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Regional Transit Measure Passes: Bay Area Voters Save Public Transit

Broad coalition of labor, business, community leaders and grassroots volunteers deliver historic funding win for Bay Area public transit

San Francisco Bay Area — The Connect Bay Area campaign to save public transit in the Bay Area released the following statement after early returns showed the Regional Transit Measure poised to pass – cementing a multi-year effort to prevent a transit catastrophe. Election day eturns show RTM ahead with 61.5% of the vote.

“There is no doubt: the Bay Area believes in public transit,” said Jeff Cretan, spokesperson for Connect Bay Area. “From the start of this historic campaign, the coalition behind the Regional Transit Measure has been driven by a relentless focus to deliver a strong future for public transit. And thankfully the voters responded. We’re deeply grateful to the thousands of volunteers and coalition partners who have worked tirelessly to first get this on the ballot and then to get in front of voters over the last several months.”

The Regional Transit Measure campaign brought together a broad coalition of nearly 250 elected officials and 225 community, labor and business organizations, alongside thousands of grassroots supporters who mobilized voters across the five Bay Area counties.

Throughout the campaign, volunteers organized at BART stations, knocked on doors, made phone calls and engaged voters across the region to make the case for protecting public transit service. The major grassroots effort across all five counties included:

- 305,000 Signatures Gathered to Qualify
- 2.5 million text messages sent
- 1,100 Campaign Events

- 5,000+ Volunteer Shifts Filled

Their efforts underscored how much Bay Area residents support and rely on buses and trains to get to work and school, access essential services, and keep the region connected.

The measure will provide critical funding for the region's public transit systems and help prevent devastating service cuts that would affect riders, working families, employers and communities throughout the Bay Area.

About Connect Bay Area

The Connect Bay Area Transit Committee launched in October 2025 to place a regional transportation funding measure on the November 2026 ballot. The coalition brought together labor, business, and transit advocates, including Bay Area Council, SEIU 1021, South Bay Labor Council, ATU 1555, SPUR, and SAMCEDA, alongside an advocacy council of more than 20 organizations representing transit, housing, environmental, equity, and senior and disability groups.