



LINKS SHUTTLE

Connecting Employers & Employees



### Program Overview

- "Last Mile" Transportation
- LINKS created in 2001 to provide reliable transportation from BART to employers: Monday – Friday.
  - Free access to the public
  - 5:45 9:45 am / 3:00 7:00 pm (peak commute hours)
  - Four shuttles on 20 minute headways
  - Riders must be 18 or ride with an adult (special permits avail.)
- Ridership 770 rides/day (200,000 rides/year)
- Meets BAAQMD Transit Requirement 50+ Employees

### Program Administration

- SLTMO
  - City contracts with the San Leandro Transportation Management Organization (SLTMO) to administer LINKS Shuttle Service
  - SLTMO contracts with MRG for management of LINKS
- BID Advisory Board & Ordinance Requirements
  - The BID is a levied benefit assessment on businesses within the BID area through a "special election"
  - BID Advisory Board must annually review LINKS performance
  - City Council may increase annual assessment in an amount not to exceed change in CPI

# Funding

- Business Improvement District established in 2002
- Funding:
  - BID 50%
  - Grants (Measure BB, TFCA, Lifeline)
  - Advertising (Marina Square)
- Measure BB stabilized funding

## **Program Participation**

- Links serves over 1,000 employers and 18,000 employees
- Largest employers:
  - Amazon
  - Wal-Mart Store
  - Costco Wholesale
  - Coca-Cola Bottling
  - Acco Engineered Systems
- LINKS also serves: residents, commercial nodes (Marina Square), non-profits (DSFRC)



Impact on
Riders if LINKS
were not
Available...

75% - Financial Hardship

1% - Could not continue working at current location

#### 2016 Rider Survey



Most riders are low-income (75%)
Annual household income less than \$65,000
(Multi-person household)

#### Nextbus

- Nextbus Mobile App Installed
  - Real time arrival and departure information
  - Nearby stops and vehicles
  - Walking directions
  - Set alerts
  - Administrative Tools
    - On-time performance, Passenger Counts, etc.

### Nextbus - LINKS Route



# Top Five Ridership Stops

- Westgate Center—1,696—per month
- 2. Doolittle Drive-Fairway Drive—1,217—per month
- 3. Farallon Avenue-Doolittle Avenue—839—per month
- 4. Doolittle Drive—Marina Boulevard—782—per month
- 5. Davis Street—Pierce Avenue—615—per month

# 2019 Service Improvements-Changes

- New Shuttle Buses
  - Updated exterior branding
  - Improved signage
  - Information racks
  - Comfortable and reliable
- Shuttle Stops at BART
  - BART to develop curb use guidelines & redesign bus stop area to accommodate new Bus Rapid Transit service
  - SLTMO working with BART to secure suitable curb assignment for LINKS

#### 2020 Activities

- > Rider Survey
- > Nextbus Outreach
- > Shuttle Stops at BART
- > Grants
- > Revenue Diversification
- > Outreach