Importance of Improving Subway Performance

- Backbone of the LRV System serving over 160,000 daily customers
- Key to Meeting
 Service Goals and
 Delivering Special
 Events





Subway Design Constraints

- Five routes sharing a single trunk with three (J, L, M) of those line terminating at Embarcadero Station
- Subway is a relatively short segment of protected right-of-way combined with mixed traffic operations
- Three entry points (Ferry Portal, West Portal, and Church & Duboce)
- Very frequency service (1-2 min in commute times)
- Aging Train Control System (over 20 years old)





Sources of Subway Incidents

49% Infrastructure Delays

- ATCS issues accounted for 19% of total subway delay (113 hours in 2018)
- Vehicles losing automatic train control and failed portal entries are the largest source of infrastructure delays

31% Vehicle Breakdowns

- Mechanical issues made up 52% of the total subway delay (305 hour in 2018).
- Problems with doors particularly on the Breda fleet accounted for nearly a third of vehicle related delays
- Brakes and Propulsion were the second highest source of vehicle related delays

4% Passenger-Related Delays

- Passenger-related incidents accounted for 4% of total subway delay (25 hours in 2018)
- Causes include people sleeping on the trains, intruders, passenger altercations and medical emergencies

4%

- Operator-Related
- Approximately 4% of delay was operator-related in (25 hours in 2018)
- Of issues reported, nearly 18 hours of missed service was due to personal necessity reasons.

Congestion and slow moving trains due to train control issues also create slow downs and delays



Total infrastructure incidents declined, but average delay time increased in December for infrastructure related problems



Vehicle breakdowns in the subway higher than average September through December



Total Vehicle Incidents

Delay per Incident



LRV service gaps highly variable in November and December, especially on KT line. Contributed to an increase in Twitter complaints





Improving Subway Performance

- **Construction Management:** Advanced planning for Muni Metro East maintenance facility closure and T line bus substitution during Mission Bay platform construction
- **Terminal Management:** Reduce turnaround time at Embarcadero and focus on timely departures at outer terminals (AM and PM shifts)
- West Portal: Upgrade train signal software and manually expedite congested trains in/out of subway
- **Closing Gaps:** Introduce use of gap train to cut long headways, especially after major delays



Improving Subway Performance

- Vehicle Maintenance: Use data from vehicles with repeat failures in service to identify patterns among defective parts and/or areas to improve maintenance practices
- **Customer Information:** Refine use of new Platform Audio-Visual (PAV) Signs and announcements to provide better customer information particularly during service disruptions
- Quicker Response to Breakdowns: Position maintenance staff at additional strategic locations in the subway during AM/PM peak to reduce response time
- **Preventative Maintenance:** Increase maintenance window at the Mun Metro Turnback (MMT) for personnel to conduct inspections; proactively replace switch motors

