

BART POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR SUSTAINABILITY

Vision

Reinforce BART's essential role in regional sustainability by:

- Improving mobility for Bay Area families and businesses via public transit;
- Increasing public safety and comfort while decreasing air pollution and road congestion;
- Encouraging the region's smart growth via efficient multi-modal transportation networking;
- Preserving the natural beauty and character of the region.

Promote the Bay Area's social and environmental quality of life by:

- Increasing the quality, value, and accessibility of BART's service to the riding public of all sectors of the Bay Area communities;
- Providing reliable and comfortable transit options and livable transit corridors to increase the development of affordable housing, and cultural and business facilities.

Maintain the Bay Area's long-term economic prosperity and entrepreneurial spirit by:

- Enhancing the life-cycle value of BART's physical infrastructure and operations for conserving natural resources and protecting public investment;
- Creating more business opportunities for all Bay Area entrepreneurs.

Become a model for other transit agencies in optimizing resource efficiency, environmental preservation, transit service quality, and cost effectiveness

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Goals

1. Promote sustainable, transit-oriented development in the communities BART serves to maximize the use of BART as the primary mode of transportation.
2. Enhance the use of resource-efficient and environmentally-friendly access modes (e.g., bikes, walking, etc.), and other sustainable features at BART's new and existing stations.
3. Integrate sustainability principles and practices including multi-modal access into the planning, design, and construction of new BART stations and related facilities.
4. Effectively incorporate proven sustainable materials, methods, and technologies into BART's Facilities Standard to increase life-cycle value including reduction of energy and resource use, and to enhance the health and comfort of BART employees and customers.
5. Apply sustainable techniques and procedures into BART's maintenance projects and operations in a cost-effective manner.
6. Develop procurement strategies that incorporate sustainability criteria compatible with federal and state non-discrimination requirements.

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Strategy

Partnerships. Partner with Federal agencies and other organizations to formulate and maintain BART's sustainability practice standards and measurements.

Industry Standards. Strategically adopt applicable provisions of industry standards and technical manuals of sustainable practices, such as applying the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Guidelines for creating healthier work places for employees, by providing a better indoor environment.

Local Requirements. Incorporate local sustainability requirements based on appropriateness.

Leadership Program. Identify, execute, and monitor leadership projects and facilities for BART's sustainable programs.

Sustainability Practice Standards. Develop, maintain, and implement BART's sustainability standards.

Benchmarks. Establish benchmarks to measure the progress and performance of BART's sustainability practice.