

Bay Area Metro Center 375 Beale Street San Francisco, CA 94105

Meeting Agenda

Regional Network Management Council

Robert Powers, Chair April Chan, Vice Chair

Monday, May 20, 2024	11:30 AM	Board Room - 1st Floor

The Regional Network Management Council is scheduled to meet at 11:30 a.m.

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Roster

Robert Powers, Chair; April Chan, Vice Chair Michelle Bouchard, Bill Churchill, Andy Fremier, Carolyn Gonot, Michael Hursh, Denis Mulligan, Seamus Murphy, Jeffrey Tumlin, Nancy Whelan

1. Call to Order / Roll Call / Confirm Quorum

A quorum of the Regional Network Management Council shall be a majority of its voting members (6).

2. Consent Calendar

2a. <u>24-0545</u> Minutes of the April 22, 2024 Meeting

Action: Approval

Attachments: 2a. Minutes of the April 22, 2024 Meeting

3. Information

3a.	<u>24-0546</u>	Regional Mapping and Wayfinding Project - Implementation Updates
		Update on the design and evaluation of the signage prototypes being installed later this year and the subsequent pilot stage of the Regional Mapping & Wayfinding Project (RMWP).
	Action:	Information
	<u>Presenter:</u>	Gordon Hansen (MTC) and Jumana Nabti (BART)
	<u>Attachments:</u>	3a Regional Mapping and Wayfinding Project – Implementation Updates
		3ai RMWP Implementation Updates -Presentation

4. Director's Report-Melanie Choy

5. Public Comment / Other Business

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6. Adjournment / Next Meetings

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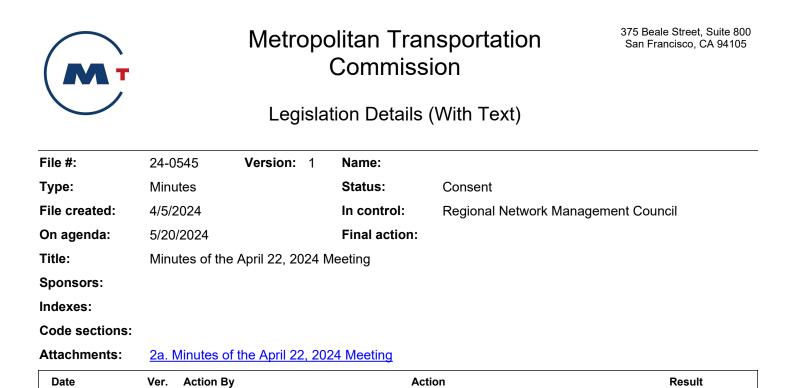
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Subject:

Minutes of the April 22, 2024 Meeting

Recommended Action:

Approval

Attachments:



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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Regional Network Management Council

Robert Powers, Chair April Chan, Vice Chair

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	Oakland, CA 94612
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1. Call to Order / Roll Call / Confirm Quorum

Vice-Chair Chan arrived during Agenda Item 4.

Present: 11 - Council Member Bouchard, Council Member Chan, Council Member Churchill, Council Member Fremier, Council Member Gonot, Council Member Hursh, Council Member Mulligan, Council Member Murphy, Council Member Powers, Council Member Tumlin, and Council Member Whelan

2. Welcome

3. Consent Calendar

Upon the motion by Council Member Churchill and seconded by Council Member Fremier, this was approved. the Consent Calendar was unanimously approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Aye: 10 Council Member Bouchard, Council Member Churchill, Council Member Fremier, Council Member Gonot, Council Member Hursh, Council Member Mulligan, Council Member Murphy, Council Member Powers, Council Member Tumlin and Council Member Whelan
- Absent: 1 Council Member Chan
- **3a.** <u>24-0419</u> Minutes of the March 25, 2024 Meeting

Action: Approval

Attachments: 3a_Minutes of the March 25, 2024 Meeting

4. Approval and Information

4a. <u>24-0447</u> Transit Agency Progress on Transit Priority

An update on completed and ongoing transit priority efforts throughout the Bay Area.

- Action: Information
- <u>Presenter:</u> Joel Shaffer, MTC Michael Rhodes, SFMTA and Robert del Rosario, AC Transit.
- Attachments: <u>4a 24-0447 Summary Sheet Transit Agency Progress</u> 4ai 24-0447 Transit Agency Progress Attachment A

The following individuals spoke on this Item: Adina Levin, Seamless Bay Area, and MTC Policy Advisory Committee.
 4b.
 24-0420
 Project Funding Recommendations for Bus Accelerated Infrastructure Delivery (BusAID) Program

Approval of approximately \$18 million in funding for near-term (quick-build) transit priority projects.

- Action: Approval
- Presenter: Joel Shaffer, MTC
- Attachments: 4b_24-0420_Summary_Sheet_BusAID Funding Recommendations

4bi 24-0420 Attachment A BusAID Funding Recommendations

4bii 24-0420 Attachment B BusAID Complete Project Inventory.

4biii 24-0420 Attachment C BusAID Funding Program Guidelines

<u>4biv_24-0420</u> Attachment D_Draft BusAID Funding Recommendations Presentation

Upon the motion by Council Member Mulligan and seconded by Council Member Whelan, BusAID Project Funding Recommendations listed in Attachment A, was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Aye: 11 Council Member Bouchard, Council Member Chan, Council Member Churchill, Council Member Fremier, Council Member Gonot, Council Member Hursh, Council Member Mulligan, Council Member Murphy, Council Member Powers, Council Member Tumlin and Council Member Whelan
- **4c.** <u>24-0425</u> Regional Network Management Performance Measures

The Regional Network Management Council's Charter and Work Plan call for the development of new performance measures that provide insight into the experience of transit riders and an overview of transit operations in the region, and that inform the continuous improvement of the RNM framework. This item presents a refined approach initial RNM performance measures based on feedback from the RNM Council's March 2024 meeting

- Action: Approval
- Presenter: Allison Quach, MTC and Hannah Lindelof, BART
- Attachments: 4c Summary Sheet RNM Performance Measures April 2024

4ci AttA RNM Performance Measures March Comments Summary

4cii AttB RNM Performance Measures

4ciii AttC RNM Performance Measures Presentation April 2024

The following individuals spoke on this Item: Adina Levin.

Upon the motion by Council Member Tumlin and seconded by Council Member Hursh, the initial set of RNM performance measures as presented in Attachment B, and of the proposed approach to evolve performance measure reporting moving forward, was approved. The motion carried by the following vote: Aye: 11 - Council Member Bouchard, Council Member Chan, Council Member Churchill, Council Member Fremier, Council Member Gonot, Council Member Hursh, Council Member Mulligan, Council Member Murphy, Council Member Powers, Council Member Tumlin and Council Member Whelan

5. Director's Report- Choy

The following individuals spoke on this Item: Charley Lavery.

6. Public Comment / Other Business

The following individuals spoke on this Item: Barney Smits.

7. Adjournment / Next Meetings

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Presenter:

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Recommended Action: Information Attachments:

Regional Network Management Council

May 20, 2024

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Regional Mapping and Wayfinding Project – Implementation Updates

Subject:

Update on the design and evaluation of the signage prototypes being installed later this year and the subsequent pilot stage of the Regional Mapping & Wayfinding Project (RMWP).

Background:

The Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force (Task Force) recommended a regionally harmonized mapping and wayfinding system as a key action item in the Task Force's Transformation Action Plan. The goal of the RMWP is to develop and deploy fully standardized wayfinding, mapping, and transit information throughout the Bay Area in all transit environments, while also providing guidance for pedestrian wayfinding and first/last mile opportunities extending from transit areas, to retain existing and attract new transit riders. In 2022, MTC approved a contract with Applied Wayfinding, Inc. (Applied), to design and support implementation of the new wayfinding system. In 2023, the project team completed a review of wayfinding existing conditions and conducted initial engagement with transit operator working groups, transit riders and non-riders, and members of Equity Priority Communities (EPCs) to develop initial design specifications for a family of wayfinding signs ("standards"). In January 2024, MTC publicly introduced some of these new signs, including the "regional network identity," a consistent design language that seeks to simplify finding and using transit services throughout the region.

Prototype Design

Given the complexities of regional transit services, the RMWP is taking an iterative design approach, wherein wayfinding signage and materials will be tested and refined with feedback from transit riders and operators at progressively wider scales. The first stage is to install wayfinding prototypes at El Cerrito del Norte BART station and the Santa Rosa Transit Mall and SMART station, which are served by a variety of transit agencies, offer transfers between bus and rail modes, and are within or near MTC Equity Priority Communities (EPCs). Some

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preliminary wayfinding designs will also be tested at the Powell Street station in downtown San Francisco.

MTC will solicit public, stakeholder, and transit agency feedback on the prototype signage to inform a revised set of standards for the next development stage, the pilot projects. Expected to be rolled out in 2025 and 2026, the pilots are intended to test the operational feasibility of widescale production, installation, and maintenance of the new wayfinding system. Similar to the prototypes, feedback gathered from the pilot stage will inform potential improvements for expansion throughout the region.

Prototype Evaluation

The draft prototype evaluation plan includes a wide range of proposed engagement methods with transit riders, stakeholder groups, and transit operators to collect feedback on three main indicators: signage design effectiveness, benefits to travelers, and operational feasibility. More active engagement methods such as recruitment or in-person surveys would be prioritized among current and potential transit riders and customers with disabilities and/or limited English proficiency, as well as disability advocacy groups and frontline operator staff. MTC would also use open surveys to engage the general public for feedback about the prototypes. Evaluation activities will occur throughout the prototype implementation, including before, during, and after wayfinding materials are installed. Lessons learned from the prototype evaluation will be used to improve future community engagement efforts during the pilot stages.

Pilot Projects

The original scope of the pilot projects was to implement new wayfinding signage throughout 1-3 counties including Sonoma, Solano, and eastern Contra Costa and Alameda. During project planning over the past year, staff have received feedback from transit operators and other stakeholders, including:

- Need to test complex urban locations;
- Need to have more geographic diversity of pilot projects throughout the region;
- Consider riders new to transit or new to the area, like tourists; and
- Some agencies have existing projects with signage improvements that are on currently on hold pending new regional standards.

In consideration of the feedback received, staff is proposing changes to the scope of the pilots. The modified pilot concept includes the following components:

- Test customer experience at complex transfer stations, ideally one in each of the nine Bay Area counties (2025)
- 2. Test customer experience on a selection of end-to-end bus lines of up to two transit agencies each in Sonoma and Solano Counties (2026)
- 3. Facilitate transit agencies' use of Wayfinding Standards Version 1 (2025) to implement signage projects currently on hold

This modified approach responds to the concerns raised while also providing a wide range of test environments for the draft wayfinding system.

Next Steps:

Staff will continue to work with transit agency staff to finalize prototype sign designs that will be tested later this year. MTC will begin outreach to riders, stakeholder groups, and operators in tandem with the prototype implementation. MTC staff will work with transit agency staff to identify new pilot locations for implementation anticipated in 2025 and 2026.

Issues:

None identified.

Recommendations:

None.

Attachments:

• Attachment A: Presentation

Regional Mapping & Wayfinding Project Implementation Updates



Regional Network Management Council May 20, 2024

Agenda Item 3a Attachment A

Today's meeting

- Project context and status
 - Goals & schedule
- Focus on the prototypes
 - Prototype designs
 - Prototype evaluation

Focus on the pilot projects

- Purpose & recent feedback
- New proposal
- Next steps





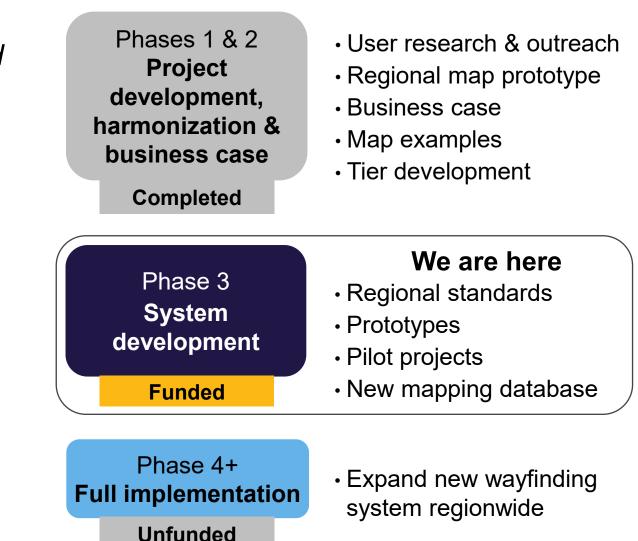
Project context and status Goals & schedule

Make transit journeys easier to understand to retain existing and attract new riders

- Better information for customers Dependable, predictable, and familiar
- Better operations for transit providers

Standard wayfinding parts, applications, and guidelines

• Better outcomes for the region Health, equity, sustainability, and economic vitality



Project context and status Phase 3 iterative design process

Wayfinding context

- Current practices
- Stakeholder needs

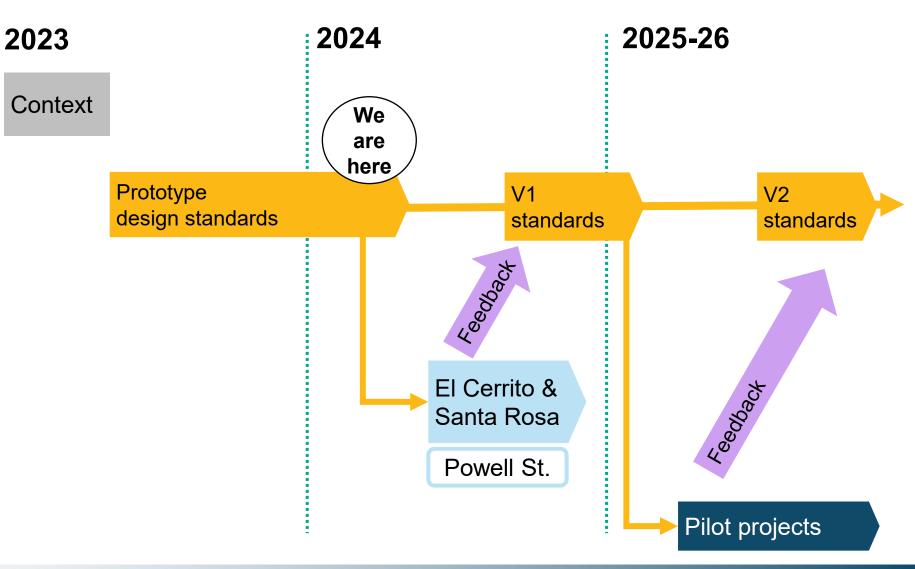
Design standards

- Network identity
- Signage family

Prototypes

- El Cerrito del Norte BART
- Santa Rosa Transit Mall & SMART station
- Powell St. (design test)

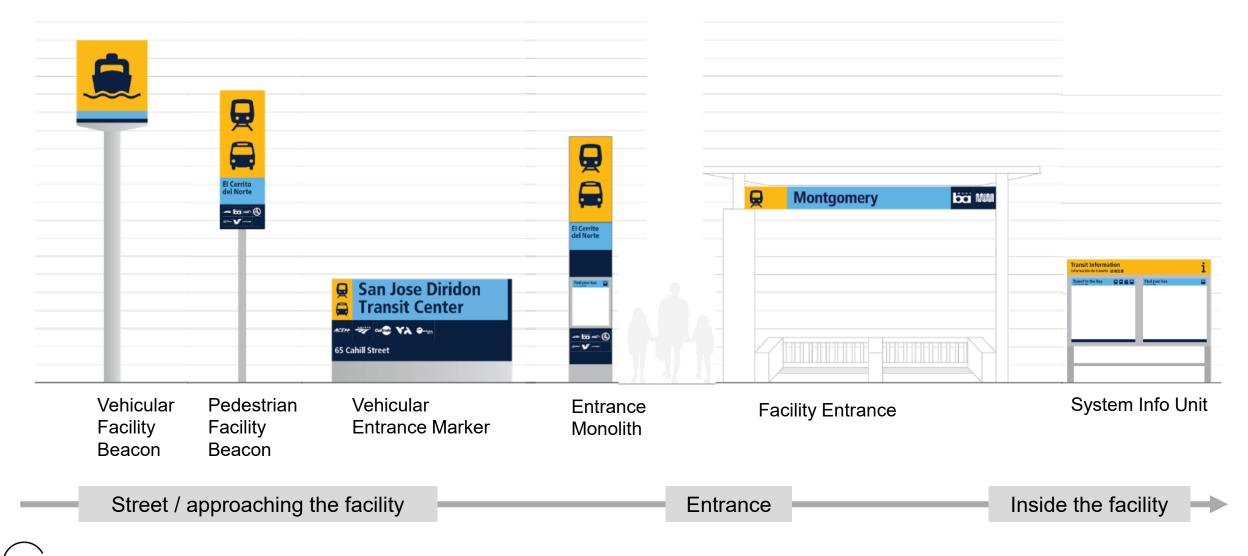
Pilot projects



Prototype design

Prototype design New sign family

The regional network identity creates a design language for prototype wayfinding signs.



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Prototype design Location overview

Prototype locations selected because...

- Served by a variety of transit agencies
- Offer transfers between bus
 and rail modes
- Located within or near
 Equity Priority Communities
 (El Cerrito & Santa Rosa)



Prototype design: El Cerrito del Norte Threshold markers

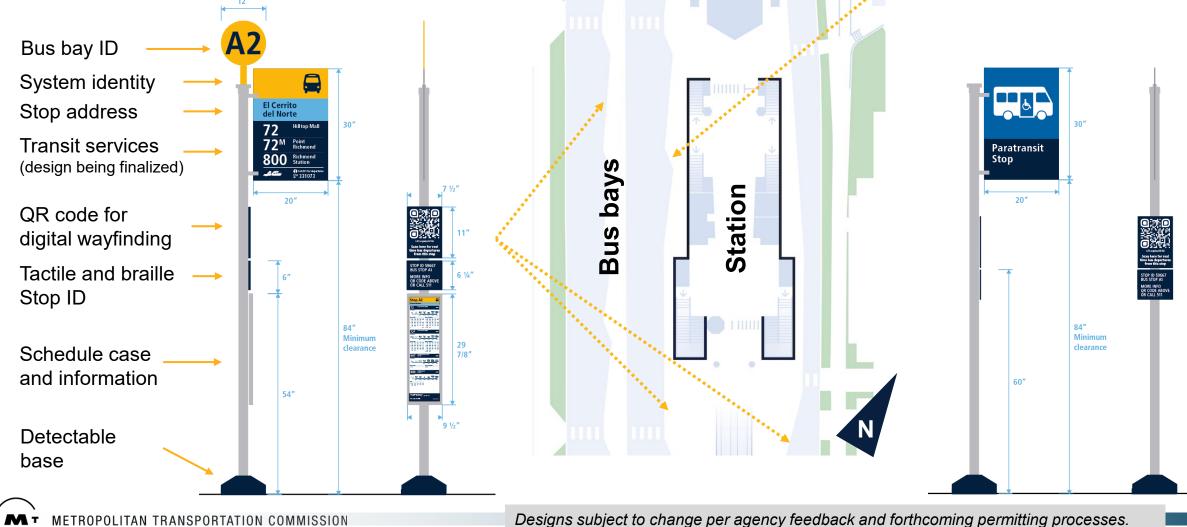


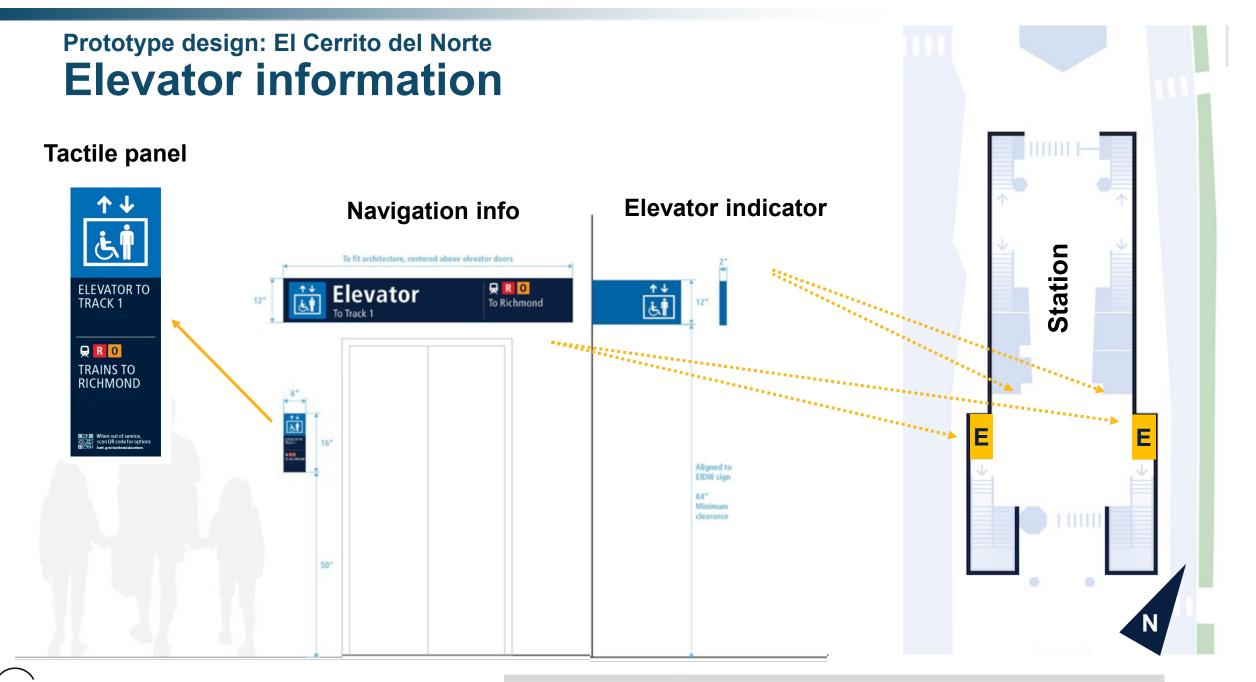
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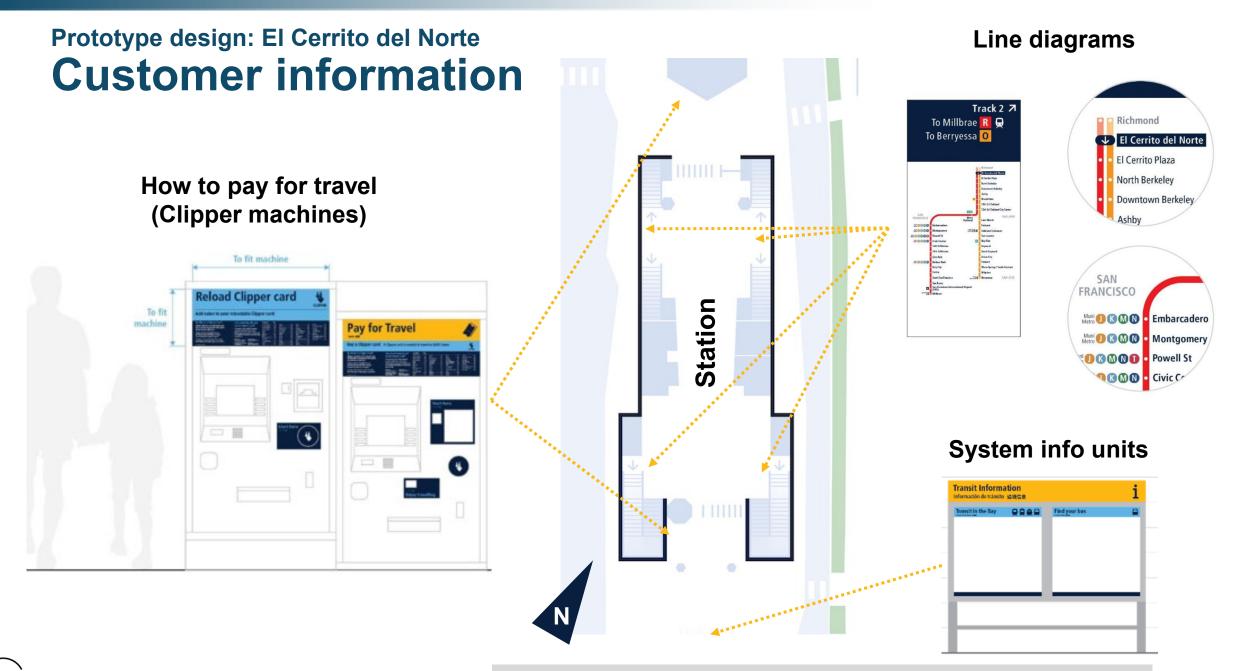
Prototype design: El Cerrito del Norte **Bus flags & loading**

Bus stop flags (and basic design elements)









Designs subject to change per agency feedback and forthcoming permitting processes.

Prototype design Santa Rosa Transit Mall & SMART Station



Prototype design: Santa Rosa Transit Mall **Customer information**

Bus stop flags

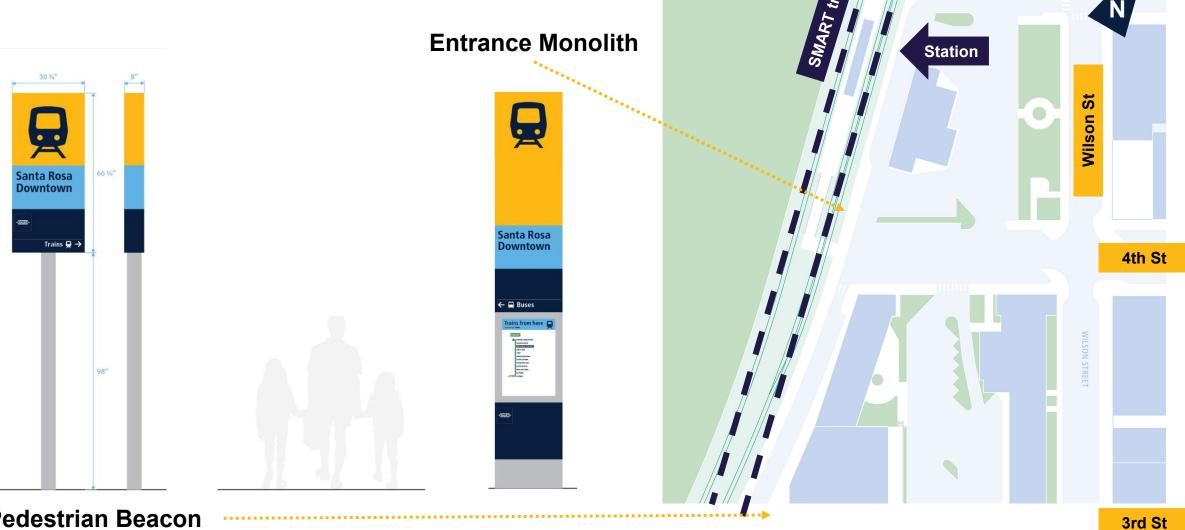




System info units

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Prototype design: Santa Rosa Downtown SMART **Threshold markers**



Pedestrian Beacon

Prototype design: Santa Rosa Downtown SMART Customer information



Platform sign



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Fare threshold sign

Prototype evaluation

Evaluation objectives

Performance Indicators	 Design Effectiveness Functionality Form and aesthetics Accessibility Scalability Identity/ brand 	 Traveler Benefits Trip impacts Transit attitudes Travel behavior 	 Operator Experience Operations Costs Skills Cooperation
Goals (Near-Term)	Wider audience, more inclusive, more accessible	Better travel experience	More cost effective, ease of maintenance and implementation
Goals (Long-Term)	Retain and increase ridership		

Design effectiveness

Is the design useful?

- Helps to refine the standards
- Metrics
 - Functional
 - Accessible to people with disabilities
 - Related to principles of wayfinding
 - Understanding of available transit service
- Examples
 - "Can you find [place] on this map?"
 - "Can you read the sign from here?"

Is the design meaningful?

- Helps meet project objectives
- Metrics
 - Functional and emotional
 - Reinforcement of regional identity
- Examples
 - "Do the modal icons represent Bay Area transit services?"
 - "Do these colors represent the region to you?"

Evaluating traveler benefits

Journey success

- Metrics
 - Trip impacts
- Example
 - "How easy is it to transfer between services?"
 - "Did you get lost or confused within the facility?"

Attitudes and perceptions

- Metrics
 - Attitudes towards facility
 - Attitudes towards service
 - Attitudes towards provider
- Examples
 - "Would you want to recommend transit to someone else?"
 - "Does the information remove a barrier to using transit?

Operator experience

Value for operators

- Helps to refine the standards
- Metrics
 - Production and updateability
 - Fabrication and installation
 - Inventory
- Example
 - "Could this design be fabricated by your in-house sign shop or vendor?"

Regional coordination

- Helps meet project objectives
- Metrics
 - Support for regional identity
 - Adapting practices to unify information for customers
 - Weighing customer value against implied costs
- Examples
 - "How well did MTC coordinate with your agency on installation?"

Public engagement prioritization

Transit customers

On-site

- Equity Priority Communities (EPC), especially people with disabilities and limited English proficiency
- Frequent travelers
- Potential users

MTC groups

- Project's Accessibility
 Working Group
- RNM Customer Advisory Group

Stakeholder groups

On-site

- City staff
- Disability and other community advocates
- Transportation
 advocates
- Online
 - City elected
 representatives
 - Mobility service providers

Transit operators

On-site

- Technical staff
- Operational/ frontline staff

Online

- Large/inter-regional operator managers
- Small/local operator managers

On-site: includes recruitment or in-person surveys, e.g. Online: includes open surveys or information distribution, e.g.

Prototype evaluation methods

Method	Definition	
Test journeys	10-12 people at both sites undertaking pre-designed wayfinding tasks	
Intercept surveys	Weekday pm peak, weekday interpeak, & weekend day intercept surveys at both sites	
Organized site tours	Open house/tours for any operator/city over 2 days per site	
Accessibility site tours	Guided tours for 10-12 selected stakeholders at each site	
Frontline staff groups	2x 10-12 person staff group interviews	
Factory demonstration	Arranged signage fabrication factory visit for operators	
Online surveys	Open survey at MTC's website	
Digital wayfinding: survey	Open survey link in digital wayfinding proof of concept	
Digital wayfinding: moderated user group testing	4-6 people per user group for onsite web app testing at El Cerrito Del Norte	

Pilot projects

Focus on the pilot projects Phase 3 iterative design process

Wayfinding context

- Current practices
- Stakeholder needs

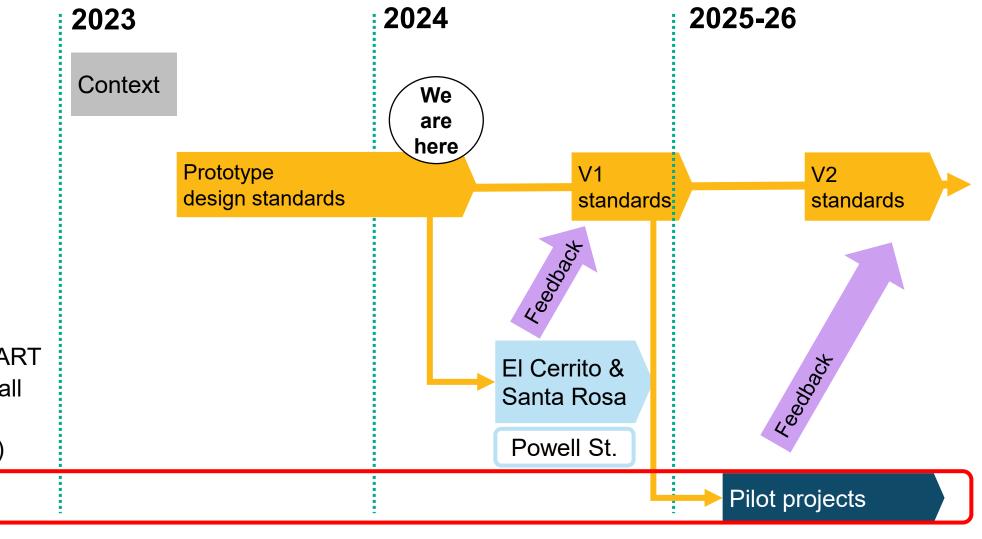
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Pilot projects



Focus on the pilot projects: context

Purpose

- Gather agency and public feedback for final set of regional standards
- Evaluate coordination among operators for sign design, installation, and maintenance – particularly those with many shared bus stops

Original pilot stage proposal

- Subregional "countywide" pilots
- Install wayfinding signage throughout 1-3 counties, including Sonoma, Solano, and eastern parts of Contra Costa and Alameda

Focus on the pilot projects: current status

Key agency feedback received to date

- Test signage in complex urban transit hubs, especially those with multiple rail services
- Need to have more geographic diversity of pilot projects throughout the region
- Consider riders new to transit or new to the area, like tourists
- We have a new project that involves signage and/or maps. When will the new standards be ready?

New pilot approach overview

- 2025: Test experience at complex transfer stations
- 2026: Test experience on local and intercity routes
- 2025+: Advance agency-led & funded capital projects using new standards

Focus on the pilot projects / updated approach Experience at complex transfer stations (2025)



Goals:

- Test customer understanding of wayfinding system at complex multimodal stations, particularly for customers making transfers
- Expand project representation throughout the region, including the South Bay
- Demonstrate regional transit coordination
- Refine standards for further expansion

Focus on the pilot projects / updated approach Experience on local and regional bus routes (2026)



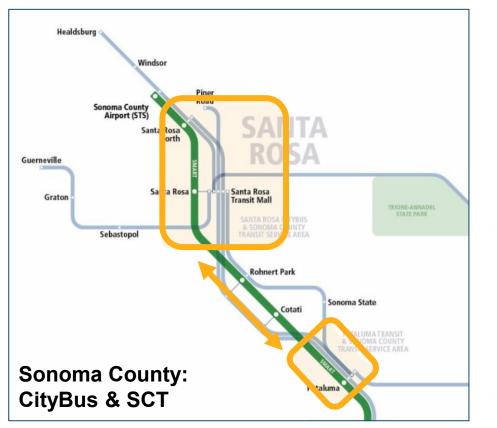
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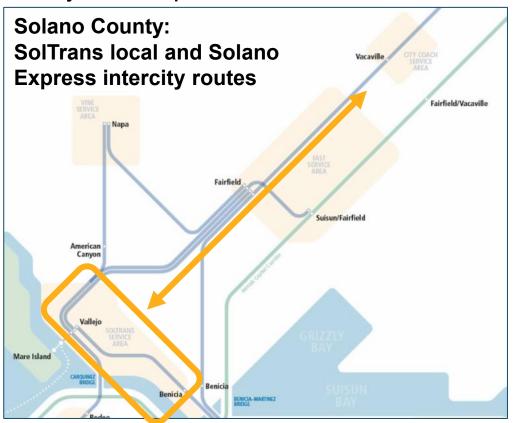
- Test customer experience of new wayfinding on local and regional bus routes, including end-to-end journeys
- Evaluate coordination between agencies (and between agencies & MTC), for sign ownership, procurement, installation, and maintenance – particularly at shared stops
- Install at many local and shared stops in overlapping service areas in Sonoma and Solano Counties

Experience on local and regional routes

Why Sonoma and Solano Counties

- **Context**: Multiple agencies serve same areas and share stops on local and regional bus routes.
- **Opportunity**: Test customer benefit from simplifying signage in both single- and multiple agency operating environments in rural and suburban areas.
- **Proposal**: Upgrade routes of up to 2 agencies per county examples shown below:





New pilot locations to be determined in discussion with agencies and per funding availability.

Focus on the pilot projects / updated approach Agency-led projects (2025+)

Allow agencies to start work on planned signage projects once pilot standards are ready

MTC provides	Agency provides
 County Connection sign replacement BART bus bay and station signage Wayfinding standards and staff support for interpreting them Agency-accessible mapping platform 	 Planning and preparation work, e.g., sign inventory Capital funding for wayfinding improvements

SamTrans sign modifications

Next steps

May 2024 RNM Council

June 2024 RNM Committee

Mid 2024

Collaborative process to identify new pilot locations

Fall 2024

Install prototypes and conduct evaluation to inform V1 standards

Spring 2025

V1 Standards available for pilots and agency-led projects

2025+

Test experience at complex transfer stations regionally

2026+

Test experience on selected agencies/routes in Sonoma/Solano Counties

Agency-led projects