Funding Update

Todd Morgan, Principal Financial Analyst, BART

$11.53 million of Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP) funding was allocated by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) on March 16, 2006 for Contract No. 09AS-120, Vibro-Replacement and Grouting Along Transbay Tube – Port of Oakland.

The recent federal reauthorization of funds through passage of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act-A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) changed the local match requirement for the Earthquake Safety Program Local Seismic Safety Retrofit Program (LSSRP) from 20 percent to 11.47 percent.

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Design and Construction Contract Awards Move Forward

Bechtel has completed its first major procurement for the BART Earthquake Safety Program, awarding 5 of the 14 section design contracts. The new team member section designers are: Parsons Transportation Group, BKF, Washington Group, Inc., HDR and Parsons Brinkerhoff. Bechtel plans to have awarded all 14 of the contracts by the end of 2007, for an estimated $60 million.

In addition, BART awarded the first construction contract, the Oakland Vent Structure Retrofit. Other construction awards in spring 2006 include the Vibro-Replacement Grouting along the Transbay Tube (Port of Oakland), and the Vibro-Replacement along the Transbay Tube Offshore Demonstration Program.

Summer 2006 will mark a key milestone in the program when BART begins construction work on the Transbay Tube retrofit.

Future City Competition Inspires Young Minds

"The children are the future" is more than just a phrase for BART, as demonstrated by its ongoing commitment to sponsoring students in the National Engineers Week Future City Competition. For the past five years, BART and its consultants have contributed resources to middle schools throughout the BART district so that they could participate in this unique educational event.

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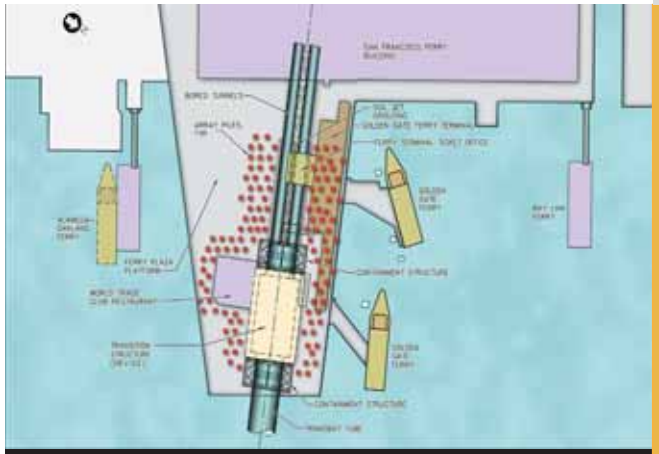
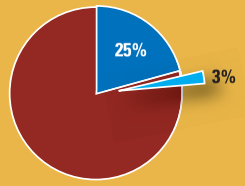


San Francisco Transition Structure Retrofit

Earthquake Safety Program Exceeds DBE Participation Goals

With 28% of the contract dollars going to DBE's, the Bechtel team is exceeding its' original 25% DBE participation goal. DBE firms have completed $10 million of work out of the $38 million of work done to-date.



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Carole Ward Allen

Lynette Sweet

BART Makes History

First Transit Agency in U.S. history Led by Two African-American Women

Information provided by BART Media

On December 15, 2005, the BART Board of Directors unanimously elected two African-American women into the Board's top leadership positions. Director Carole Ward Allen was elected President, and Director Lynette Sweet was elected Vice President. They assumed their new responsibilities directly after the nine-member Board cast its historic vote for these outstanding community leaders.

Newly elected President Ward Allen thanked outgoing President Joel Keller for his deft navigation of BART through difficult issues, including budget cuts, layoffs and labor union contract negotiations that concluded with all sides reaching a fair contract agreement without a crippling strike. She remarked that she will use her presidency to lead BART into an era of inclusion: "No matter if you are a board member, a manager, a union member or a customer, I will insist that you have a seat at my table. I want all voices heard and respected." Vice President Sweet joined President Ward Allen in her enthusiastic acceptance of her new role, adding "I am extremely proud and humbled to be able to serve BART as Vice President, and I look forward to making BART a better place for our workers and our riders."

Voters first elected Carole Ward Allen to the BART Board of Directors on November 3, 1998.

President Ward Allen represents District Four, which consists of portions of Oakland and the City of Alameda

Lynette Sweet was appointed by the BART Board on February 20, 2003 to replace former Director Willie B. Kennedy, who retired mid-term. Voters elected her to her first full term in November 2004.

Vice President Sweet represents District Seven. The only BART District to bridge the Bay, it includes Albany, Emeryville, El Cerrito, Richmond, San Pablo and portions of Berkeley, Oakland, El Sobrante and San Francisco.

Group Manager Speaks On...

FONSI and the BART Earthquake Safety Program

Tom Horton, BART Earthquake Safety Program, Group Manager

BART has just completed its Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Federal National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the first segment of the Earthquake Safety Program. An EA is prepared for a project that may have environmental impacts, but for which the impacts can be mitigated to the point of being insignificant.

The final approval document resulting from an EA process is a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), which states that there will be no significant impacts resulting from the proposed project after appropriate mitigation measures have been taken. The preparation of a FONSI – issued by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the agency sponsoring the environmental clearance – was the last step of a long and complex process.

BART started the EA process in 2002, conducting technical studies in many different areas of environmental impact, such as biological, archaeological and noise and vibration. These studies helped to determine the potential project impacts and mitigation measures. They involved consultations with numerous Federal, State and local environmental agencies, as well as considerable field work. The EA summarizes the results of the technical studies.

Following the studies, BART conducted a public comment period during which several Federal and local agencies commented on the EA and requested additional details. BART then issued a formal response and revised portions of the EA. At the end of this process, BART demonstrated to the FHWA that the project could be accomplished without significant environmental impacts, and the FONSI was issued.

The completion of the environmental process is a milestone in moving the ESP forward. BART may now begin right-of-way acquisition and final design, leading to construction. This includes the most vital portion of the BART system, the Transbay Tube. Although development of the EA involved a long, complicated process, BART is confident that this effort has resulted in a project that has been made better for the environment.

Future City Competition

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Students create computer and physical models of "**future cities**" that are the product of their vision and resourcefulness.

Future City is a national engineering competition that fosters the importance of mathematics and science for 7th and 8th graders. Students create computer and physical models of "future cities." Looking ahead to the year 2150 and beyond, students address problems such as crime, healthcare and affordable housing. In 2006, BART sponsored seven Bay Area schools. Of these, Elmhurst Middle School created a highly educated, no crime, "pollution-solution" city. The team's innovative "pollution-solution" helped them to win the "Best Use of Alternative Fuel" award at the Northern California Regional Finals.

Since 2001, BART has increased its involvement from one school in Oakland to seven schools representing Oakland, Richmond and San Francisco. With support and encouragement from BART, Oakland's Edna Brewer Middle School has placed in the top three at the Regional Finals for the past two years — First Place (2005) and Third Place (2006).

Although, the competition is rewarding for the students, the opportunity for the engineers and volunteers to work with the students is priceless.

In 2006, BART Sponsored Future City Teams from seven Bay Area middle schools:

Edna Brewer, Oakland
Elmhurst, Oakland
Helms, Richmond
Horace Mann, San Francisco
KIPP Academy, Oakland
Lighthouse, Oakland
James Lick, San Francisco

For information on the BART Future City schools' participation and sponsorship, contact Shonda Scott at sscott@bart.gov.