Lake Merritt Pavillion discussing ADA ramps that lead blind people into traffic, uneven and damaged pavement

# MCPD Walking Tour – Key Issues Cont.



**Image** shows a Fruitvale sidewalk with improper tactile paving that leaves no room for the sidewalk



**Image** shows a pedestrian push button sign-plate, with what looks like braille. The attempt at braille isn't all tactile

# MCPD Walking Tour – Key Issues Cont. 2



- **Image** shows tour participants at I-580 Undercrossing at Lakeshore/MacArthur
- Extremely loud intersection and **inaudible or broken pedestrian signal**
- Underpass **poorly lit** and braille signage is worn off
- Sidewalks blocked by **encampments**

# MCPD Walking Tour – Specific Asks



- **Image** shows tour participants unable to access crosswalk button due to construction barrier
- Fix ramps and signals
- Create **safe construction detours**
- Improve lighting and pavement
- Enforce rules to keep sidewalks clear
- **Involve MCPD** in reviewing construction plans for accessibility compliance.

# What happened after the Tour with the General Plan Update?

- **Incorporating accessibility into the General Plan Update**
  - Identify “**Safe, Accessible Transportation for All Modes**” as a priority in the GPU’s Draft Land Use Framework
  - **Key Land Use Strategy:** “Improve safety and accessibility for active transportation users (people walking, biking, or rolling) through traffic calming, **safety features, improved crossings, accessible and continuous sidewalks, lighting**, signage, and other methods.”

# What happened after the Tour with the General Plan Update?

- **Incorporating accessibility into the General Plan Update**
  - Key Land Use Strategy “**Ensure that accessibility, disability inclusion, and safety features are embedded in all design and construction processes.**”
    - Key locations for specific consideration of transportation accessibility and inclusion include High Street, 35<sup>th</sup> Street, Foothill Boulevard, International Boulevard, and paratransit pickup areas citywide

# What happened after the tour in the Department of Transportation (DOT)?

- Tour insights are being incorporated into the [Pedestrian Plan](#) Update
- Anwar & staff attendees presented on tour & lessons learned at the DOT staff's At-Risk Users committee
- Using lessons learned to develop Oakland DOT standards on design elements