

# \$62k Recovered from Unpaid Parking Permit Fees

BART Office of the Inspector General



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# Allegation of Misuse of District Property



- OIG received a complaint alleging misuse of BART property, specifically, parking garages.
- OIG launched an investigation to assess whether a valid agreement was in place and whether the lessee was complying with the terms of the contract.

# Background and Investigation

- Sep 2023: BART entered into a permit agreement with an auto manufacturer for exclusive use of the 5th Fl. of a BART parking garage at \$27,300 per month (\$105 per space) through Aug 2024.
- Usage fees were based on entire floor use - not actual number of vehicles parked daily.
- Jan 2024: amendment added 298 4th-floor spaces for an additional \$31,290/month, valid through Mar 31.
- No extension notice submitted to allow for continued use of the 4<sup>th</sup> fl. after Mar 31, as per amendment.
- Mar-Jul 2024: OIG conducted site visits to assess compliance with the terms of the contract.



# Investigation Results



## Unauthorized Use After Expiration

The corporation's amended agreement for 558 spaces expired on March 31, 2024. No written notice was provided to extend use, yet OIG observed continued use of the fourth floor in May and June, resulting in a \$62,580 underpayment.



## Resolution and Recovery

When presented with video evidence of continued use for May and June, the corporation acknowledged the oversight and agreed to pay for the two months' use. BART executed a second amended agreement, fully recovering the **\$62,580**.

# Management Response



## **Oversight Improvements**

In response to our preliminary investigation results, BART officials increased monitoring of the BART parking garage.



## **Mutually Beneficial Relationship**

BART staff reported that since June 2021, BART has received \$4M in parking fees under the two permit agreements and that this business agreement is ongoing.





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