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Friday, May 29th, 2026

**Don Tatzin Community Hall
Lafayette Library**



Program

<i>8:30 - 9:00 AM</i>	Breakfast
<i>9:05 - 9:10 AM</i>	Local Welcome by Stella Wotherspoon
<i>9:10 - 9:15 AM</i>	Welcome by Lindy Johnson
<i>9:15 - 9:20 AM</i>	What is Move Bay Area?
<i>9:20 - 9:30 AM</i>	Opening Remarks by Lateefah Simon
<i>9:30 - 10:35 AM</i>	Morning Panel - Continuous Funding/ Improvement Vision - The Vision
<i>10:35 - 11:50 AM</i>	Discussion Activity
<i>11:55 - 12:55 PM</i>	Lunch
<i>1:00 - 2:10 PM</i>	Afternoon Panel - Solutions & Successes
<i>2:10 - 2:30 PM</i>	Calls to Action
<i>2:30 - 2:40 PM</i>	Evaluation Form, Group Photo



Local Welcome by



Stella Wotherspoon

Councilmember
City of Lafayette

Stella Wotherspoon is a Lafayette City Councilmember, appointed unanimously in July 2025. A Lafayette resident since 2012, she has a deep history of local service, including roles on the Transportation and Circulation Commission and the General Plan Advisory Committee. Professionally, Stella holds a master's degree in Geography/Geospatial Information Systems from San Jose State University. Her diverse career includes experience as a higher education capital campaign officer, a technology product manager, and a public-sector geospatial data analyst.

Welcome by



Lindy Johnson

Director of External Affairs
Contra Costa
Transportation Authority

Lindy Johnson is the Director of External Affairs at the Contra Costa Transportation Authority. She has more than a decade of experience in state and local government and holds a Masters in Public Administration.

Opening Remarks by



Lateefah Simon

Congresswoman
CA 12th District

Congresswoman Lateefah Simon represents California's 12th Congressional District, encompassing parts of Oakland, Berkeley, and surrounding Alameda County cities. With over three decades of experience as a Bay Area leader, activist, and philanthropist, she began her career at the Young Women's Freedom Center and later led San Francisco's "Back on Track" program. In Congress, she serves as a Deputy Whip for Policy and is focused on addressing housing affordability, tackling homelessness, lowering everyday costs for working families, building climate resilience, and protecting women's rights.

Moderated by



Haleema Bharoocha

Programs Manager
Contra Costa County
Transportation Authority

Haleema Bharoocha, MPP, is the Programs Manager at the Contra Costa County Transportation Authority, leading accessible transportation initiatives in the Office of Accessibility and Equity. A nationally recognized leader in transit safety and mobility justice, she has shaped California transit safety legislation through her work, including authoring Ride Fearlessly and designing Phase One of BART’s Not One More Girl initiative. An alumna of UC Berkeley’s Goldman School, her career spans key roles at BART, MTC, TransForm, and San José State University.



**Shaniah Ritzie-
Hernandez**

Program Coordinator
Silicon Valley
Bicycle Coalition

Shaniah Ritzie-Hernandez (she/they) is the Political Director for the Alameda Labor Council, where they build worker power through political education, coalition building, and grassroots organizing. An Oakland resident, Shaniah connects labor advocacy to broader issues of housing, democracy, and climate resilience. As an avid cyclist and BART rider, they champion safe, reliable, and accessible public transit. At the Council, Shaniah coordinates regional campaigns centering workers and underserved communities, and they are honored to moderate today’s “Successes To Share” panel on equitable transportation.



Panelists *Continuous Funding/Improvement Vision*



Candance Anderson

Commissioner
Metropolitan Transportation
Commission (MTC)

Supervisor Candace Andersen has served on the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors for 14 years. Her extensive local government tenure includes the Danville Town Council (2003–2012), with two terms as Mayor, and the Morgan Hill City Council. An attorney licensed in California and Hawaii, she began her career as a Prosecuting Attorney in Honolulu. Candace holds a BA in Public Policy and a Juris Doctorate from BYU. She has been married to her husband, Phil, for 42 years, and they have six children and 13 grandchildren.



Stephen Baiter

Executive Director
Easy Bay EDA

Stephen Baiter is the Executive Director of the East Bay Economic Development Alliance, a cross-sector organization advancing economic development across Alameda and Contra Costa counties. Representing more than 150 members from business, government, education, labor, and nonprofit sectors, East Bay EDA works to strengthen the East Bay’s diverse and globally competitive economy. Stephen has over 20 years of experience leading public-private partnerships and building regional networks that help organizations and businesses expand their impact. He serves as Vice Chair of the California Association of Local Economic Development and is a past Chair of the California Workforce Association.



Ryan Manriquez

Disability Justice
Advocate, Civic
Sparks Fellow at MTC

Ryan Manriquez (he/they) is a Disability Justice and public transportation advocate serving as a CivicSpark AmeriCorps Fellow at the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). Ryan also serves as Board Treasurer for the Center for Independent Living, Inc. (CIL) in Berkeley. A graduate of UC Berkeley’s Goldman School (MPP) and UC Davis, they made history as the first disabled transfer student elected ASUCD President, and later served as President of the UC Graduate & Professional Council. Ryan’s work centers on coalition-building, equity, and the belief that public transit is an essential civil right.

Panelists *Continuous Funding/Improvement Vision*



Seamus Murphy

Executive Director
SF Bay Ferry

Seamus Murphy is the Executive Director of San Francisco Bay Ferry, the Bay Area's primary water-based public transit system. Since joining the agency in 2021, he has led its post-pandemic service reinvention and helped position SF Bay Ferry as a regional leader in ridership recovery. Murphy also launched the Rapid Electric Emission-free Ferry (REEF) Program to develop the nation's first high-speed, zero-emission ferry network. Before SF Bay Ferry, he spent a decade leading external affairs for Caltrain and the San Mateo County Transit District, where he helped secure support and funding for major transportation improvements, including the \$2.5 billion Caltrain Electrification Program.

Steering Committee Thanks

Move Bay Area Summits cannot happen without our local and regional Steering Committee members. Heartfelt thanks to Move Bay Area East Bay's Steering Committee: **Christine Fitzgerald, Coire Reilly, Rebecca Long, Debbie Toth, and Shaniah Ritzie-Hernandez.**



Panelists

East Bay Solutions & Successes



Paul Kincaid

Assistant General
Manager
AC Transit

Paul Kincaid is the Assistant General Manager and second-ranking executive at AC Transit, overseeing the district's internal processes, personnel, and operations. He brings extensive experience from Washington, D.C., where he served as a two-time Associate Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration. Previously, Paul was Communications Director for four U.S. Representatives, including Mike Honda, and managed national political campaigns. A University of Florida graduate and former news reporter, Paul now resides in Oakland.



Carlyn Obringer

Councilmember
City of Concord

Carlyn Obringer was elected to the Concord City Council in 2016 and re-elected in 2020 and 2024, serving twice as Mayor. A regional leader, she serves on the Contra Costa Transportation Authority, the Green Empowerment Zone Board, and TRANSPAC, and represents Concord on the Innovate 680 PAC. Her extensive community service includes chairing the annual July 4th Parade, founding Concord's Art and Wine Walk, and playing organ at Queen of All Saints Church. Carlyn holds an MBA from the Monterey Institute and resides in Concord with her husband and dog.



Panelists

East Bay Solutions & Successes



Rob Thompson

General Manager
WestCAT

Rob Thompson is the General Manager of the Western Contra Costa Transit Authority (WestCAT), becoming only the third GM in the agency's history in 2022. With nearly two decades of experience at WestCAT, his prior roles include Assistant General Manager and Transit Planner. Rob holds a BA (Hons) in Human Geography from Lancaster University in the UK and moved from Liverpool to the Bay Area in 2003. He leads WestCAT's local, express, Transbay, and specialized paratransit services, including the multi-agency One Seat Ride program.



Debbie Toth

CEO & President
Choice in Aging

Debbie Toth has dedicated more than 28 years to advancing dignity and independence for older adults, including 21 years at Choice in Aging and serving as CEO since 2012. Under her leadership, the organization expanded services across multiple counties, including adult day health care, care management, mental health services, transportation, caregiver support, and advocacy. In 2017, she launched an intergenerational program by integrating a Montessori preschool into the Pleasant Hill campus. Debbie has served on Governor Gavin Newsom's Master Plan for Aging Stakeholder Advisory Committee, California's Disability and Aging Community Living Advisory Committee, and Contra Costa County's Measure X Advisory Committee. In 2015, she was named Assembly District 14 Woman of the Year.



Robert Raburn

Board Member
Bay Area Rapid Transit

Robert Raburn has served on the BART Board of Directors since 2010, representing Alameda County's District 4. A car-free grassroots activist, he previously chaired Alameda County's Measure B Watchdog Committee and led the East Bay Bicycle Coalition. At BART, Raburn championed the "Fleet of the Future" trains, the voter-approved Measure RR rebuilding plan, new fare gates, and Transit-Oriented Development for affordable housing. He holds a doctorate in transportation and urban geography from UC Berkeley and previously taught at San José State University.

Our Partners

We are grateful for the below partners who helped spread the word of this summit to the people they serve.



350 Bay Area's mission is to build a grassroots climate movement in the Bay Area and beyond to eliminate carbon pollution and achieve a clean energy future with racial, economic, and environmental justice.



Act Now Bay Area mobilizes volunteers to meet critical needs across the region, partnering with trusted nonprofits to advance equity, justice, and resilience for communities impacted by poverty, displacement, and systemic barriers.



ATU Local 192 is a labor union representing Oakland-area transit workers, dedicated to securing fair wages, safe conditions, and stronger public transportation.



Alameda Labor Council is a labor organization focused on advocating for economic and social justice for working families and unions in Alameda County.



Bike East Bay is an advocacy nonprofit focused on making bicycling safe, fun, and accessible to build joyful, safe, and inclusive communities in the East Bay.



Choice in Aging is a nonprofit organization focused on providing services, advocacy, and independent living support for frail elders and adults with disabilities.



East Bay Transit Riders Union (EBTRU) is a volunteer-led rider organization focused on advocating for the expansion, reliability, and accessibility of public bus transit in the East Bay.



Richmond Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (RBPAC) is a volunteer organization promoting safe, connected cycling and walking infrastructure in Richmond.



Corporations have too much power in our society. **Richmond Progressive Alliance** addresses this imbalance by harnessing grassroots volunteers, local leaders, and resources to help working people at the table.



San Francisco Transit Riders (SFTR) is a rider-supported nonprofit focused on advocating for a better, greener, and more equitable public transportation system in San Francisco.



Seamless Bay Area's mission is to transform the Bay Area's fragmented and inconvenient public transit into a world-class, unified, equitable, and widely-used system by building a diverse movement for change and promoting policy reforms.



Transbay Coalition is a grassroots public transportation advocacy group championing bold near-term solutions to the Bay Area's regional transportation crisis.



Walk Bike Walnut Creek is a local advocacy organization focused on making walking and biking safer, easier, and more enjoyable for everyone in Walnut Creek.



Western Contra Costa Transit Authority (WestCAT) is a public transit agency providing local, express, regional, and paratransit bus services in western Contra Costa County.



WTS San Francisco Bay Area chapter was founded in 1981 as a chapter of WTS International, and attracts, sustains, connects, and advances women's careers to strengthen the transportation industry.



Move Bay Area brings together transportation, climate, and health leaders with the community to discover commonality and regional solutions to our transportation challenges with the goal of shaping a regional transportation vision.

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