

# Train Control Upgrade Project

SFMTA Board Project Subcommittee December 2, 2022



# Agenda



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## Project Update | Rider Benefits

**Reduced delays:** Customers no longer "stuck" on trains 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 arrival times that match the advertised frequency of trains, which makes tripplanning more reliable

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



# Project strategy centered on culture of risk mitigation

# Focused on proactive management and risk mitigation from onset

- Decision to embark on competitive upgrade based on risk analysis of doing nothing and limitations of sole source upgrade path
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- Project phasing developed to minimize risk
- Contracting strategy ensures beneficial partnership with supplier
- Risk assessment performed early and incorporated into RFP and project team will continue to update risk assessment at key project milestones



Project Update | Project Phasing

New communications-based train control (CBTC) system upgrade to improve Muni light rail service



## Project Update | Contracting



System Design, Procurement and Support

Technology system procurement best fit for selection criteria and enables longterm performancebased support

**SBE/DBE goal: 5%** 

Initial **RFP** 

Installer(s)

System Installation

Contracts

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

# Pursuing multi-year contract and negotiated procurement

Improves price and terms because firms are in competition with peers

# **Key elements linked to strategic goals:**

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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

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Regular software updates keeps hardware and software up to date



# **Legislative progress**

#### **Budget and Finance Committee**

Ordinance continued at 10/19 meeting, advanced to full Board with recommendation to support at 11/19 meeting

#### Continuance

Potential continuance built into schedule, so this did not cause project delay

#### **Board of Supervisors**

First reading 11/29, second reading 12/6

### **Mayor and waiting period**

Mayor signs ordinance within 10 days, starting 30-day waiting period



# **Lessons Learned**



SFMTA draws 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



Peer agencies – North America and Europe



Past SFMTA technology projects



Current ATCS system

# **1. Risk Assessment Process**

Risk Assessment conducted by project consultant WSP



Informed by information collected from CBTC suppliers during summer industry sounding



Focus was on front-end of project process: procurement and contracting risk



Draft report reviewed and feedback provided by City Attorney, Contracts and Procurement, and CTO

Risk-minded approach baked into culture of project since day 1. This rigorous risk assessment process is an example of this and will continue to be evaluated and updated throughout the life of the project



# **2. Risk Assessment Results**

# $\underline{28}_{I}$ individual risks identified across $\underline{6}_{I}$ different risk categories

- Risks divided between RFP and contract
- Risks categorized **Low**, **Medium**, **High** factoring in **Impact** and **Probability**
- Recommended mitigations bring all
  High risk items down to Low or
  Medium

- **1. Evaluation**
- 2. Cost
- 3. Competition
- 4. Protest
- 5. Delay
- 6. Operational

#### **Example risk matrix:**

After mitigation	n		Before mitigation				
Risk	Impact	Probability		Risk	Impact	Probability	
Low	Medium	Low		High-medium	Medium	High	



# **3. Project Team Response**

#### Project team actions based on risk assessment:



Reviewed and implemented mitigation measures

• 20+ High risk items mitigated to zero High risk items

Added negotiated procurement to ordinance under consideration by Board of Supervisors:

- Reduced risk across almost every category
- Especially reduces risk during RFP process by allowing for better communication and transparency with bidders

#### **Next steps:**

- Focus was on front-end of the process to reduce immediate risks to the RFP and evaluation
- Longer-term risks were also evaluated and mitigation is planned
- Project team will continue to review and evolve the risk assessment as the project progresses



# **Example of Mitigated Risk**

## Suppliers decline to bid because of project risk/reward

#### **Risk factors:**

- CBTC replacement projects are considered risky by the industry
- Suppliers decide to bid on other projects available based on global portfolio
- Suppliers do not find overall project terms attractive enough to accept project risk

#### **Mitigation actions by SFMTA:**

- Industry sounding provided valuable info on expected commercial terms for suppliers
- Project staff carefully considered terms in RFP that suppliers may consider risky and modified RFP accordingly to reduce risk without compromising project success
- Introduced negotiated procurement to mitigate risk of losing qualified bidders





We have consulted with several American, Canadian and international agencies and our project approach is informed by our shared experiences

# **American peers**

MBTA Green Line BART New York City Subway

# **Canadian peers**

Vancouver SkyTrain Edmonton Toronto (Eglinton LRT)

# **International peers**

London (LU and DLR) Amsterdam Frankfurt VGM



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# BART

- Fully grade-separated
- Upgrading to CBTC



# **MBTA Green Line**

• Pre-metro

• Uses fixed block system



# NYCT

- Fully grade-separated
- Some lines fixed block, some upgrading to CBTC





# Vancouver Skytrain

- Uses same Thales system as SFMTA
- Upgrading to Thales' latest product. Fully grade-separated and automated system





# Edmonton

- Same type of surface-subway layout as Muni
- Originally contracted with Thales, abandoned CBTC project due to technical issues



# **Toronto Eglinton**

- Greenfield, same type of surface-subway layout as SFMTA
- Contracted with Bombardier (now Alstom) for CBTC





# Docklands Light Railway (London)

- Uses same Thales ATCS as SFMTA, upgrading to Thales' latest product.
- Fully grade-separated and automated system





# Amsterdam

- Similar at-grade / subway combination as SFMTA.
- Greenfield deployment using Alstom CBTC solution.



# Frankfurt VGF

- Similar at-grade/subway combination as SFMTA.
- Using combination of Siemens CBTC and V2X infrastructure in the street





# Funding approach commits to project and prioritizes discretionary sources

Project has been successful in competitive grants and discretionary funding sources

The 10-year funding plan presented on the following slides shows commitment to the project and is necessary to issue the RFP and compete for discretionary sources

This funding plan competes with other Fixed Guideway programs for funding in later years. However, staff anticipate using the strength of this project to continue to attract competitive discretionary funding sources and local opportunities

- CIP FY23 27 Funding Plan: **\$285M**
- Full Funding Plan: **\$606M**



## Project Funding | Funding Plan

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Funding Source	FY23-27 CIP	Project Total
Operating (prior)	N/A	\$2,095,000
Revenue Bond (prior)	N/A	\$5,405,000
General Funds (prior)	N/A	\$340,000
Transp. Sustainability Fee (prior)	N/A	\$10,000
Revenue Bond	\$35,595,000	\$35,595,000
Prop K	\$41,077,378	\$41,077,378
General Funds	N/A	\$25,830,132
Transportation Sustainability Fee	N/A	\$8,785,609
Operating Fund	N/A	\$8,000,000
AB 664	N/A	\$7,490,752
Caltrans (STIP)	\$15,793,794	\$24,394,000
Caltrans (TIRCP)	\$28,364,282	\$100,576,000
SB1 – State of Good Repair	N/A	\$30,000,000
FTA (Transit Capital Priorities)	\$165,001,159	\$317,054,941
Grand Total	\$285,831,613	\$606,653,812







## Project Funding | Phase-level



## Phase 5 – K&M Surface Expansion

Early 2028 – Summer 2030



## Phase 6 – J Surface Expansion

Fall 2028 – Early 2031 \$1.6M \$19.7M Total: \$35.7M \$14.3M

# Phase 7 – L Surface Expansion

Summer 2029 – Early 2032





#### **Closeout Costs** Early 2032 – Summer 2032











#### Pilot: Third St (to MME) and Embarcadero







## Project Schedule | Full Timeline

### **Proposed Project Schedule**

PHASE	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033
System Design	Award E	Party 2024									
Pilot	Award E	any 2024									
Subway Replacement											
Surface											
Support/Lifecycle Investment											<b>•</b>





### **Board of Supervisors**

Ordinance 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading expected 11/29, 12/6

#### **Finalize RFP**

Project staff finalizing RFP revisions and review by 12/19

#### **Approve/Advertise RFP**

Expected MTAB approval action on 1/17/23

### **MTAB Calendar**

Consent calendar or regular agenda item

#### **Future RFPs**

Consultant RFP expected in first half of 2023

