



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Association of Bay Area Governments
November 16, 2023

Personnel

New Appointments

- **Cody Pappillion** – Cody started with MTC on October 2nd as a Human Resources Analyst in the Administration and Human Development section.
- **Nazanin Rezaei** – Nazanin started with MTC on October 2nd as an Associate Planner Analyst in the Regional Planning Program section.
- **Brittney Sutherland** – Brittney started with MTC on October 16th as a Clerk Assistant in the Executive Office section.
- **Carsie Bonner** – Carsie started with MTC on October 16th as a Junior Clerk in the Executive Office section.
- **Sonia Draves** – Sonia started with MTC on October 16th as a Section Administrator in the Legislation and Public Affairs section.
- **Tarek Radwan** – Tarek started with MTC on November 13th as the Assistant Director, Operational Accounting in the Finance section.
- **Glenn Brown** – Glenn started with MTC on November 13th as a Doorway Technical Operations Manager in the Technology Services section.
- **Babs Deffenderfer** – Babs started with MTC on November 13th as a Doorway Listings and Partner Project Manager in the Bay Area Housing Finance Authority section.
- **John Nguyen** – John will be starting with MTC on November 27th as a Junior Financial Analyst in the Treasury and Revenue section.

Awards and Updates

Housing Heroes Award

- BAHFA and the Bay Area Housing For All Coalition (BAHA) received a [Housing Heroes Awards](#) from the Housing Action Coalition on October 18. This award recognizes the housing leaders championing pro-housing solutions across the region and throughout the state. I was joined by ABAG President Arreguin and BAHFA Director Kate Hartley to receive the award on behalf of BAHFA. Former Assemblymember and the current San Francisco City Attorney David Chiu presented the award. Several other BAHFA champions were in attendance including Senator Scott Wiener and former MTC Executive Directors Therese McMillan and Steve Heminger.



Bay Wheels Bikeshare Expansion

- On November 3, I was joined by MTC Chair Alfredo Pedroza and ABAG President Jesse Arreguin at a Bay Wheels bikeshare program press event announcing the addition of 2,300 new e-bikes and docking stations to San Francisco, San Jose, Oakland, Berkeley and Emeryville, and a price reduction in annual Bay Wheels membership and usage rates. In related news, Commissioner Matt Mahan participated in the November 7th celebration of Bay Wheels' San Jose e-bike expansion.

Local Government Roundtable

- On November 6, Chief Deputy Executive Director Alix Bockelman and MTC's Regional Planning Program Director Matt Maloney participated in the Governor's Office of Planning and Research's Local Government Roundtable. Several Bay Area city managers were also in attendance, including those from Oakland, Santa Rosa and Petaluma.

2024 State of the SF Estuary Conference

- Save the Date! The 2024 State of the San Francisco Estuary Conference hosted by the San Francisco Estuary Partnership will be held March 12-13 at the Henry J. Kaiser Center in Oakland. More information can be found on the [conference website](#).

Estuary Partnership Receives \$1M in EPA Funds

- The Estuary Partnership received just under \$1 million from US EPA to advance climate adaptation planning, equity, and communications within the SF Bay region.

AB 1319

- The state legislature passed and the governor signed AB 1319, legislation that makes various "clean-up" modifications to BAHFA's enabling legislation and provides clarity for BAHFA's implementation of its 3P mandate. The state legislature also approved Assembly Constitutional Amendment 1 (ACA-1), which, if approved by voters, would lower the voter approval threshold for affordable housing bonds like BAHFA's to 55%. All great news for affordable housing across the state.

New HUD PRO Housing Grant Application

- MTC, in partnership with BAHFA, submitted an application to [HUD's new PRO Housing Grant Program](#). The application will seek funding to support the launch of the Priority Sites Program, including regionwide technical assistance and project-level support. Additionally, MTC has partnered with BART and VTA to seek capital funding for one project in each agency's transit-oriented development portfolio.



Working Waterfront Coalition

- Last week, I joined leaders of the Working Waterfront Coalition to visit Oakland’s Fremont High School Pre-Apprenticeship program. The Coalition is an employer-led, state-funded regional workforce development effort focused on growing the Bay Area’s waterfront economy by training young people and those reentering the workforce from the criminal justice system. The Coalition includes the Port of Oakland, multiple county workforce development boards (Alameda, Contra Costa, Solano), unions, as well as participating employers. Waterfront jobs offer good careers with excellent benefits and are especially helpful in achieving diversity, equity and inclusion goals.

Programs like the one offered by Fremont High School offer trade-skills training to supplement, or as an alternative to, four-year college-track programs. Access to reliable transportation is a key determining success factor for the participants, and we are studying ways MTC might innovate. For example, Solano Mobility, developed by the Solano Transportation Authority, uses OBAG funds to offer discounted rideshare services to older adults, students, people with disabilities and others, and might be a good model to build upon.

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