Underground Restroom Reopening
RCI # 21-839 Re-opening BART Restrooms

This RCI requests that staff return to the Board no later than October 2021 with an informational presentation on cost estimates to reopen all underground station restrooms... These estimates should include both capital costs for reopening using the 19\textsuperscript{th} Street, Powell, and El Cerrito del Norte restroom models with multiple stalls and an open entry to the restrooms... including ongoing operating costs.

Present all findings and action plan including:

- Pilot status to be launched at El Cerrito del Norte
- All expenses associated with opening underground restrooms
- Report progress on restroom enhancement efforts
Agenda

- Public Restroom Update
- Underground Restrooms
  - Stakeholder Engagement
  - Staff Restrooms
  - Other Major Agencies
  - Current Conditions
- Configuration Pilot Program
- Next Steps
  - Cost
  - Schedule
BART Public Restrooms Status Update

Underground public restrooms (currently closed)
Restroom configuration pilots
Enhanced restrooms (completed)
Stakeholder Input

**Security**
- Fully lockable; closed for enhanced security; vandalism & vagrancy
- Vandal resistant

**Viability**
- 15% of riders use restrooms; half rated them as good or better
- Quantity of available employee restrooms
- Financial impacts
- Funding may require re prioritization of other projects
- Complexity during construction

**Design**
- ADA upgrades
- Durable & simple
- Renovation (electrical, plumbing, & ventilation) and ADA improvements

**Patrons**
**Station Access**
**BART Police**
**Transportation**
**Budget**
**Maintenance**
**Engineering**
**Design & Construction**
Staff Reliance on Underground Restrooms

Downtown San Francisco stations are heavily staffed by BART, sister agencies, and contractors

20+ employees per shift per location is common

- Station Agents
- System Service Workers
- Elevator Attendants
- Maintenance & Construction
- SFMTA Station Agents
- SFMTA System Service Workers & Contractors
- AC Transit Bus Drivers
Other Major Agencies

- **MARTA**: Controlled Access
- **LA METRO**: No Underground Public Restrooms
- **MBTA**: Never Closed Public Restrooms
- **MTA (NYCT)**: All Closed Due to COVID
- **SEPTA**: Attended and Only Open During Peak Commute
- **WMATA**: Controlled Access
Underground Public Restrooms

10 Underground Stations Closed After 9/11

Under construction

Performed condition assessment

Condition Assessment of the Remaining 8

Require repair of electrical, plumbing and/or ventilation

Opportunity to improve accessibility

Present higher security risks

* The above-ground El Cerrito del Norte restroom opened in 2020
Condition Assessment per Station

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Station</th>
<th>Repair</th>
<th>ADA Improvement</th>
<th>Security</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>DOWNTOWN BERKELEY</td>
<td>![Image]</td>
<td>![Image]</td>
<td>![Image]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LAKE MERRITT</td>
<td>![Image]</td>
<td>![Image]</td>
<td>![Image]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12TH ST.</td>
<td>![Image]</td>
<td>![Image]</td>
<td>![Image]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>EMBARCADERO</td>
<td>![Image]</td>
<td>![Image]</td>
<td>![Image]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MONTGOMERY</td>
<td>![Image]</td>
<td>![Image]</td>
<td>![Image]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CIVIC CENTER</td>
<td>![Image]</td>
<td>![Image]</td>
<td>![Image]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16TH ST.</td>
<td>![Image]</td>
<td>![Image]</td>
<td>![Image]</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>24TH ST.</td>
<td>![Image]</td>
<td>![Image]</td>
<td>![Image]</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Example Conditions of Underground Restrooms

- **Repair**
- **ADA**
- **Security**
Restroom Configuration Pilot Program
## Configuration Pilot Programs

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Modernization</th>
<th>Code Compliance</th>
<th>Security</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>El Cerrito del Norte</strong></td>
<td>Fully new</td>
<td>Full compliance</td>
<td>Added doors</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><em>(Above Ground)</em></td>
<td>Renovated electrical, plumbing, and ventilation</td>
<td>Renovated electrical, plumbing, and ventilation</td>
<td>Hiring a restroom attendant, exterior wash basin, and grill gate</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>March 24, 2021</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Powell Street</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Opening February 2022</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>19th Street</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Opening February 2022</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Considerations for Next Steps
### Location Summary – Enhancement / Renovation

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Work Description</th>
<th>Complete?</th>
<th>Year</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Powell</td>
<td>Under construction.</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>FY ’22</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>19th Street</td>
<td>Under construction.</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>FY ’22</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lake Merritt</td>
<td>Enhance by relocate grab bars and equipment to improve accessibility.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>FY ’22</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Montgomery</td>
<td>Enhance and remove partition wall to improve accessibility.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>FY ’22</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Embarcadero</td>
<td>Enhance and open one restroom and renovate the other by expanding entrance and redesign interior to improve accessibility.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>FY ’23</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>D. Berkeley</td>
<td>Enhance and open one restroom and renovate the other by expanding entrance and redesign interior to improve accessibility.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>FY ’23</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12th Street</td>
<td>Renovate by expanding entrance and add grab bars to improve accessibility.</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>FY ’24</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Civic Center</td>
<td>Enhance or renovate to improve accessibility.</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>FY ’24</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16th Street</td>
<td>Design and build brand new restrooms.</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>FY ’25</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>24th Street</td>
<td>Design and build brand new restrooms.</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>FY ’26</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Engage Design Consultants / BATF
Detailed review of each underground restrooms.

19th & Powell
Open and begin 3-month attendant pilot.

Embarcadero & Downtown Berkeley*
Enhance for reopening.

12th & Civic Center
Enhancement or renovation.

16th St. / Mission
Design and build new restrooms.

24th St. / Mission
Design and build new restrooms.

Potential Reopen Timing
Capital Funding Needs Timeline

**FY’22**
- Engage Design Consultant
  - $200K by 11/21
- Lake Merritt & Montgomery Enhancement
  - $400K by 2/22
- **Total: $600K**

**FY’23**
- **Embarcadero & D. Berkeley Enhancement**
  - $1.25M by 12/22
- **Total: $1.25M**

**FY’24**
- **12th & Civic Center Enhancement**
  - $1.25M by 7/23
- **Design Package for 16th & 24th**
  - $1.5M by 3/24
- **Total: $1M - $2.75M**

**FY’25**
- **16th Construction**
  - $4.5M by 7/24
- **Total: $4.5M**

**FY’26**
- **24th Construction**
  - $4.8M by 7/25
- **Total: $4.8M**
Thank you!