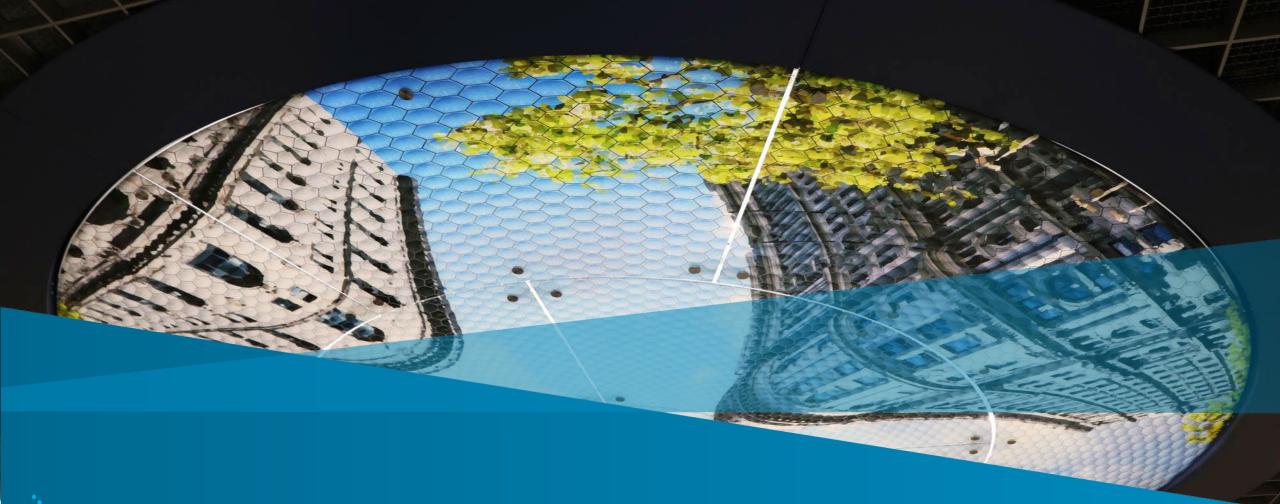
San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District Board Workshop



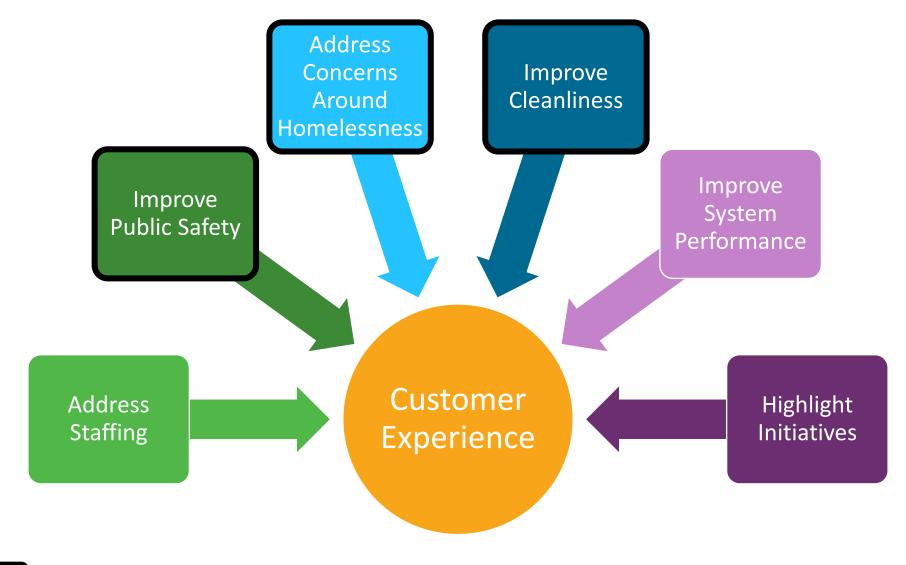


Improving Customer Experience

Board Workshop February 23, 2023



Presentation Overview





Address Staffing



Staffing Challenges



- Hiring and retention is a critical need
- Adequate staffing is a common theme in improving customer experience
- Insufficient staffing can challenge ability to provide safe, clean & reliable service



Improved Staffing Strategies

- The HR Talent Acquisition Team fully staffed
 - Implementing new recruitment strategies
 - 340 Total New Hires/Re-Hires (FY23 YTD)
- Ongoing initiatives
 - Focus on high-volume positions
 - Expand eligibility lists
 - Build bench
 - Collaborate with BART Police Department (BPD) on recruitment and retention initiatives
 - Modernize practices
 - Implement Applicant Tracking System
 - Reassess hiring priorities
 - Update sourcing strategies
 - Explore recruitment strategy around the recent Big Tech layoffs

FY23 Priority vacancies filled/retained

Position	Net
Crisis Intervention Specialist (CIS)	+2
Electrician	+8
Police (including Academy)	-7
Rail Operations Controller	+1
Station Agent	+19
Station Cleaner	+15
Train Operator	+23
Car Cleaner	+21



Expand Outreach for Hard-to-Fill Positions

- Partner with BART Communications
 - Enhance recruiting and outreach materials
- Initial targets for recruitment
 - Transit Vehicle Mechanic (TVM)
 - Transit Vehicle Electronic Technician (TVET)
 - Rail Operations Controller
 - Engineering
 - Key support functions
- Promote career mobility
 - Example: Utility Worker (car cleaners) to TVET upgrade program

ROLL WITH US



Let's go.

Are you a whiz at fixing phones? Do you love fiddling with the toaster? Does Grandma always call you when the lights go out?

Become a Train Car Electrician!

\$38.33 – \$50.10 an hour

"The roof is the ceiling. You can start at the lowest possible job and get to the highest-level job."

> — **Michael Thomas**, BART Train Car Electrician



Train Car Electricians fix the analog and digital electronics on our trains. It's a hands-on, challenging career with support for growth and advancement.

- Premier medical, dental, and vision benefits
- CalPERS retirement program
- Free BART transportation for employees and dependents

BART is an Equal Opportunity employer.

Join the team that moves the Bay Area. For more information, visit **bart.gov/jobs** and search for "Transit Vehicle Electronic Technician."



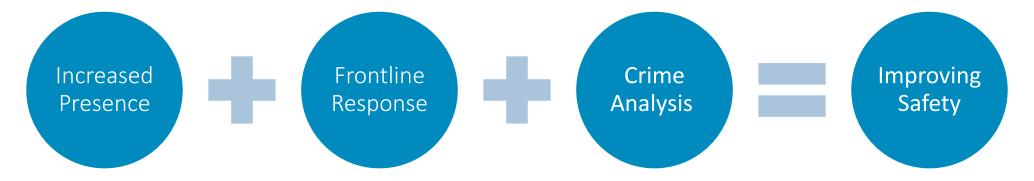
Improve Public Safety



Path to Improving Public Safety

- Mission
 - Ensure a safe environment in our transit system
 - Have highly visible presence of safety staff to deter crime
 - Earn public confidence by partnering with stakeholders and communities
- Create and implement innovative and progressive policing strategies







Increased Presence

- Initiated new deployment strategies to address
 - Riders' safety concerns
 - Quality of life issues during hours of operation
- New patrol deployment begins March 2023
 - Officers predominantly on trains and in stations and will be more visible to riders
 - Other safety staff throughout all service hours
 - Ambassadors
 - Crisis Intervention Specialists
 - Fare Inspectors on trains





Frontline Response

Use the co-responder model to help individuals in crisis and improve public safety outcomes

Ensure that community policing is at the core of what we do

Implement the Strategic Homeless Action Plan

Partner with community stakeholders to address problems outside the range of traditional law enforcement



Crime Analysis





Regional Challenge: Sworn Officer Staffing

- Challenge for Bay Area agencies
 - High vacancy rates
 - Vacancy rates are 13 to 20%
 - Median is roughly 14%
 - Increase of voluntary separations from departments
- BART's sworn officer vacancy rate is 14.6%





Recruitment and Retention

Challenges

- Extremely competitive labor market for sworn officers in the Bay Area
- More BPD officers have resigned recently
- Ongoing risk of higher-than-normal voluntary separations
- Targeted Initiatives
 - Recruit using aggressive public outreach and signing bonuses
 - Retain existing sworn staff by reducing voluntary separations

Sworn Officer Turnover Analysis

Fiscal Year	Retirements	Voluntary Separations	New Hires	Net Impact on Headcount
2018	-9	-2	+22	+11
2019	-10	-7	+37	+20
2020	-11	-6	+52	+35
2021	-16	-12	+30	+2
2022	-10	-11	+19	-2
2023*	-7	-13	+13	-7

^{*}Partial year (Jul 2022 – Feb 2023)



Enhanced Recruitment and Retention Efforts

- Challenge: Voluntary resignations uptick in two areas
 - New and lateral officers within the first year
 - Mid-career officers (three to 10 years experience) for other options
 - Average voluntary separation: 4.25 years of service (most recent 12 months)
- Opportunities to address the issue
 - Bonuses
 - New and lateral officers
 - Tiered over multiple years
 - Experience
 - Tie collective bargaining agreement premiums to sworn service time instead of BART service time
 - Promote lateral hires
 - Lessen the loss of seniority when coming to BART with accrual enhancements



Address Concerns Around Homelessness



Strategic Homeless Action Plan

- Address homelessness by:
 - Expanding BART's resources
 - Focusing on root causes
 - Centering BART as a regional partner
 - Addressing regional variation
 - Exploring creation of an associated 501(c)(3)
- Timeline
 - Key strategies presented: January 2023
 - Update on metrics: Spring 2023





Improve Cleanliness



Working to Fully Staff Cleaning Crews

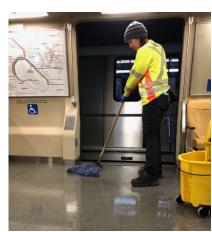
- 234 Rail Car Cleaner positions; 7 vacant
- 183 Station Cleaner positions; 13 vacant
- Actively recruiting and training to keep pace with promotions to Station Agent and Train Operator





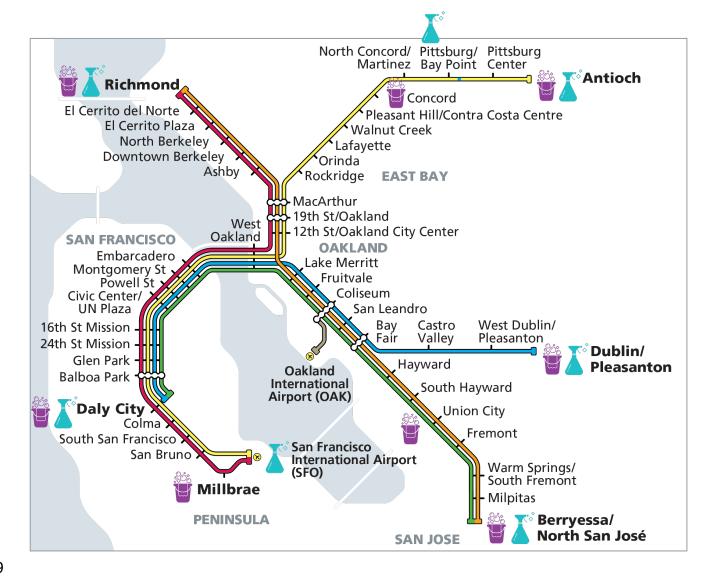




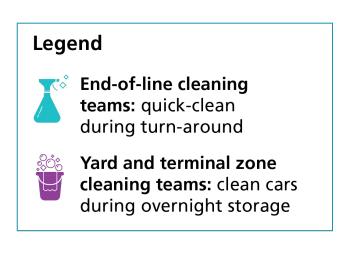




Train Cleaning Strategy

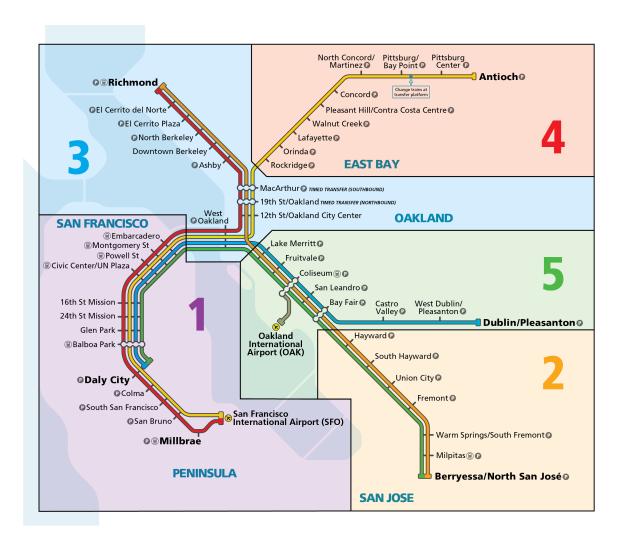


- What's new?
 - Accelerating legacy car decommissioning
 - Doubled frequency of interior thorough cleaning on Fleet of the Future cars





Station Cleaning Strategy



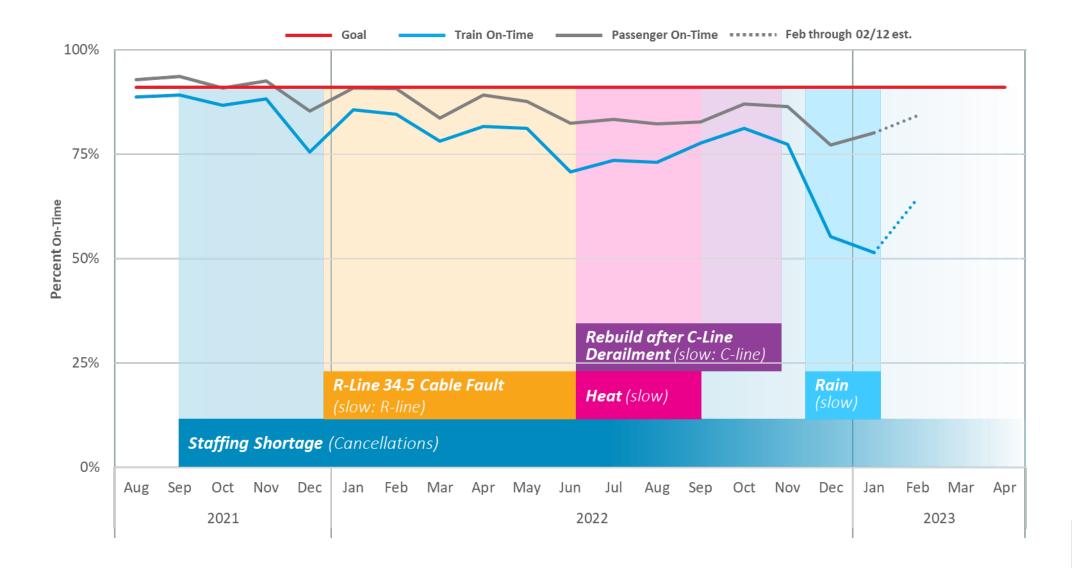
- Station Cleaning 5-area strategy continues to provide good oversight
- Standardized program for new hire and re-certification training
- What's new?
 - Deploying deep-clean teams to heavily used stations throughout the system



Improve System Performance



Look Back: 2022 Challenges to Meet Performance





2023 Strategies: Staffing and Recruitment

Train Operators

- On pace to reach <u>full-staffing in late 2023</u>
- Will address train cancellations due to staffing shortage
- Three classes underway plus new classes starting each month
- Full bench of qualified applicants

Station Agents

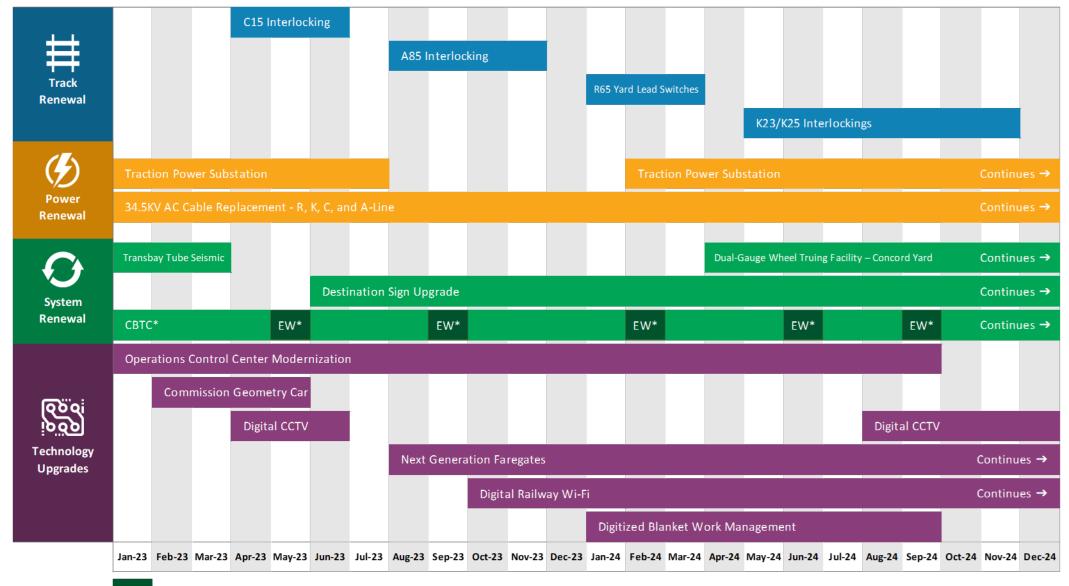
- On pace to reach <u>full-staffing this Summer</u>
- Continued recruiting to keep pace with retirements and promotions
- Rail Controllers
 - A <u>record seven rail controller trainees</u> in process
- Foreworkers
 - Hiring will become a <u>priority for 2023/2024</u> as Train Operators and Station Agents reach full-staffing







2023 – 2024 Investment in Reliability and Technology





Highlighted Initiatives



Update on Fleet of the Future

- 468 Fleet of the Future (FOTF) cars delivered to date
 - Over 50% of cars in service are FOTF
- 247 Legacy Cars decommissioned to date
- Reliability improvement efforts and maintenance program deliverables ongoing
- Mean Time Between Service Disruption (MTBSD): more hours = better performance
 - MTBSD measures the average operating hours between car failures resulting in service delays of 5 minutes or more
 - FOTF Fiscal Year to Date MTBSD = 8,767 hours (FY2023, year to date)
 - Legacy Fleet Record High MTBSD = 5,129 hours (FY2017)







Update on Next Generation Faregates

- Project goals
 - Deter fare evasion
 - Reduce maintenance
 - Modernize aesthetic
- Procurement process: on target to request Board approval to award in late March
- Progress to enclose elevators into station paid areas
 - 12 completed
 - Balboa Park, Bay Fair, Civic Center/UN Plaza, Coliseum, Concord, El Cerrito Plaza, Embarcadero, Fruitvale, Montgomery, North Berkeley, Rockridge, and Walnut Creek
 - Two scheduled for spring 2023
 - Powell Street, Orinda







Communication about Delays

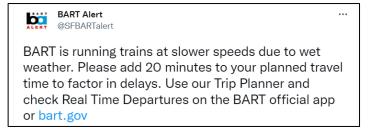
- Update BART Service Advisory language to drive riders to our app and real time tools
- Label trains that are holding on platform digital signs to improve accuracy
- Educate riders on where to get canceled train details in advance:
 - Real time departures or Trip Planner (not BART Service Advisories)
 - Customized in-app notifications

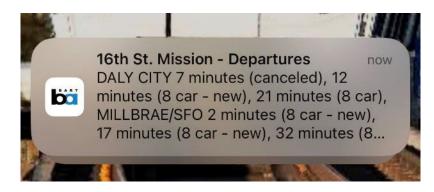
Old wet weather service advisory:



There may be up to 20-min delays systemwide due to wet weather conditions. Please watch your step on wet platforms and stairways. Thank you.

New wet weather service advisory:

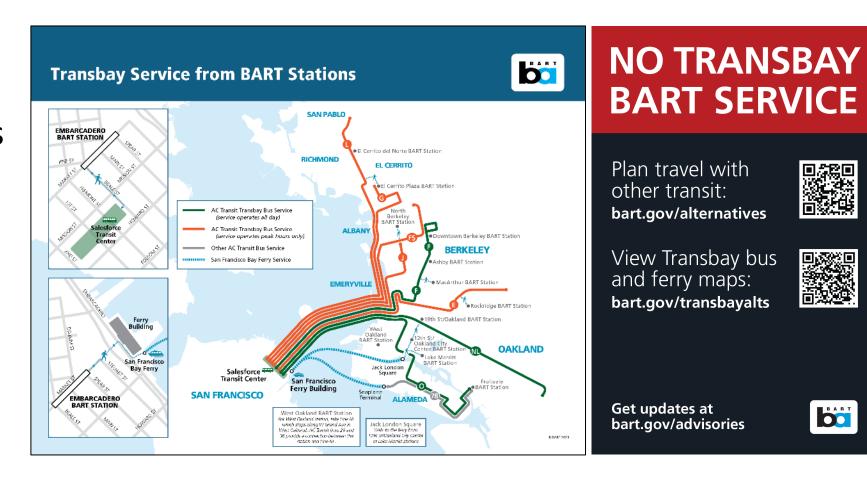






Communication about Delays

 Post A-frames during big transbay service disruptions with tools and map to plan alternative trips

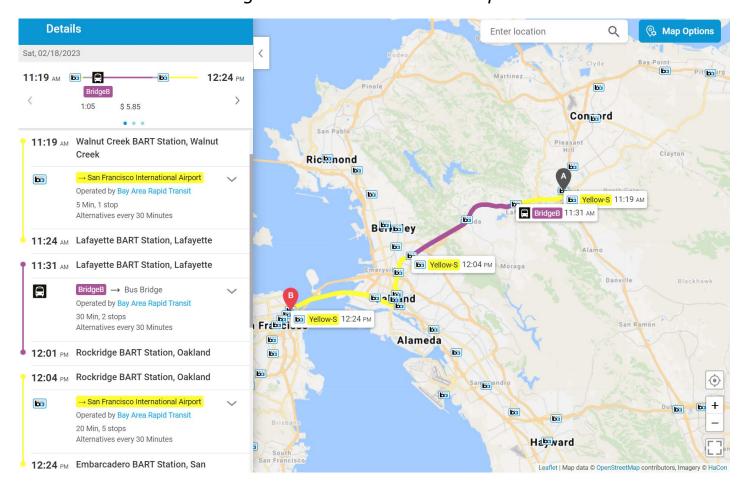




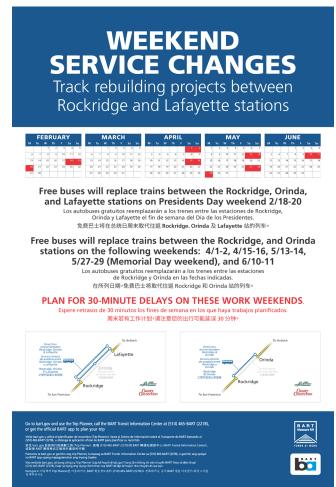
BART

Track Shutdown Communication Improvements

Bus Bridge Details Added to BART Trip Planner



Month at a Glance Added





Discussion

Fill in Survey



We want your feedback about the 2023 Board Workshop!

- Members of the public
- BART Directors
- BART staff

Go to www.bart.gov/board2023



Time to Workshop Wrap Up

