



# Capitol Corridor South Bay Connect

City of San Leandro  
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# South Bay Connect Recap



# Improving Rail Operations

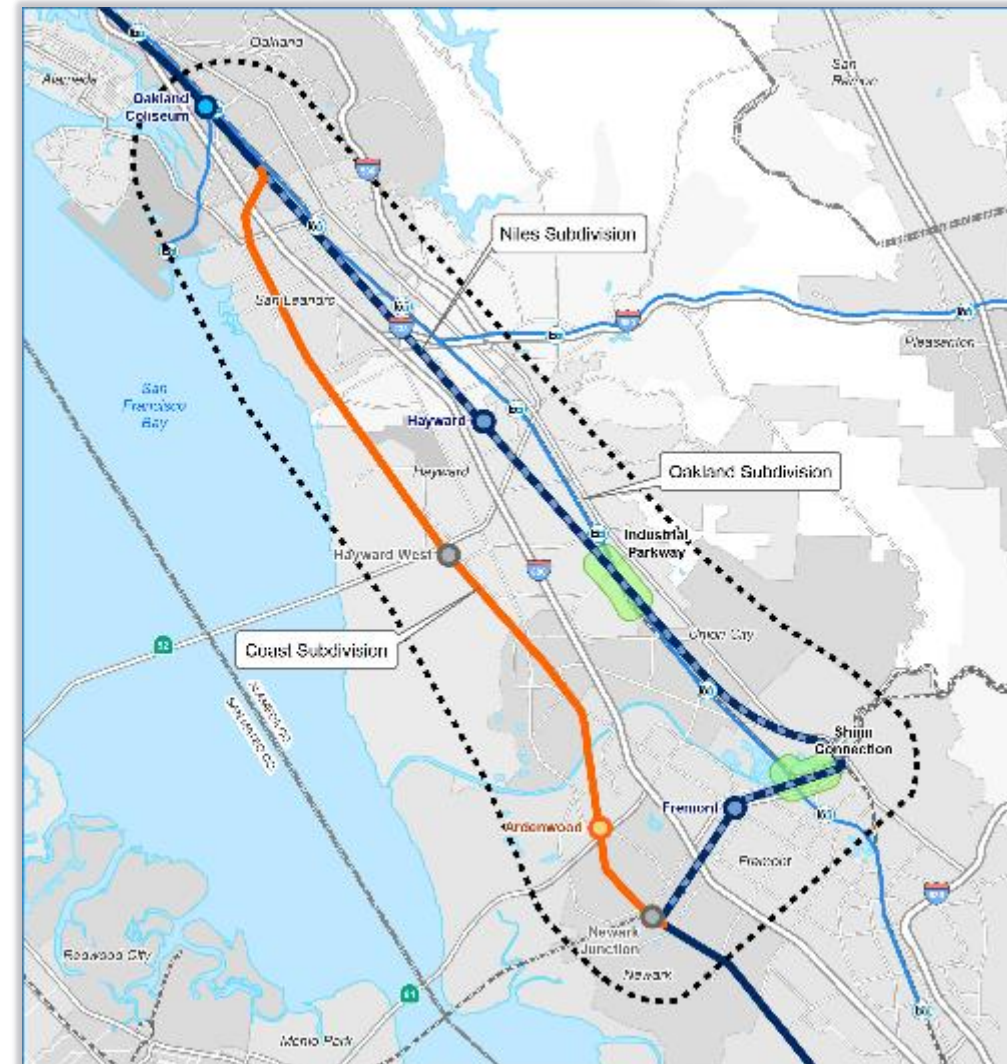
## South Bay Connect – A key rail improvement project that will:

- 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?

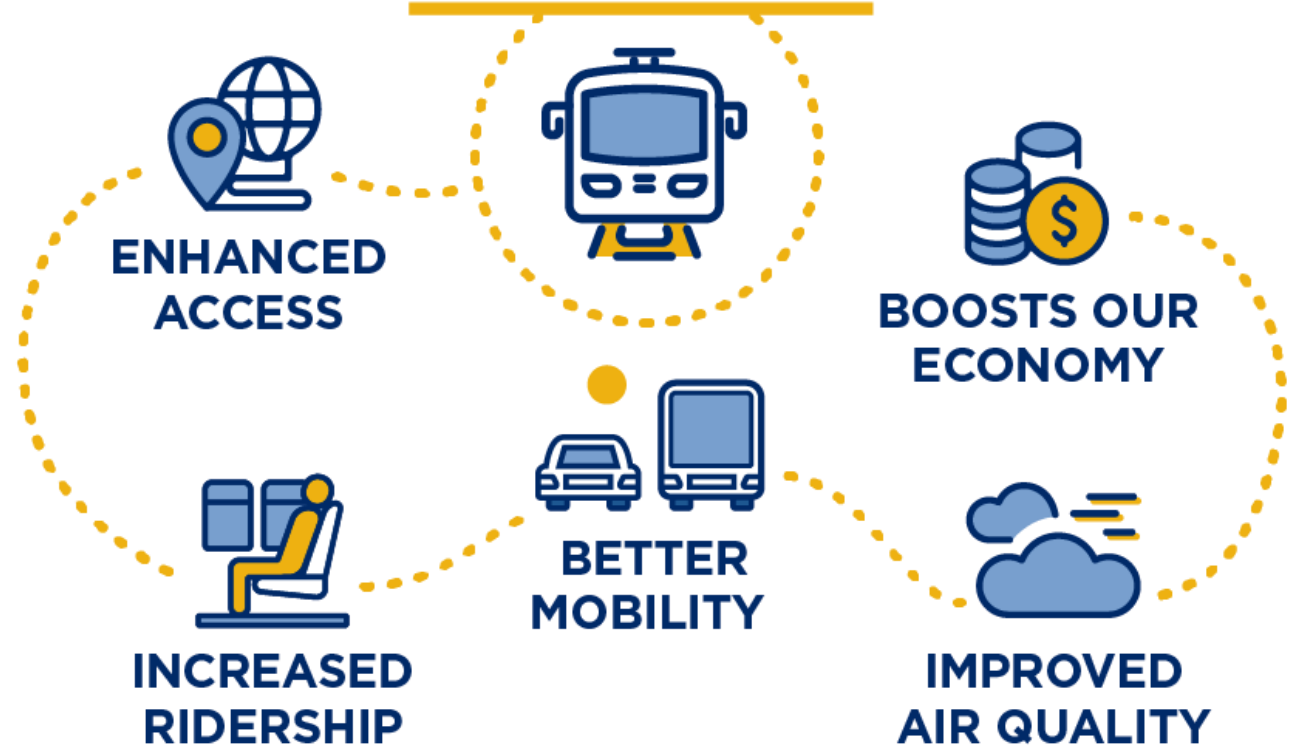
- **Capitol Corridor route relocation**  
*(Oakland Coliseum to Newark)*
- **Two discontinued Capitol Corridor stations**  
*(Hayward & Fremont-Centerville)*
- **New Ardenwood intermodal station**  
*(existing transbay bus & shuttle connections)*
- **No frequency increase** in Capitol Corridor service 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



# Environmental Update

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



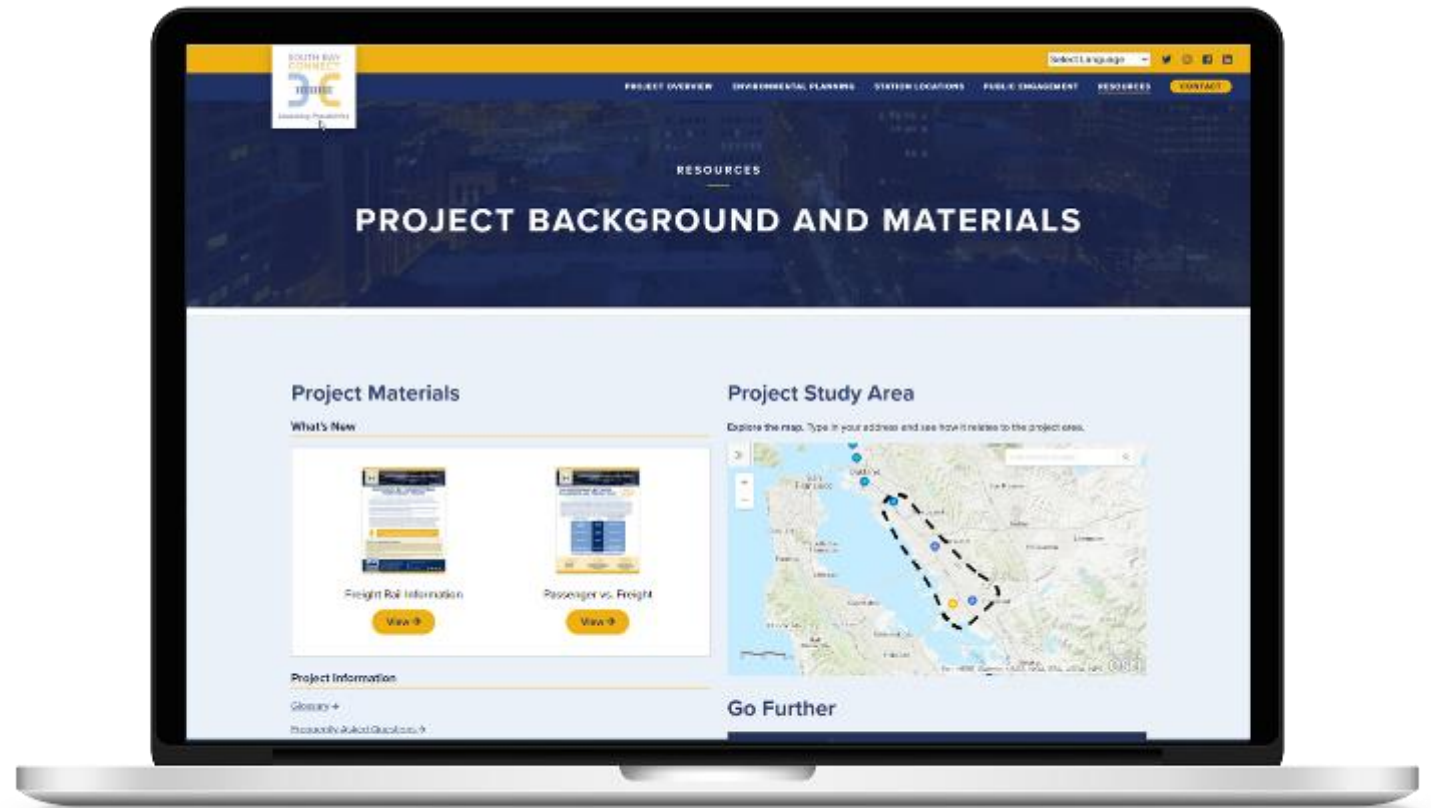
Draft EIR is expected to be available for public review Spring 2022



Ongoing stakeholder and public engagement

# Stay Engaged

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- Project Email  
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**Thank you!**