

October 23, 2025

TO: Transportation Authority of Marin Board of Commissioners
 FROM: Anne Richman, Executive Director
 RE: Executive Director’s Report – Agenda Item 3 (Discussion)

Local

International Walk & Roll to School Day 2025 Activities

On October 8th, forty-three elementary schools, nine middle schools, and one high school participated in International Walk and Roll to School Day across Marin. The event featured a variety of activities supported by active parent and community volunteers, with several major events highlighting the day, including:



- **Rancho Elementary (Novato):** Covered by the *Marin IJ*; featured a walking school bus escorted by Novato Police and a large bike train.
- **Olive Elementary (Novato):** Walking school bus and bike train.
- **Pleasant Valley Elementary (Novato):** Students powered a *bike blender* for smoothies.
- **Coleman Elementary (San Rafael):** Police escort for walkers and bikers.
- **Wade Thomas Elementary (San Anselmo):** Fire truck escort from Downtown San Anselmo.

Marin Safe Routes to Schools Program Sees Uptick in Active Trips to School



According to Safe Routes to Schools, about 32% of Marin students now walk or roll to school – the highest level recorded since data collection began in 2008–09. Before the pandemic, participation hovered in the high 20s, and since 2021 it has remained around 30%, with this past year showing a clear uptick. By comparison, the 2022 National Household Travel Survey found that only 11% of students nationwide use active transportation to get to school.

This increase is highlighted in the newly updated [Safe Routes to Schools Dashboard](#), now live in its beta version. The interactive dashboard offers a detailed look at how Marin County students travel to and from school, allowing users to track long-term trends in commuting habits. Members of the public are invited to explore the dashboard and share feedback on the beta version through December 2025.

Street Smarts Campaign Banners Installed



The Street Smarts fall campaign is underway, with banners installed at the end of September. Street Smarts is a traffic safety program that educates drivers, pedestrians and cyclists about safety issues, including distracted driving. The goal is to encourage people to adopt new attitudes and behaviors that will reduce the number of traffic-related collisions and make our streets safer for everyone.

The program focuses on placing outdoor advertising at “hotspots” throughout Marin County – colorful reminders at locations where traffic problems occur most frequently. The placement of specific messages was determined based on findings from the 2018 Systemic Safety Analysis Report (SSAR) as well as analysis of 2016-2020 countywide collision data from the Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System (SWITRS). [Visit the webpage for images and messaging.](#)

Southern Marin Transit Workshop and MASCOTS Overview



On October 20th, Supervisor Moulton-Peters hosted a “Transit 101” workshop with invited representatives from Southern Marin including council members, City Managers, Public Works Directors and CSD General Managers. The workshop featured presentations from Marin Transit, Golden Gate Transit, and TAM to provide an introduction to transit planning principles and share the MASCOTS (Marin-Sonoma Coordinated Transit Service Plan) service change recommendations for Southern Marin.

The MASCOTS Plan is a collaborative effort among nine transit and funding agencies to improve coordination, reduce duplication, and strengthen connections across the Highway 101 corridor in Marin and Sonoma counties. The proposed service changes aim to simplify routes, enhance frequency, and better align service with rider demand. The proposed changes would go into effect in the Spring of 2026, pending approvals from the transit agency boards. [Visit the webpage](#) for more information about MASCOTS.

2025-2028 Richmond-San Rafael Bridge Path Modified Pilot: New Hours of Operations



Beginning October 27, 2025, the bike and pedestrian path on the bridge will operate under new hours. The path will be open from Thursdays at 2 p.m. through Sundays at 11 p.m., and certain state holidays.

A free bike shuttle will be available during path closures – Mondays through Wednesdays from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Thursdays from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.

On October 9th, MTC and Caltrans hosted a hands-on demonstration of the new RSR Bridge Bike

on demonstration of the new RSR Bridge Bike trailers – to help refine the setup.

The bridge path may close temporarily due to maintenance, high winds, weather conditions, or emergency response needs. This marks an extension of the original pilot project through the end of 2028. Learn more at: [Richmond-San Rafael Bridge Path | Metropolitan Transportation Commission](#).

Clean Fleet Expo

On October 8th, TAM hosted the third annual Clean Fleet Expo at the Marin County Fairgrounds. With 13 speakers across 4 engaging sessions, the 100 attendees learned more about Advanced Clean Fleet compliance, leading edge technology, and innovative projects for electrification across Marin and the North Bay. Many thanks to TAM Vice Chair Kate Colin for opening the day with a warm welcome and a thoughtful challenge to think creatively about how we move toward alternative fuels. We also extend our appreciation to the 22 exhibitors and four key sponsors whose support helped make the event possible.



Regional

MTC/ABAG Releases Draft Plan Bay Area 2050+

On October 20th, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) released Draft Plan Bay Area 2050+ and the Plan Bay Area 2050+ Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for review and comment after more than two years of public discussion, technical analysis and refinement. The plan contains 35 strategies representing public policies and investments that can be implemented in the Bay Area by 2050 to help the region build more homes, reduce commute times, and create vibrant downtowns and natural areas. Unique to this plan cycle is the parallel Transit 2050+ planning effort, which culminated in the first-of-its-kind plan to re-envision the future of Bay Area public transit, in partnership with transit operators across the region.

The Draft Plan, along with the Draft EIR, Draft Implementation Plan and accompanying supplemental reports, are all available for review and comment at: <https://planbayarea.org/draftplan>. All written comments must be received no later than December 18, 2025.

MTC/ABAG plans to adopt Plan Bay Area 2050+ in early 2026. Before Plan Bay Area 2050+ is presented to the Commission for adoption, MTC/ABAG has scheduled a series of webinars and public hearings in various Bay Area locations. Dates and locations of the webinars and public hearings may be found at the link above.

Marin-Sonoma Narrows Ribbon Cutting



On October 3rd, Caltrans, TAM and SCTCA hosted a ribbon cutting for the Marin-Sonoma Narrows B7 project, marking completion of 52 miles of continuous carpool lanes from the Richardson Bay Bridge in Marin County to Windsor in Sonoma County.

The program included US Congressman Jared Huffman, Senator Mike McGuire, Assemblymember Damon Connolly, Darnell Grisby, Chairperson of the California Transportation Commission, Acting Director of Caltrans District 4 David Ambuehl, TAM Chairperson Eric Lucan, MTC and TAM Commissioner, Stephanie Moulton Peters, Executive Director of SCTCA James Cameron, and Santa Rosa Councilperson and MTC Commissioner Victoria Fleming.

While the new HOV lane is now open to traffic, final paving and striping work for the B7 project will continue, with completion anticipated in 2026 following the rainy season. In the meantime, commuters are encouraged to take advantage of the improved corridor and consider shared travel options.

To celebrate this regional achievement and promote transit and carpooling, Marin Commutes and Go Sonoma are offering a special October incentive – commuters who log at least 12 shared trips (via transit, carpool, or vanpool) will be entered into a drawing to win a \$100 gift card. Learn more at MarinCommutes.com and [Go Sonoma](http://GoSonoma.com).

North Bay Transit Challenge Relay



On September 23rd, seven transit agencies in Marin and Sonoma Counties participated in the North Bay Transit Challenge Relay in honor of Transit Month and to celebrate All Aboard Bay Area Transit Day.

In the relay, participants passed the baton (a Golden Gate Bridge movable pylon) as they rode each of the North

Bay Transit services between Larkspur and Santa Rosa. Participants included Golden Gate Ferry, Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit (SMART), Marin Transit, Golden Gate Transit, Petaluma Transit, Sonoma County Transit, Santa Rosa CityBus, and TAM. Representatives from each agency showcased their services by completing a leg of the trip using their own transportation mode. At each handoff, riders exchanged a baton – symbolizing the seamless connections that make regional travel possible.

Federal

TAM's Federal Legislative Consultant disseminates Weekly Updates on federal transportation issues to keep the agency informed, including activities in Congress, the Executive Administration, and relevant federal agencies, such as the Department of Transportation. Attached are Carpi & Clay's Transportation Weekly Updates for October 3, October 10, and October 17, 2025. Notably, with the government shutdown, the most recent reports are brief.

TAM in the Community

Date	Meeting	Topic
9.9.2025	League of Women Voters Transportation, Land Use and Housing Committee	General, Measure AA Review
9.10.2025	WTS, County Transportation Authorities Executive Directors Panel	General, Funding
9.17.2025	San Rafael Benefits Fair	General, Marin Commutes
9.17.2025	Novato Leadership Institute	General
9.18.2025	Novato Benefits Fair	General, Marin Commutes
9.18.2025	American Council of Engineering Companies	State Route 37
10.8.2025	Clean Fleet Expo	Alt. Fuels
10.8.2025	International Walk to School Day	Safe Routes to Schools
10.9.2025	WTS - Resilient Transportation and Sea Level Rise	Sea Level Rise
10.20.2025	Southern Marin Transit Workshop	MASCOTS
10.23.2025	Innovation Workshop	Innovation
11.10.2025	Focus on the Future	General



TRANSPORTATION WEEKLY UPDATE

October 3, 2025

DOT SHUTDOWN PLAN 2025

THIS WEEK AT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

DOT Delays Ensuring Safe Accommodations for Air Travelers with Disabilities Using Wheelchairs. DOT has announced it is delaying enforcement of certain provisions of the final rule on “Ensuring Safe Accommodations for Air Travelers With Disabilities Using Wheelchairs” (Wheelchair Rule) while it engages in a new rulemaking that will consider whether to modify those provisions. As described below, this exercise of enforcement discretion applies to provisions of the Wheelchair Rule related to airline liability for mishandled wheelchairs, refresher training frequency, pre-departure notifications, and fare difference reimbursements. This exercise of enforcement discretion is intended to remove the burden of complying with requirements under review by DOT and does not prejudice the outcome of the new rulemaking. This notice does not affect the enforcement of requirements in the Wheelchair Rule beyond the four identified provisions. As of September 30, 2025, enforcement of 14 CFR 382.125(e), 382.130(a), 382.132, and 382.141(a)(6) contained in the Wheelchair Rule, published on December 17, 2024, at 89 FR 102398, is delayed until December 31, 2026.

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DOT Publishes DBE in Airport Concessions Interim Final Rule. DOT has published an interim final rule to help ensure that DOT operates its Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) and Airport Concession Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (ACDBE) Programs (collectively, Programs) in a nondiscriminatory fashion—in line with law and the U.S. Constitution. The IFR removes race- and sex-based presumptions of social and economic disadvantage that violate the U.S. Constitution. The rule is effective on October 3, 2025. Comments are due by November 3, 2025.

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DOT Publishes Workplace Drug and Alcohol Testing Programs SNPRM. DOT has published a supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking (SNPRM) that updates terminology in DOT's drug and alcohol testing regulations consistent with Executive Order 14168 (E.O. 14168), *Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to*

the Federal Government . DOT continues to propose a provision to require a directly observed urine collection in situations where oral fluid tests are currently required, but oral fluid testing is not yet available.

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FAA Deploys Phase One of New NOTAM System. FAA deployed Phase 1 of its new Notice to Airmen System (NOTAM), which delivers modernized, real-time alerts about airspace changes to early adopters while continuing to operate alongside the legacy system to ensure a smooth transition. This initial phase is designed to test functionality and improve reliability, addressing longstanding issues with the old NOTAM system. Phase 2, which will complete the full transition and retire the legacy platforms, is scheduled to begin in February 2026 and be fully implemented by late spring 2026.

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FAA Seeks REDAC Nominations. FAA is seeking nominations for membership to serve on the Research, Engineering, and Development Advisory Committee (REDAC), which is intended to provide advice and recommendations to the FAA Administrator for the sustaining of the Agency's Research and Development (R&D) Portfolio. Nominations are due by October 30, 2025.

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Federal Motor
Carrier Safety
Administration

FMCSA Publishes Restoring Integrity to the Issuance of Non-Domiciled CDLs Interim Final Rule. FMCSA has published an interim final rule that amends regulations for State Driver's Licensing Agencies (SDLAs) issuing commercial driving credentials to foreign-domiciled individuals. Through this interim final rule (IFR), FMCSA restores the integrity of the commercial driver's license (CDL) issuance processes by significantly limiting the authority for SDLAs to issue and renew non-domiciled commercial learner's permits (CLPs) and CDLs to individuals domiciled in a foreign jurisdiction. This change strengthens the security of the CDL issuance process and enhances the safety of commercial motor vehicle (CMV) operations. The final rule is effective on September 29, 2025. Comments are due by November 28, 2025.

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NHTSA Announces FY 2026 Traffic Safety Grant Awards. NHTSA has announced \$800 million in traffic safety grants for FY 2026. The grants will go to states, territories, and tribal communities to help support critical highway safety programs and address their unique safety challenges. The funds can be used in many ways, including high-visibility enforcement mobilizations that address risky driving behaviors like speeding, impairment, and distraction. They also help support data collection to improve real-time trend identification and analysis, train experts to inspect and install car seats, strengthen the judicial system’s understanding and prosecution of impaired driving, and help enforce move-over laws to protect first responders, law enforcement, and individuals stopped alongside roads.

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THIS WEEK IN CONGRESS

Senate Confirms DOT Nominations. On October 7, the Senate approved by a vote of 51 to 47, the following DOT nominations:

- Michael Rutherford, to be Assistant Secretary for Multimodal Freight & Infrastructure Policy
- Gregory Zerzan, to be General Counsel
- Derek Barrs, to be Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)
- David Fink, to be Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)

THIS WEEK AT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

DOT Publishes Notice on EAS Funding. DOT has published a notice advising Essential Air Service (EAS) air carriers and communities that the department has secured an additional \$41 million to fund EAS service through November 2, 2025, originally carriers and communities were notified funding would expire on October 12, 2025. If there is a government shutdown beyond November 2, service obligations of the air carriers under their EAS contracts may be suspended after that date.

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DOT IG Publishes Report on the Observations and Lessons Learned from OIG Reviews of NextGen. DOT's Office of Inspector General published a report titled [Capstone Memorandum: Observations and Lessons Learned from OIG Reviews of the Next Generation Air Transportation System \(NextGen\)](#). The report takes stock of more than two decades of FAA and industry work on NextGen, assessing what has succeeded, what has fallen short, and what lessons should guide future modernization. It finds that while FAA has made progress—introducing new capabilities, improving efficiency, and delivering limited

benefits—NextGen has been delivered in a much less transformative fashion than initially envisioned: many systems are delayed, costs have grown, and many promised benefits remain unrealized. As of the end of 2024, the OIG estimates only about 16 % of NextGen’s total projected benefits have been achieved. Key programs (e.g. DataComm, Terminal Flight Data Manager, weather systems) are over budget and pushed into the 2030s (or beyond). The memo also identifies persistent structural challenges: unrealistic planning and assumptions, weak acquisition and contract oversight, difficulties in securing industry cooperation and investment (especially in avionics equipage), the burdens of sustaining legacy systems, workforce and organizational instability, complex interdependencies among programs, and risks to resiliency and cybersecurity. The OIG presents a set of lessons learned—such as the need for realistic long-term planning, modular contracting, stakeholder engagement, better cost/benefit modeling, and rigorous risk management—that it argues FAA should apply going forward, especially as the agency shifts toward its planned “Brand New Air Traffic Control System” initiative.

DOT Announces Advisory Board Hybrid Public Meeting. DOT has announced it is holding a hybrid public meeting of the DOT Advisory Board on October 22, 2025, at 2:00pm ET. The Advisory Board is charged: (1) developing strategic recommendations for infrastructure modernization and expansion; (2) identifying key investment opportunities in transportation technology and innovation; (3) providing insights into regulatory and policy improvements to enhance efficiency and reduce bureaucratic obstacles; and (4) advising on public-private partnerships to maximize funding and impact.

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FAA Safety Messages. Due to the government shutdown, FAA will have limited communications but will continue to send out significant safety messages through other FAA portals.

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U.S. Department
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**Federal Motor
Carrier Safety
Administration**

FMCSA Re-Issues Temporary CDL Waivers. FMCSA has re-issued a temporary waiver allowing interstate commercial driver’s license (CDL) holders, commercial learner’s permit (CLP) holders, and motor carriers to continue relying on a paper copy of the medical examiner’s certificate as proof of a driver’s medical certification for up to 60 days after the date the medical examiner’s certificate is issued. The re-issued waiver is in effect October 13, 2025 – January 10, 2026.

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NEXT WEEK IN CONGRESS

Senate Committee to Consider Transportation-Related Legislation and Nominations.

On October 21, the Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee will hold a markup to consider the following transportation-related nominations and legislation:

- [S. 2503, the Rotorcraft Operations Transparency and Oversight Reform \(ROTOR\) Act](#) – the bill closes a loophole exempting most military aircraft from ADS-B requirements, mandates full ADS-B In/Out adoption to improve airspace safety, strengthens FAA oversight and coordination with the military through new reporting and audit provisions, and directs updated standards, controller training, and deployment of advanced collision-avoidance technologies.
- Sevel Ozz, to be the Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Research and Technology

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THIS WEEK AT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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FMCSA Announces It Will Withhold California MCSAP Funds. FMCSA has announced it will withhold \$40.7 million in Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) funds from California due to the state's failure to enforce federal English-language proficiency requirements for commercial drivers. The withheld funds would have supported roadside inspections, safety audits of trucking companies, traffic enforcement, and public education

programs aimed at improving highway safety. To restore the funding, California must adopt and implement regulations consistent with federal standards governing commercial driver qualifications.

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