

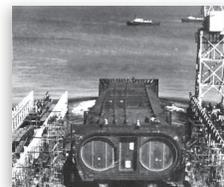


**CELEBRATING 40  
YEARS OF SERVICE**  
1972 • 2012



## Forty BART Achievements Over the Years

- 1) **January 1947** – Joint Army-Navy report recommends action for underwater transit tube beneath San Francisco Bay to help address growing bridge and freeway congestion.
- 2) **June 4, 1957** – California Legislature approves creation of five-county Bay Area Transit District.
- 3) **November 6, 1962** – \$792 million General Obligation Bond issues approved by District voters for construction of 75-mile system, including 3.5-mile Muni Metro line.
- 4) **June 19, 1964** – President Lyndon B. Johnson presides at official start of construction in Concord.
- 5) **January 24, 1966** – Construction begins in Oakland subway.
- 6) **July 25, 1967** – Construction begins on Market Street subway in San Francisco.
- 7) **August 1969** – Transbay Tube structure complete.
- 8) **November 5, 1971** – Delivery of first production car for revenue service.
- 9) **September 11, 1972 – OPENING DAY OF REVENUE PASSENGER SERVICE.**  
BART opened with Fremont to Oakland service including 28 miles of tracks and 12 stations. BART carried 100,000 during the first week of revenue service with eight two- and three-car trains.
- 10) **September 27, 1972** – President Nixon rides the BART system.
- 11) **January 29, 1973** – Opening of Oakland-to-Richmond service, the second segment of the BART system to go into operation. This extends the operating system to 39 miles and 18 stations.
- 12) **May 21, 1973** – Concord line opens, adding 17 miles. The system now has 56 miles and 24 stations.
- 13) **August 10, 1973** – First test train travels through Transbay Tube to Montgomery Station averaging 70-mph westward and 80-mph eastward.
- 14) **November 3, 1973** – BART's 7.5-mile San Francisco line with eight stations opens for service. Patronage doubles within the first two weeks.
- 15) **November 5, 1973** – Service begins between Montgomery Street and Daly City Stations, bringing 63.5 of the 71.5 miles into operation.
- 16) **September 16, 1974** – Passenger revenue Transbay service begins, representing a major milestone in placing the full 71.5-mile system in operation.
- 17) **November 5, 1974** – Nine-member Board of Directors elected to replace 12-member appointed board.
- 18) **July 1, 1975** – 75 percent fare discount adopted for people with disabilities—an industry first made possible through a plan administered by BART and approved by other Bay Area transit agencies. Discount fares for seniors increased from 75 to 90 percent.
- 19) **January 1, 1976** – Permanent night service goes into effect. Hours of train operation are extended from 6 am to midnight.
- 20) **May 27, 1976** – Embarcadero Station officially opens for revenue service.
- 21) **December 6, 1976** – BART increases commute-hour train lengths on all lines. Ten-car trains, seating 720 passengers.



*1969 – Final section of the Transbay Tube is placed, rail laying begins.*



*BART postcard, circa early 1970s.*

- 22) July 30, 1986** – Fire-hardening program on all transit vehicles completed, making BART cars the most fire-safe transit vehicles in the country.
- 23) October 17, 1989** – 7.1 earthquake rocks the Bay Area. BART continues to operate, providing critical service during Bay Bridge closure. Thousands of commuters switch to BART to get to and from work—breaking records for weekday ridership. On November 16, 1989, ridership reaches a new record high of 357,135. The Bay Bridge re-opens on November 17, 1989.
- 24) October 25, 1991** – The first phase of a \$2.6 billion extension program begins with simultaneous groundbreaking ceremonies for the Dublin/Pleasanton and the West Pittsburg extensions. The extension program will add 33 miles and 10 stations to the existing 71.5-mile, 34-station system, increasing the existing system by 46%.
- 25) August 31, 1994** – The first of a new generation of transit cars arrive at the system’s maintenance facility in Hayward. The new transit car offers maximum operating flexibility and is part of an 80-car order.
- 26) December 16, 1995** – First day of revenue service at the North Concord/Martinez Station.
- 27) February 24, 1996** – Colma Station and SamTrans Transit Center open for revenue passenger service with a community celebration. The three-track, two-platform station is the second largest of BART’s 36 stations.
- 28) December 7, 1996** – Official opening of the Pittsburg/Bay Point Station, four months earlier than scheduled. The opening completes a 7.8-mile segment of the Pittsburg/Antioch Extension from the Concord Station.
- 29) May 10, 1997** – Dublin/Pleasanton line officially opens for passenger revenue service. A community celebration is held at both the Castro Valley and Dublin/Pleasanton Stations featuring entertainment, raffles, giveaways and tours.
- 30) June 22, 2003** – BART officially opens new line to the San Francisco International Airport. The line includes the South San Francisco Station, San Bruno Station, and the Millbrae Station.
- 31) August 23, 2004** – BART named #1 transit system in America by the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) in the category of providing 30 million annual passenger trips or more.
- 32) November 2, 2004** – Bay Area voters overwhelmingly vote to pass Measure AA, a \$980 million general obligation property tax bond measure. The program will strengthen BART’s critical underwater Transbay Tube, stations and elevated tracks so they can better withstand a major earthquake in the Bay Area.
- 33) October 15, 2005** – Caltrans shuts down all eastbound lanes on the Bay Bridge for seismic retrofitting. BART runs trains around the clock to make sure Bay Area residents and workers can travel between the East Bay and San Francisco.
- 34) April 29, 2007** – A burning tanker truck carrying 8,600 gallons of gasoline melts the MacArthur Maze and once again BART moves into action to keep Bay Area residents moving between San Francisco and the East Bay. BART announces that it will offer free transit and run longer trains on Monday, April 30, 2007.
- 35) September 30, 2009** – BART breaks ground on Warm Springs Extension—a 5.4 mile project that will bring service closer to San Jose and the Silicon Valley.
- 36) October 28, 2009** – BART morning transbay ridership up 49% on this day due to emergency Bay Bridge closure. In the days that follow, BART’s previous ridership records were shattered as BART ran longer service and overnight service while the bridge is shut down.
- 37) October 20, 2010** – BART celebrates the groundbreaking of the Oakland Airport Connector (OAC) project.
- 38) October 29, 2010** – Official groundbreaking ceremony for the east Contra Costa BART extension project “eBART,” which when completed (estimated in 2016) will provide a 10-mile extension from Pittsburg/Bay Point Station to the City of Antioch.
- 39) November 4, 2010** – BART carries a record high 522,200 riders, thanks in large part to the San Francisco Giants World Series victory parade.
- 40) May 10, 2012** – The BART Board of Directors votes unanimously to award an \$896 million contract, (plus applicable taxes and escalation contingencies), to Bombardier Transit Corporation for design and construction of 410 train cars. The cars will be 100% assembled in America, with at least 66% American-made parts.



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