

EAST BAY TRANSPORTATION SUMMIT



Friday, June 27, 2025

Alameda Labor Council / Teamsters Local 853
Union Hall
7750 Pardee Lane Oakland, CA 94621



Program

<i>9:15 - 9:20 AM</i>	Welcome
<i>9:20 - 10:35 AM</i>	Panel: Visionary Health, Climate & Transportation
<i>10:35 - 10:50 AM</i>	Priming our Visionary Pump
<i>10:50 - 12:00 PM</i>	Group Discussions + Share Outs
<i>12:00 - 12:50 PM</i>	Lunch and Group Photo
<i>12:50 - 12:55 PM</i>	What's Possible? Video
<i>1:00 - 2:15 PM</i>	Panel: East Bay Solutions for the Bay Area
<i>2:15- 2:30 PM</i>	Evaluation Survey



Welcome by



Keith Brown

Executive Secretary-
Treasurer of the Alameda
Labor Council AFL-CIO

Keith D. Brown is Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Alameda Labor Council, representing 135,000 workers across key industries. A lifelong advocate for labor and education, Keith previously served as President of the Oakland Education Association and taught in Oakland public schools for 22 years, leading a successful 2019 teachers' strike. He has championed worker rights through roles with the Bay Area Black Worker Center and UC Berkeley Labor Center. Under his leadership, the Council earned recognition for mobilizing voters in the 2024 election. Keith was named 2020 Alameda County Unionist of the Year and received CTA's 2022 WHO Award.

Moderated by



Eli Lipmen

Executive Director,
MoveCA

Eli Lipmen (he/him) is Executive Director of Move LA, a nonprofit advancing public transit and affordable housing in Los Angeles County. An award-winning advocate, he has led successful campaigns for housing (Measure A), transit (Measures R & M), safer streets (Measure HLA), and clean air. He served three terms as president of LA's Neighborhood Council Commission and has been recognized by TransitCenter and Empowerment Congress. Eli holds degrees from the University of Pennsylvania, USC Annenberg, the London School of Economics, and is a Coro Lead SoCal alum.



Rebecca Saltzman

Bike East Bay/ El Cerrito
City Council

Rebecca Saltzman is an El Cerrito City Councilmember and the Vice-Chair of the West Contra Costa Transportation Commission. Rebecca is also the Development Director for Bike East Bay. Previously, she served for twelve years as an elected member of the BART Board of Directors, representing District 3 in the East Bay, serving as President of the Board twice. Rebecca also served on the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority and the Alameda County Transportation Commission.

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:

Leslie Alden, Nathaniel Arnold, Warren, Cushman, Christine Fitzgerald, Ren Fitzgerald, Jonah Gottlieb, Rebecca Long, and Coire Reilly.

Panelists



Janet Byron

Co-Founder
El Cerrito/Richmond
Annex Walk & Roll

Janet Byron is co-founder of El Cerrito/Richmond Annex Walk & Roll, a community group advocating for safer, more joyful, and inclusive streets. She is the West County representative on the Contra Costa Transportation Administration's Countywide Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee; a member of the Public Paths Committee of El Cerrito Trail Trekkers; past president of Berkeley Path Wanderers Association; and board member of El Cerrito Community Foundation. A journalist and editor, her writing has appeared in Bay Nature Magazine, Estuary News, and KneeDeep Times, and she is co-author of Berkeley Walks (Heyday Books). She is happily car-free and gets around by e-bike, bus/BART, foot, Lyft, and (occasional) car rentals.



Matt Kelly

Senior Transportation
Planner
CCTA

Matt Kelly works as the Principal Transportation Planner for the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA), the Congestion Management Agency and Sales Tax Authority for Contra Costa County, a county of 1.1 million residents in the San Francisco Bay Area. Matt's work focuses on developing the Countywide Transportation Plan and implementing the Contra Costa Measure J Growth Management and Congestion Management Programs, in addition to managing a variety of multimodal transportation studies around the County. Prior to joining CCTA in 2006, Matt worked in the Systems Planning Branch at Caltrans, District 4 in Oakland, CA. Matt is a graduate of UC Davis with a BA in Geography.



Cecilia Lunaparra

City Council member
Berkeley City Council

After being elected as the first undergraduate student to the Berkeley City Council, **Cecilia Lunaparra** graduated from UC Berkeley with a degree in Urban Studies in May 2024. She previously served as the Chair of the Environment and Climate Commission, a Zoning Adjustments Board Commissioner, and the leader of multiple student advocacy organizations. Alongside talented and committed student organizers, Cecilia has advocated for progressive policy and an equitable urban realm at the local level, focusing primarily on transportation, housing, and community safety. The daughter of Mexican immigrants, Cecilia is the first Latina and the first openly queer woman of color to serve on the Berkeley City Council, representing the UC Berkeley campus and Southside neighborhood.

Panelists



Benjamin McMullan

Systems Change Advocate
Center for Independence of
Individuals with Disabilities

Benjamin McMullan moved to the Bay Area seventeen years ago to be closer to his two older brothers. In addition, he always knew he needed to live in a region with reliable public transportation in order to lead a full and independent life. He is the Systems Change Advocate at the Center for Independence of Individuals with Disabilities, which serves San Mateo County. In this role, he organizes people with disabilities to advocate for systemic change at the local, state, and federal levels. Ben serves as the chair of the Paratransit Advocacy Council and is a member of both the SamTrans Advisory Council and the Caltrain Accessibility Advisory Committee.



Val Menotti

Assistant General Manager
BART

Val Joseph Menotti is the Assistant General Manager for Planning & Development for the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District. He has been with BART for over 25 years, and manages several departments, including Sustainability, Customer Access, Real Estate, Transit-Oriented Development, and Planning. Mr. Menotti has a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Stanford University and a master's degree in City and Regional Planning from U.C. Berkeley.



Dr. Mary Meyer

Doctor
Kaiser Permanente

Mary C. Meyer, MD MPH is an emergency medicine physician with The Permanente Medical Group. She has a Master of Public Health and Certificate in Global Health from the John Hopkins School of Public Health and a Certificate in Climate Medicine from the University of Colorado School of Medicine. From 2018 to 2024, Mary was the director of disaster preparedness for Kaiser Permanente Northern California and responded to many disasters, including wildfires, power outages, evacuations, poor air quality, highly infectious pathogens, and staffing shortages. She is a contributing writer to MedPage Today.

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Panelists



Sue Noack

Pleasant Hill Mayor
MTC Commissioner

Sue Noack was elected to the Pleasant Hill City Council in 2014 and has served as Mayor in 2016 and 2021. Recently re-elected for a third term, her Council responsibilities include the Budget Committee, Library Subcommittee, General Plan Advisory Committee, Central Contra Costa Transit Authority, and Transpac. Sue holds a Business degree from Bucknell University and an MBA from The Wharton School. She built a career in finance, serving as Chief Risk Officer and SVP of Air Operations at GATX. After moving to Pleasant Hill in 1998 with her husband Charlie, Sue shifted focus to community involvement. She co-founded the Foundation for Pleasant Hill Education, led PTAs, chaired the Measure C Bond Oversight Committee, and served with Rotary. She's also coached youth sports and remains active in supporting local schools and civic efforts.

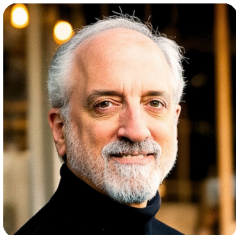


Debbie Toth

Choice in Aging

Debbie Toth is CEO of Choice in Aging, where she has led the expansion of senior services across Contra Costa and surrounding counties for over 20 years. Under her leadership, the organization now offers adult day health care, mental health support, caregiver services, transportation, and intergenerational programming. An advocate for aging equity, Debbie serves on Governor Newsom's Master Plan for Aging Stakeholder Advisory Committee, California's Disability and Aging Community Living Advisory Committee, and Contra Costa's Measure X Advisory Committee. She was recognized as Assembly District 14's Woman of the Year in 2015.

Futuristic Vision



Gil Friend

CEO
Natural Logic

Gil Friend, executive coach to leaders and emerging leaders, is CEO of Natural Logic Inc, and Managing Director of Critical Path Capital—advising innovative companies, communities and investors on business-driving sustainability strategies. Author of *The Truth About Green Business* and more than 100 articles, he is widely considered one of the founders of the sustainable business movement. He served in the California Governor's Office, and as the first Chief Sustainability Officer for the City of Palo Alto, and was named an inaugural member of the Sustainability Hall of Fame, one of the top ten voices in sustainability in the US, and (twice) one of the top 25 movers and shakers in cleantech.

Our Partners

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



Our 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.



The mission of the Alameda Labor Council, AFL-CIO is to improve the lives of working families by bringing economic and political voice to our workplace and communities.



The Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) fights for the rights, safety, and dignity of transit workers across California through strong local union representation and collective action.



Bike East Bay promotes healthy, sustainable communities by advocating for safe, accessible, and inclusive biking throughout the East Bay.



Choice in Aging helps older adults and people with disabilities live with dignity and independence through health care, support services, and intergenerational programs that keep them connected to their communities.



East Bay Transit Riders Union (EBTRU) advocates for reliable, affordable, and accessible public transit to serve the needs of all East Bay residents.



We educate, advocate, and collaborate to ensure that the Bay Area's lands and communities are resilient to a changing climate.



Teamsters Local 853 empowers workers across Northern California by fighting for fair wages, strong benefits, and workplace rights through collective action and union representation.



Corporations have too much power in our society. We address this imbalance by harnessing grassroots volunteers, local leaders, and resources to help working people get a seat at the table.



Our 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.



Telegraph for People is a community-led initiative working to make Telegraph Avenue safer, more vibrant, and accessible for everyone.



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

Our Sponsor

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MoveCA is a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating equitable, clean, and people-centered transportation systems throughout California. MoveCA works collaboratively with communities, advocates, and policymakers to advance transportation justice, climate resilience, and sustainable mobility for all. www.moveca.org

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The Metropolitan Transportation Commission is the Bay Area's regional transportation planning, coordinating and funding agency and works to advance shared local and regional priorities for transportation, housing, and the environment.



Richmond BPAC (Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee) promotes local, commuter and recreational cycling and walking in Richmond and improve the safety of cyclists and walkers on our roads.



El Cerrito/Richmond Annex Walk & Roll promotes walking, bicycling, transit, and other low-carbon multimodal transportation alternatives, building community for safer, more joyful, and inclusive streets for all.



The 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.



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.