

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the Dumbarton Rail Project and why is it important?

The Dumbarton Rail project aims to: increase capacity and travel options with a new east-west connection transit connection between southern portions of San Francisco Peninsula and the San Francisco East Bay; increase connections among travel modes; and bring transit closer to key origins and destinations throughout the Project region. The Project is an approximately 18-mile corridor between Redwood City and Union City. The San Mateo County Transit District (District) will be the CEQA lead agency for the life of the Project.

2. How has the public been engaged on the project?

Public engagement for the project kicked off in Spring 2019. Throughout 2019 and into early 2020, a series of advisory group and community meetings were held to gain input from the public. Additional public outreach is planned in 2021 and will include both advisory group meetings and community meetings.

3. Who is involved in the Project and how has that changed over time?

In 2018 an Exclusive Negotiating Agreement (ENA) was executed between Cross Bay Transit Partners (CBTP), LLC (owned by Facebook and Plenary Americas) and the District. In Summer 2020, Facebook assigned the rights to CBTP over to Plenary Americas, and Facebook entered into a new agreement with the District. The ENA between the District and CBTP is still in effect. Facebook is currently partnering with the District to compile and document an Alternative Analysis of the alignment and technology options under consideration for the Dumbarton Rail project. The District has been the CEQA lead agency throughout the life of the project and will continue in that role going forward.

4. What is the current scope for the project?

The San Mateo County Transit District and Facebook are currently advancing an Alternative Analysis that includes evaluation of alternatives to connect Redwood City to Union City using the Dumbarton Rail Corridor. This work will be completed by Spring 2021 at which time the District will continue its role leading the project for the region.

5. Do you have funding for the project?

Implementation of the project is expected to be funded from a range of sources. No determinations have been made at this time as to the funding solutions; however, the project is eligible for public funding under Regional Measure 3 and Measure W, as well

as FTA Capital Investment Grants and other USDOT programs. The San Mateo County Transit District continues to work with the region and MTC to advance the project and funding support.

6. What is the anticipated timeline for the project?

Following the completion of the Alternative Analysis in Spring 2021, the District, in partnership with MTC, will evaluate the timing of appropriate next steps. The project is part of Plan Bay Area 2050 to be completed approximately by 2036.

7. What are the long-term plans for the Dumbarton Rail project and process?

Along with mobility benefits to commuters located near the Dumbarton Rail corridor, the project also provides the opportunity to further connect major state-wide and regional rail networks like Caltrain, California High-Speed Rail, ACE, BART, and Capitol Corridor. These connections bring benefits to the entire region, and the District looks forward to partnering with MTC and others to evaluate next steps for the project.

8. Where can I go for more information or questions?

Project information and updates can be found on the District's project website: www.samtrans.com/Dumbartonrail.

9. How can I get involved? Comments can be submitted electronically using the comment form on the District website. Information about future public involvement opportunities will be posted to the District website as well.