## BART Capacity Overview for UCLA Lake Arrowhead Conference



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## **BART Basics**



- 360,000 daily riders
- 104 miles
- 43 stations
- 1.3 billion annual passenger miles



## **Transit's Green Challenge**

- Regional planning focus on smart growth/sustainable communities
- Expectation that transit ridership will increase as a result



- Many rail systems are already experiencing capacity problems
- Rail transit infrastructure requires long lead times to implement, and substantial investment to build, maintain and operate



#### Downtown SF Capacity Outlook

- BART <u>not</u> out of capacity today  ${}^{\bullet}$
- Near-term growth can be managed:
  - service adjustments
  - station crowd management
  - targeted ticket pricing measures
- Long-term growth requires major capital improvements
- Investments require substantial lead time
- Capacity improvements unfunded
- State-of-Good Repair largely unfunded





## **Priority Development Areas**



Priority Development Areas and Priority Conservation Areas



Priority Development Area Priority Conservation Area



Highway

Local Road



#### Bay Area 2035 Forecast Growth





#### BART Average Daily Ridership Historic Trends and Projections



#### (1) US Bureau of Labor Statistics

SPUR Future of Downtown Report East Bay Commute is the Most Constrained

#### EASTBOUND PM PEAK HOUR BAY BRIDGE CORRIDOR DEMAND/SUPPLY

Additional BART Trains New Transbay Termina Additional BART Trains 80,000 70,000 **Excess Demand** Bus Capacity Latent Capacity 60,000 Accomodated Bus Demand BART Capacity 50,000 Total Demand 40,000 30,000 Accomodated BART Demand Ferry Capacity Accomodated Ferry Demand Bridge Capacity 20,000 10,000 Accomodated Auto Demand 0 2005 2010 2015 2020 2025 2030 2035 2040 2045 2050

Source: Cambridge Systematics & Arup CalTrain Downtown Extension & Transbay Ridership Analysis

#### **Line-Haul Only**





# BART Ridership Current Travel Markets



2/3rds of BART trips to/from Market Street stations

Weekday Trips by Sub-Area

- 48%: Transbay
- 28%: intra-West Bay
- 24%: intra-East Bay



## **Capacity Limiters**

- San Francisco station dwell times limit Transbay throughput
  - Platform and onboard crowding
  - Stairs and escalators
- Current car design 2 doors per side
- Transbay Tube train control system
- Oakland Wye junction conflicting movements
- Lack of crossovers, turnback tracks, storage tracks





standing density at peal

ADA compliant area

## Transit Capacity Increases

- Easier to increase capacity on bus systems quickly, but trade-offs may be operational efficiency.
  - Capital buses, transit lanes/busways, bus stop improvements, maintenance facilities
  - Operating costs
- Rail systems require much longer lead times to increase capacity.
  - Capital Additional tracks, civil structures (tunnels, elevated sections), station improvements, maintenance facilities, right-ofway, vehicles, power and signaling systems
  - Operating costs







## **Embarcadero Capacity**





## **BART in MTC Regional Rail Plan**



# BART Capital Program for Core System Major Funding Shortfalls



BART Capital Program (a) (\$billion)



(a) Not shown are \$30 million in Security improvements and \$30 million in Quality Enhancements (b) Funding as "programmed" in MTC 2035 Regional Transportation Plan

## **Examples from Other Cities**

- Paris RER System "Regional Express Metro" overlaid on top of Paris Metro system – 40+ years to develop
- New York Subway major lines built originally as 4-track lines with express train capability
- US commuter rail conversion to double deck equipment









### JR Railway (Japan) Supply-Side Strategy





## **Capacity Overview**



### **Questions?**

### Capacity Constraints Where Could BART See Problems in the Future?



#### On-Board Train Crowding

- Passenger per Seat or per Car (Load Factors)
- □ Train Control System
- Vehicles

#### • SF Downtown Stations

- Platform Crowding (PM)
- Stair, Escalator & Faregate Queuing (AM)
- Emergency Exiting
- Yards & Shops
- Station Access





# Transbay Corridor Management Illustrative – Phased Improvements over 50 Years



Max. Load Point in peak direction (future peak hour <u>increase</u> )	Short <b>&lt; 2,500</b>	Medium <b>2,500 – 7,500</b>	Long <b>7,500 – 12,000</b>
BART			
Remove Train Seats	•		
Demand Management Strategies	•	•	•
Station Access	•	•	•
Station Capacity	•	•	
3-Door Train Fleet		•	
Train Control Improvements		•	
Expand Train Fleet		•	•
Construct New Transbay Tube + Stations			•
Bus			
Transbay Terminal	•		
Bay Bridge Contra-Flow Lane		•	

#### BART Transit Supply Capacity Thresholds (peak hour)



#### **Preliminary Analysis**

		Projected Peak Hour Future Capacity				
Constraint	2009 Actual Ridership	Baseline (23 trains/hr) <sup>1</sup>	% Additional Growth	Enhanced (31 trains/hr) <sup>2</sup>	% Additional Growth	
Tube (one direction)	17,750	24,600	39%	33,150	87%	
Embarcadero	10,000	13,000	30%	14,000	40%	
Montgomery	9,500	14,250	50%	15,000	58%	

Source: Arup, Capacity Scenarios for DMS Modeling Memo, May 19, 2009

- <sup>1</sup> 23 trains / hr assumes No Delay scenario.
- <sup>2</sup> 31 trains / hr assumes Delay scenario, and improved train control system