

## **Muni Update**

Citizens' Advisory Council
October 6, 2022

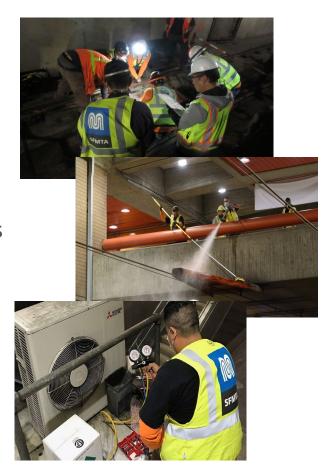
#### **Overview**

- Fix It! Week success
- L Taraval Improvement Project Update
- E-Bus Update
- LRV4 Deployment
- Line Management
- Train Control Upgrade Project Update
- Central Subway Launch
- Ridership Trends

#### **August Fix It! Week**

#### Muni Subway Closes Early for Critical Maintenance

- New quarterly effort provides SFMTA workers the extended work window
- Metro system maintenance launched in April 2022, and again August 18-27. Next Fix It!
   Week tentatively scheduled for January 2023
- An entire month of work performed in 10 days when subway service is substituted with buses
- The maintenance initiatives aimed at making subway operations more reliable and preventing feature breakdowns
- Maintenance covers overhead lines, tracks, signals and Automated Train Control System



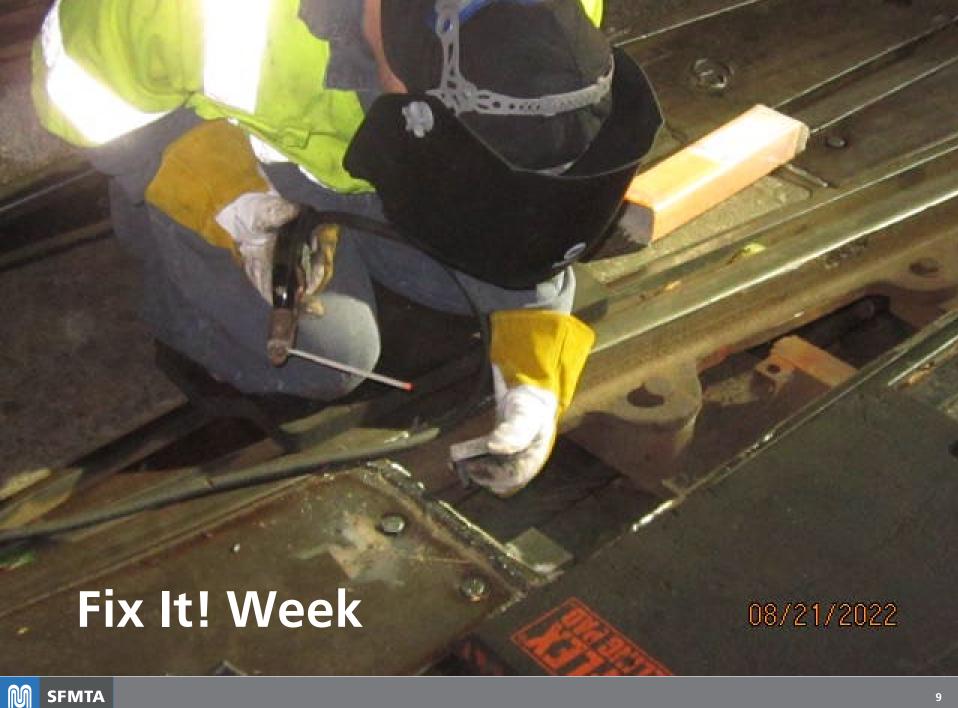


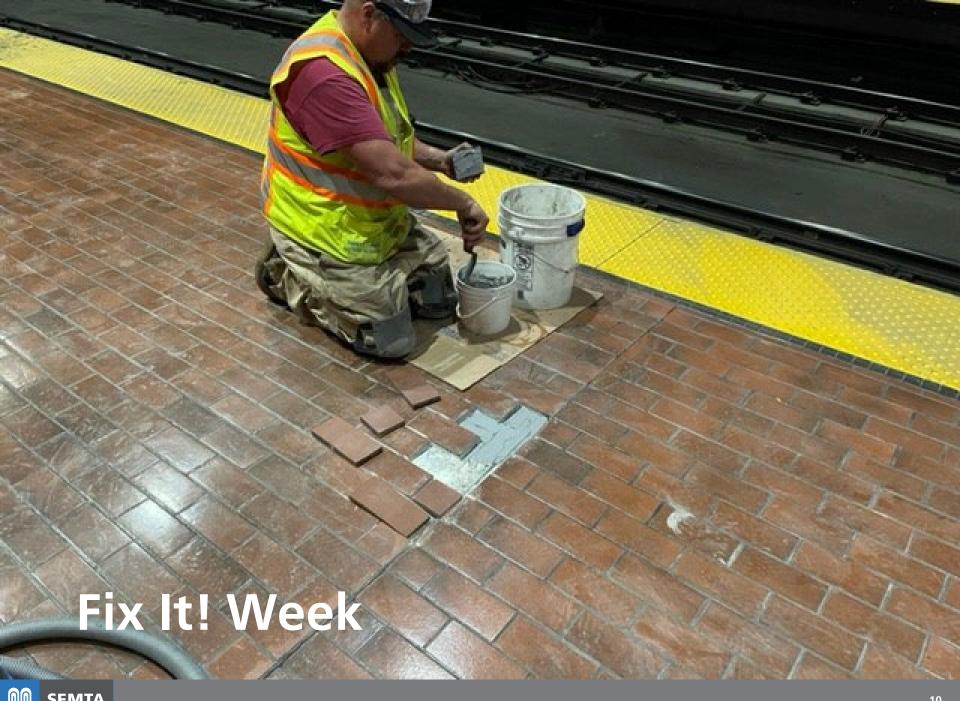




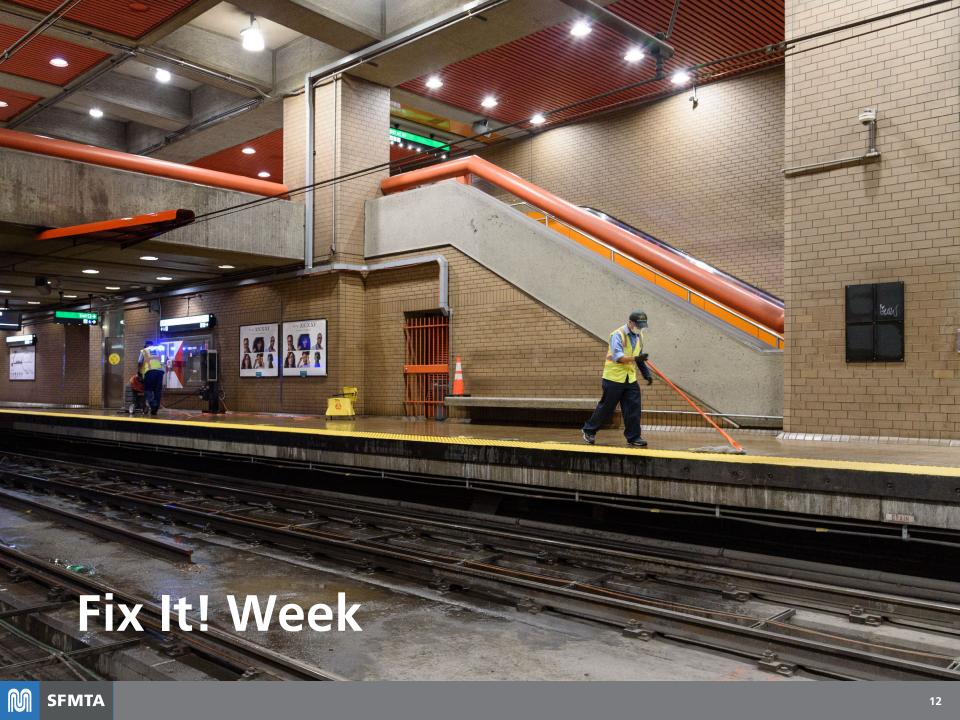


















#### **Electric Bus Update**



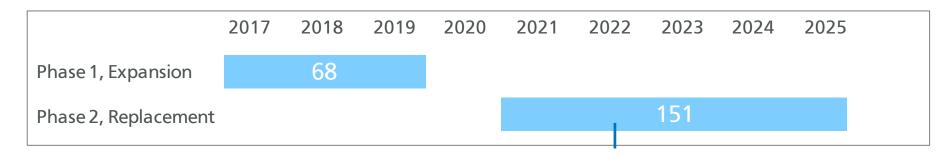




# **LRV4** Update



#### **Current LRV4 Fleet**

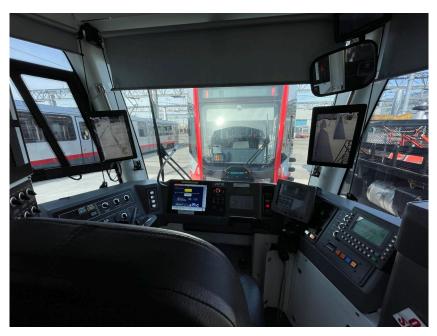


- 82 LRV4s Tested, accepted & now in service
- 94 LRV4s Delivered to date
- Car #2094 delivered Thursday, September 29
- Car #2101 scheduled by December 2022
- 32 Breda cars already retired



#### **Interior Upgrades**

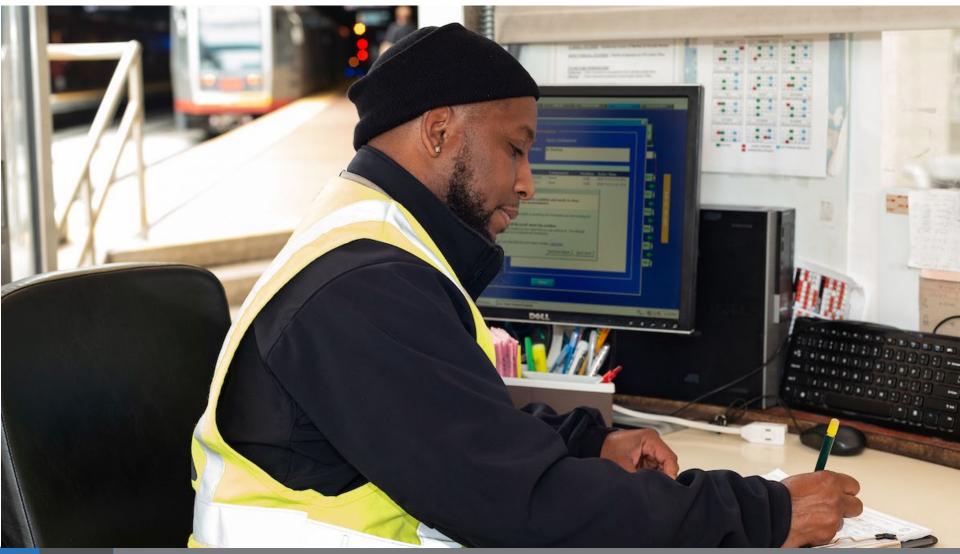
New vehicles arriving with updated interiors, and retrofits underway on Phase 1 cars



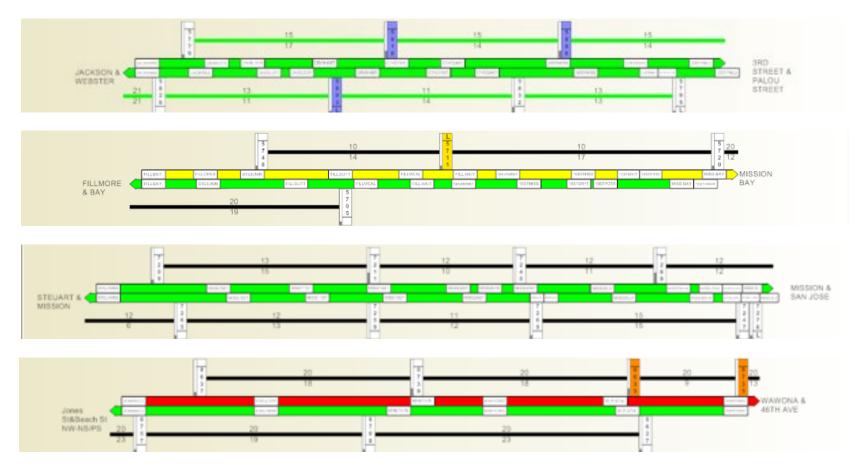


New larger side-view monitors in response to operator feedback

## **Line Management**



### **Headway Management Tool**



TMC controllers are reviewing line spacing on a continuous basis using OrbCAD tools like the headway management tool shown above.

#### L Taraval Improvement Project





Aims to improve safety, accessibility and improve transit reliability

Segment A - SF Zoo to Sunset: completed on time and on budget July 21, 2021

Segment B - Sunset to West Portal Station: started January 2022; Expected completion fall 2024

#### **Taraval Segment B**

Construction work along Taraval and Ulloa streets and 15th Avenue

- Replacing sewer and water lines along the north and south sides of the corridor
- Relocating staging along the corridor as construction moves block-by-block for access to materials.
- Disconnecting overhead wires work is complete. Work is now focused on foundations.



#### L Bus Service Changes

L Taraval Bus activated from SF Zoo to West Portal at start of L Taraval Improvement Project (pre-pandemic)

During pandemic, L Bus extended to downtown as an emergency response

Returned to its pre-pandemic routing July 9:

- Frequency increased: weekdays 10 to 8 min, weekends 10 to 12 min
- Weekends 7-8 a.m. L Bus goes downtown before Muni Metro opens at 8 a.m.
- S Shuttle added to manage gaps and increase subway capacity

Working with Supervisor Mar's office to address concerns about this service change

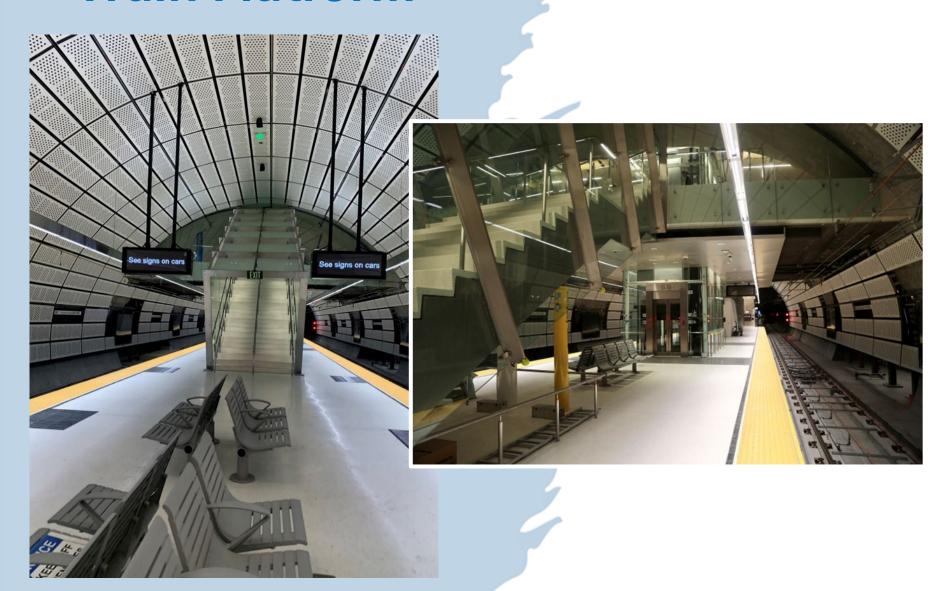






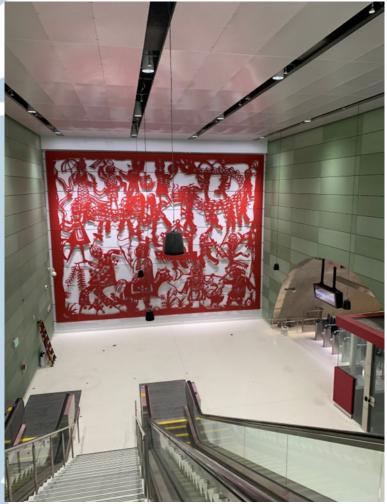


#### **Train Platform**

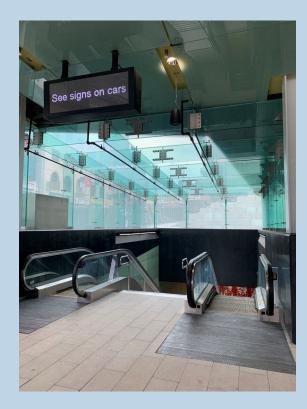


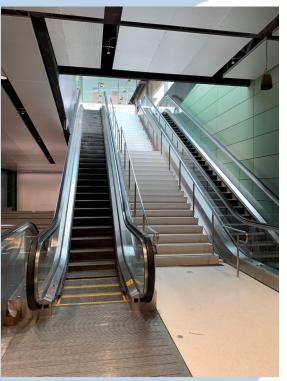
# **Ticketing Hall**





# Surface/Mezzanine Levels



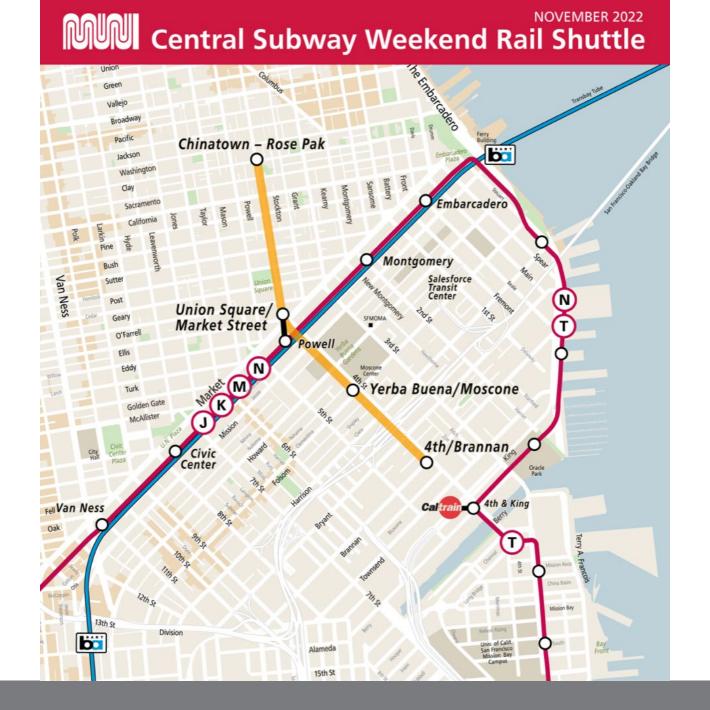














#### **Effective January 2023**



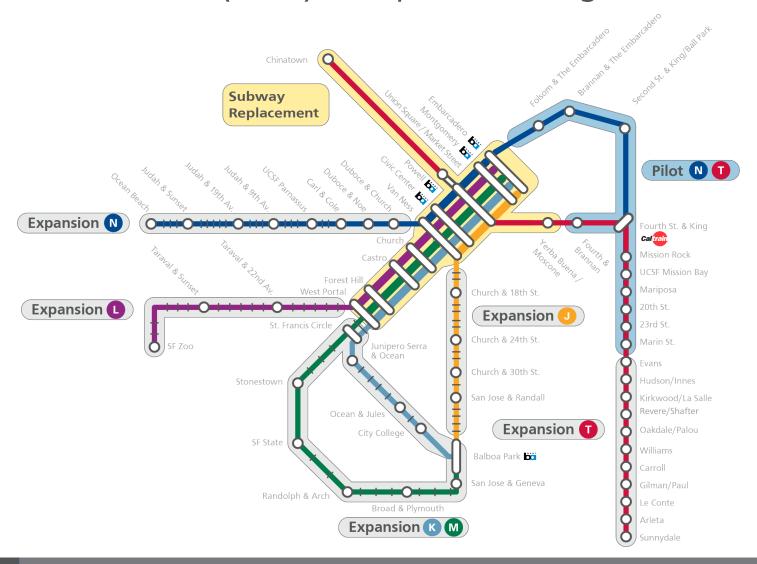


# Train Control Upgrade Project





Multi-year new surface and subway upgrade communicationsbased train control (CBTC) to improve Muni light rail service.





**Reduced delays:** Customers no longer "stuck" on trains in-between stations due to subway congestion or slow-moving trains with a communication failure

**Reduced travel times:** Trips on Muni will be faster as trains will not have to wait for traffic lights on the surface – the train control system will talk to the signals and let them know a train is coming

**Improved reliability:** More consistent wait times that match the advertised frequency of trains, which makes trip-planning more reliable

**Better service:** the new system will give train controllers more flexibility to manage bunching and gaps



### **Lessons Learned**

SFMTA drawing from multiple sources of lessons learned to set up Train Control for success including:



Major SFMTA capital projects like Central Subway and Van Ness BRT



**Current ATCS system** 



Past SFMTA technology projects



Peer agencies - North America and Europe



### **Applying Lessons Learned**

**Procurement Method** 

Ensure selection based on quality of supplier's product and expected long-term performance, not short-term construction issues

**Harness Opportunities** 

Negotiate support terms while supplier is in competition with its peers

**Supplier Partnership & Performance Incentives** 

Create contractual incentives for supplier to partner in the success of the system

**Support-Focused/ Lifecycle Management** 

Treat the system as a technology product, hardware and software kept up-to-date

**Risk Assessment** 

Anticipate risk points ahead of time with a comprehensive risk assessment process



#### Contracts



#### **Supplier**

System Design,
Procurement and
Support

Technology system procurement best fit for selection criteria and enables long-term performance-based support

SBE/DBE goal: 5%

**Initial RFP** 



#### Installer(s)

**System Installation** 

Separating the installation contracts enables a more refined construction scope and allows us to maximize SBE/DBE

SBE/DBE goal: 100% (preliminary)

Multiple future RFPs



#### Consultant

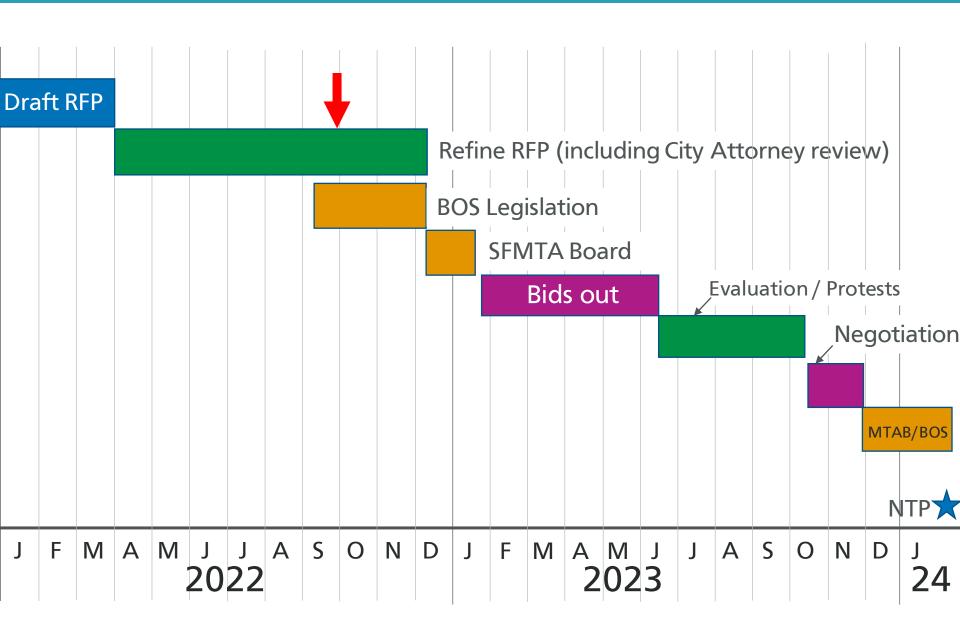
**Delivery Support** 

Technical consulting contract to support project management and leverage outside train control expertise to ensure we deliver the best system possible

SBE/DBE goal: 15% (preliminary)

Single future RFP







## Benefits of including support contract with design RFP

Improves price and terms because firms are in competition with peers

Key elements linked to strategic goals:

- Performance-based support fee creates contractual elements for supplier to build reliability into initial design
- Vendor-Managed Spares Inventory designed to incentivize reduced parts replacement
- Regular software updates keeps hardware and software up to date



Travel Patterns and Trends



## San Franciscans told us their priorities are



**Equity in** service delivery



**Transit speed,** reliability & accessibility



Personal safety on transit and streets



### **Equity**



- Continuing Free Muni for All Youth
- No fare increases (pause fare indexing) for next two years
- Piloting new fare programs such as the 10-trip card
- More Muni service, especially for neighborhoods identified by the <u>Muni Service Equity</u> <u>Strategy</u>



## Reliability



- Current service is quicker and more reliable than prepandemic – for example bottleneck removed on T line at 4<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge and downtown Mission routes up to 30% faster
- Pilots/experimentation allowed for the largest expansion in transit only lanes in the Agency's history
- Although downtown express services have not been restored, transit only lanes on Mission, Van Ness and Geary providing express-like service



## Safety on Muni

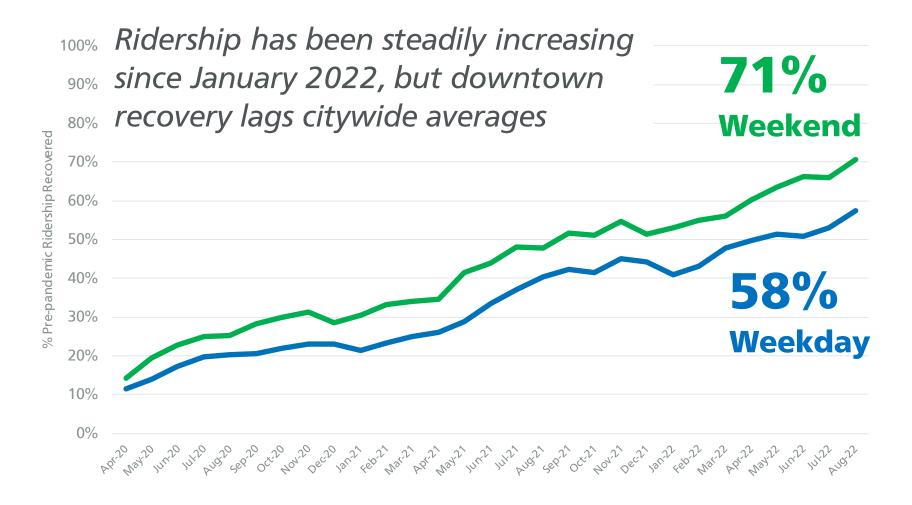


- 20 new Muni Transit Ambassadors on vehicles and at bus stops
- More staff in our Security Intelligence Center
- Safety Equity
   Initiative planned to reduce gender-based harassment on Muni





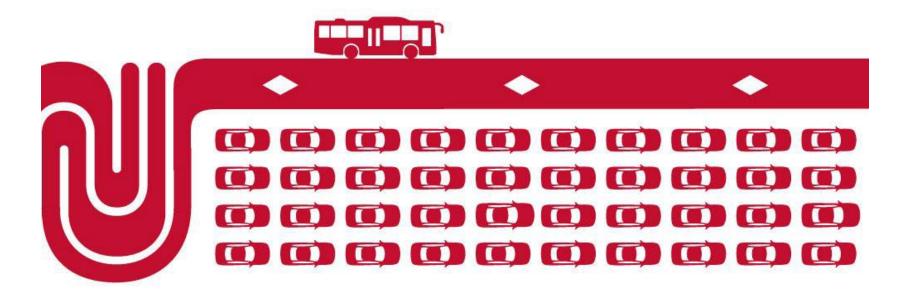
# Bus and LRV Ridership Trends: Weekend and Weekday



### **Downtown Ridership Trends**

- Embarcadero and Montgomery station fare gates are 28% of pre-pandemic ridership on weekdays and about 50% on the weekend
- Systemwide ridership is >55% on weekdays and >70% on weekends, with some rubber tire routes at 80-90%+ of pre-pandemic levels
- Local and Regional marketing campaigns underway to help increase ridership and promote service investments





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# The SFMTA is committed attracting riders and providing quality service:

Faster and more reliable buses through Muni Forward improvements

New routes that travel downtown

A more reliable Muni Metro

Restoring transit service across the city

Service improvements for Cable Cars

Launch of Central Subway



## Thank you!