



▶ Underground Restroom Reopening



RCI # 21-839 Re-opening BART Restrooms

This RCI requests that staff return to the Board no later than October 2021 with an informational presentation on cost estimates to reopen all underground station restrooms... These estimates should include both capital costs for reopening using the 19th Street, Powell, and El Cerrito del Norte restroom models with multiple stalls and an open entry to the restrooms... including ongoing operating costs.

Present all findings and action plan including:

- Pilot status to be launched at El Cerrito del Norte
- All expenses associated with opening underground restrooms
- Report progress on restroom enhancement efforts



Agenda

- Public Restroom Update
- Underground Restrooms
 - Stakeholder Engagement
 - Staff Restrooms
 - Other Major Agencies
 - Current Conditions
- Configuration Pilot Program
- Next Steps
 - Cost
 - Schedule



BART Public Restrooms Status Update



- Underground public restrooms (currently closed)
- Restroom configuration pilots
- Enhanced restrooms (completed)

Stakeholder Input



Security

PATRONS

STATION ACCESS

BART POLICE

TRANSPORTATION

BUDGET

MAINTENANCE

ENGINEERING

DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION

Fully lockable; closed for enhanced security; vandalism & vagrancy

Vandal resistant



Viability

15% of riders use restrooms; half rated them as good or better

Quantity of available employee restrooms

Financial impacts

Funding may require reprioritization of other projects

Complexity during construction



Design

ADA upgrades

Durable & simple

Renovation (electrical, plumbing, & ventilation) and ADA improvements

Staff Reliance on Underground Restrooms

Downtown San Francisco stations are heavily staffed by BART, sister agencies, and contractors

DOWNTOWN
BERKELEY

LAKE MERRITT

12TH ST.

EMBARCADERO

MONTGOMERY

CIVIC CENTER

16TH ST.

24TH ST.



20+ employees per shift per location is common



Station Agents System Service Workers Elevator Attendants Maintenance & Construction SFMTA Station Agents SFMTA System Service Workers & Contractors AC Transit Bus Drivers

Other Major Agencies



MARTA

Controlled Access



LA METRO

**No Underground
Public Restrooms**



MBTA

**Never Closed
Public Restrooms**



NYCT

**All Closed Due
to COVID**



SEPTA

**Attended and Only Open
During Peak Commute**



WMATA

Controlled Access

Underground Public Restrooms

10 Underground Stations Closed After 9/11

2 Under construction

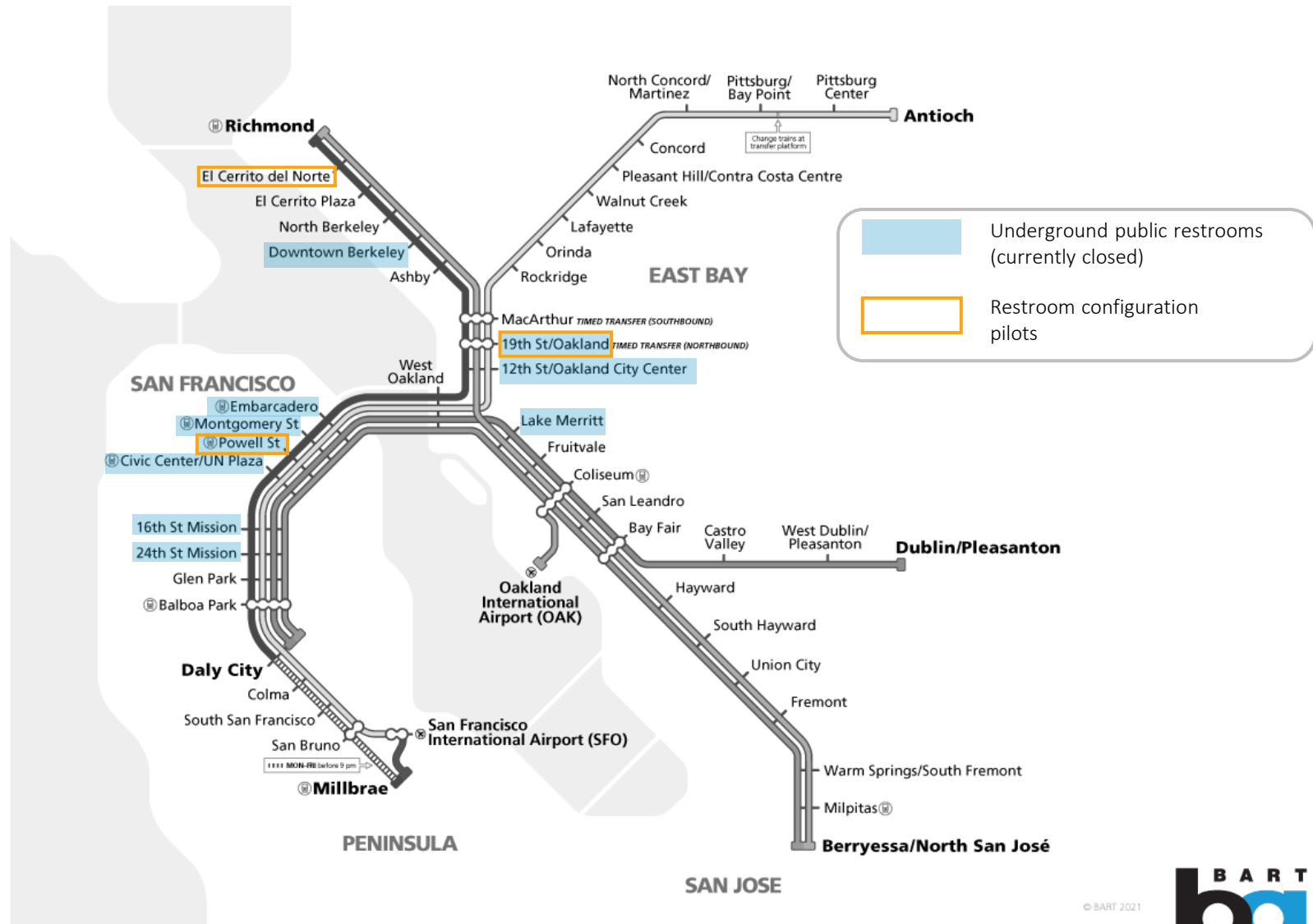
8 Performed condition assessment

Condition Assessment of the Remaining 8

7 Require repair of electrical, plumbing and/or ventilation

























8 Opportunity to improve accessibility

4 Present higher security risks



* The above-ground El Cerrito del Norte restroom opened in 2020

Condition Assessment per Station

	<u>DOWNTOWN BERKELEY</u>	<u>LAKE MERRITT</u>	<u>12TH ST.</u>	<u>EMBARCADERO</u>	<u>MONTGOMERY</u>	<u>CIVIC CENTER</u>	<u>16TH ST.</u>	<u>24TH ST.</u>
REPAIR								
ADA IMPROVEMENT								
SECURITY								

Example Conditions of Underground Restrooms

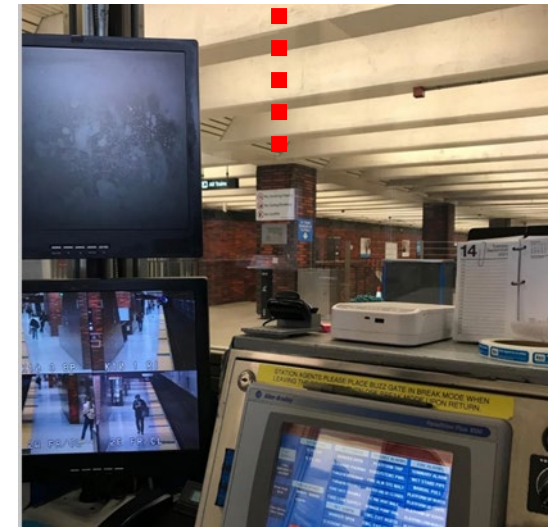
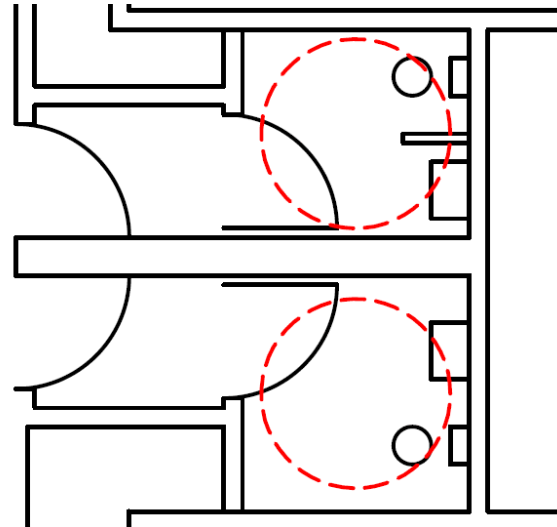
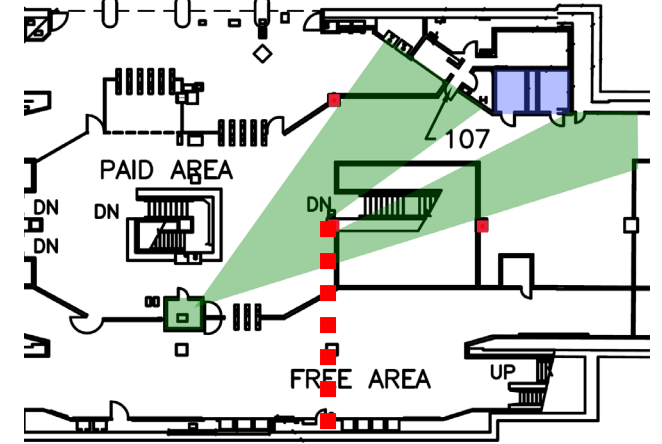
Repair



ADA



Security





▶ Restroom Configuration Pilot Program



Configuration Pilot Programs

El Cerrito del Norte (Above Ground)

March 24, 2021

Powell Street

Opening February 2022

19th Street

Opening February 2022

MODERNIZATION

Fully new

Renovated electrical, plumbing, and ventilation

Renovated electrical, plumbing, and ventilation

CODE COMPLIANCE

Full compliance

Upgraded to meet ADA, fire safety, and ventilation

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SECURITY

Added doors

Hiring a restroom attendant, exterior wash basin, and grill gate

Hiring a restroom attendant, exterior wash basin, and semi-transparent door



19th St. Station



Powell St. Station



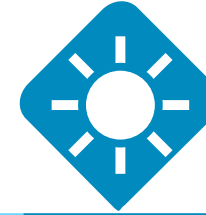
El Cerrito del Norte Station





▶ Considerations for Next Steps

Location Summary – Enhancement / Renovation



Powell	Under construction.	N/A	FY '22
19 th Street	Under construction.	N/A	FY '22
Lake Merritt	Enhance by relocate grab bars and equipment to improve accessibility.	Yes	FY '22
Montgomery	Enhance and remove partition wall to improve accessibility.	Yes	FY '22
Embarcadero	Enhance and open one restroom and renovate the other by expanding entrance and redesign interior to improve accessibility.	Yes	FY '23
D. Berkeley	Enhance and open one restroom and renovate the other by expanding entrance and redesign interior to improve accessibility.	Yes	FY '23
12 th Street	Renovate by expanding entrance and add grab bars to improve accessibility.	No	FY '24
Civic Center	Enhance or renovate to improve accessibility.	No	FY '24
16 th Street	Design and build brand new restrooms.	No	FY '25
24 th Street	Design and build brand new restrooms.	No	FY '26

Potential Reopen Timing



FY '22

Lake Merritt & Montgomery

Enhance for reopening.

19th & Powell

Open and begin 3-month attendant pilot.

Engage Design Consultants / BATF

Detailed review of each underground restrooms.

FY '23

Embarcadero & Downtown Berkeley*

Enhance for reopening.

FY '24

12th & Civic Center

Enhancement or renovation.

FY '25

16th St. / Mission

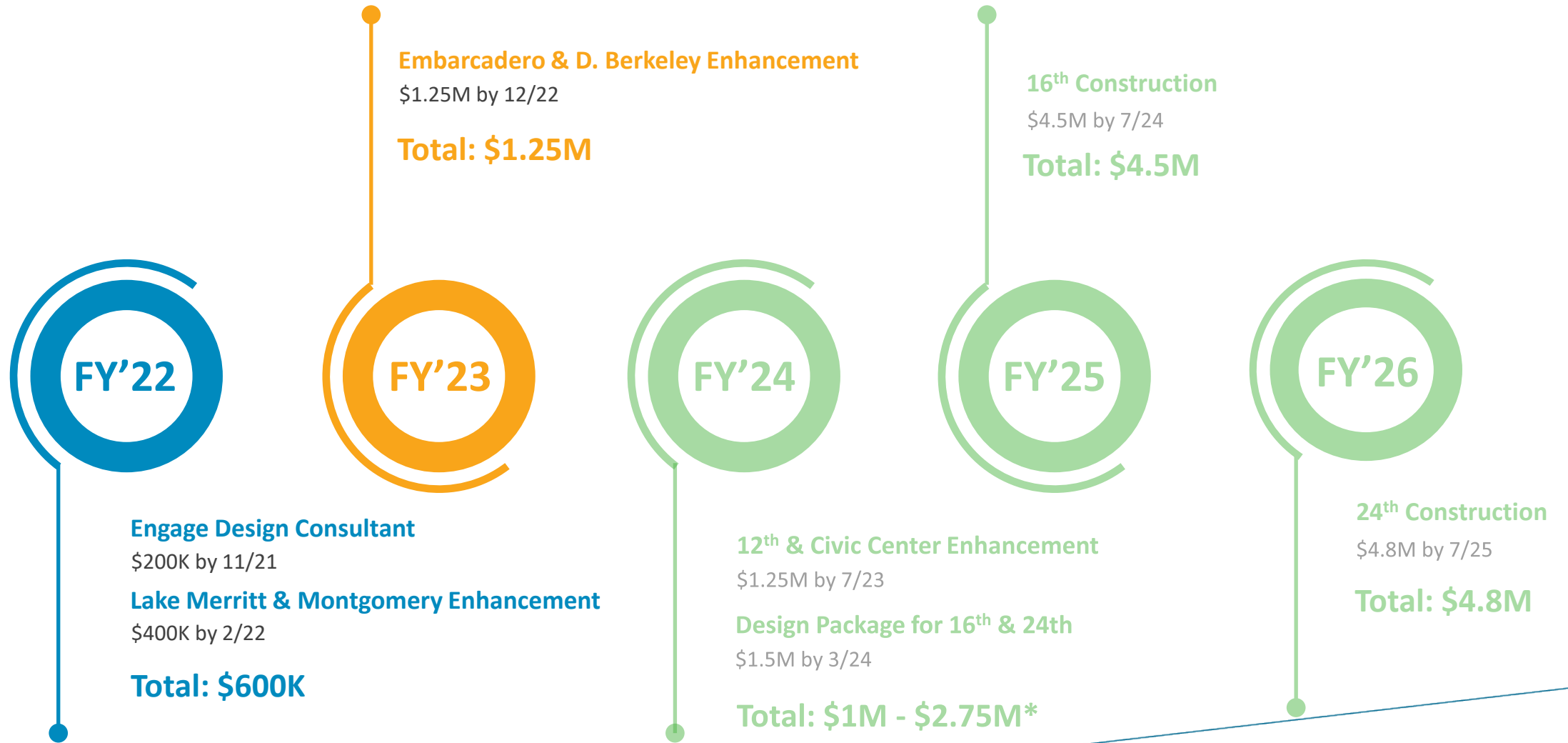
Design and Build new restrooms.

FY '26

24th St. / Mission

Design and build new restrooms.

Capital Funding Needs Timeline



A photograph of a BART train on tracks, viewed through a chain-link fence. The train is silver and blue, with the number 6024 visible on the side. In the background, a multi-lane highway with several cars is visible. The scene is set during sunset or sunrise, with a bright sun low on the horizon, creating a lens flare effect. The overall color palette is dominated by blues and oranges.

Thank you!

