

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**May 17, 2023**

### **Transportation Research Board (TRB) Webinar: April 17, 2023**

I participated in a TRB Webinar, Political and Policy Practices for Managed Lanes, to discuss the current challenges on implementing managed lanes in California due to the new Senate Bill 743 requirements relative to vehicle miles travelled (VMT). I discussed the Innovate 680 program and how we were the first in the state to obtain approval from the Caltrans Department of Transportation for VMT mitigation strategies.

### **8<sup>th</sup> Annual Redefining Mobility Summit: April 18, 2023**

CCTA hosted the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Redefining Mobility Summit with another sold out year with over 250 attendees including over 50 middle and high school students to showcase the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) programs in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. The Demonstration Zone was one of the biggest ever displaying the work of our partners from GoMentum Station including Freewire, Glydways, Aurora, Gig, Humanetics, Beep, and May Mobility. The summit consisted of four outstanding panels including international perspectives, digital infrastructure, autonomous mobility business cases, and alternative fuels.

### **“On the Patio” Podcast “Mobility for All”: April 21, 2023**

I recorded the third episode of the “On the Patio” podcast with Debbie Toth from Choice in Aging to talk about mobility for all in Contra Costa County. We discussed paratransit and non-paratransit services in Contra Costa County and the Authority’s initiatives to improve mobility for seniors, veterans, and disabled people. We highlighted the work being done with the Office of Accessibility and Equity and the creation of a Coordinating Entity, including the coordination of the One-Seat Ride program by the transit operators.

### **Transit Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Ride Along: April 21, 2023**

I participated in the Transit CEO ride along with General Managers Robert Powers with Bay Area Rapid Transit, Bill Churchill with Central Contra Costa Transit Authority, and Rashidi Barnes with East Contra Costa Transit Authority to support public transit, the need for increased ridership, and increased funding.

### **Presto Launch: April 24, 2023**

Vice Chair Newell Arnerich, City of San Ramon Vice Mayor Mark Armstrong, Sunset Development Chief Executive Officer Alexander Mehran, Jr, Beep Chief Executive Officer Joe Moye, and I debuted the inaugural ride of Presto at Bishop Ranch. Presto, a shared autonomous vehicle, is operated by

Beep Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm and is free to the open public. Presto is the first autonomous shuttle open to the public in the San Francisco Bay Area. The shuttle follows a fixed route within the Bishop Ranch business park located in the City of San Ramon providing stops at the transit center, SAP, GE, and City Center serving first- and last-mile service for businesses and the public. The debut was widely covered by local press and attended by Vice Chair Arnerich, Commissioners Kelley and Noack, and Commissioner Alternate Stepper, staff from the offices of Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, County Board of Supervisor Candace Andersen, and Senator Steve Glazer. It was an enormously proud and exciting day, and we received more than 165 pieces of media coverage including on-air, web, and social. Below is a sample of some of the media coverage we received:



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[Contra Costa Transportation Authority on KGO-SF \(ABC\) - San Francisco, CA](#)

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[Contra Costa Transportation Authority on KGO-SF \(ABC\) - San Francisco, CA](#)

**ABC7 News 4:00PM**

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lyanne: the contra cap -- amanda: the contra costa transportation authority is gearing partnering up. they will run weekdays from 7:30 to 5:30 p.m., carrying people across the business park.



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**ABC7 News 6:00PM**

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driving. >> the contra costa transportation authority teamed up with a florida company called beat for the shuttles. back in 2014 it was the first agency in the state to get



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[Contra Costa Transportation Authority on KCBS-AM \(Radio\) - San Francisco, CA](#)

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### [Contra Costa Transportation Authority on KRON-SF \(MyTV\) - San Francisco, CA](#)

**KRON 4 News at 5am**

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### [Contra Costa Transportation Authority on KGO-SF \(ABC\) - San Francisco, CA](#)

**ABC7 News 5:00AM**

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### [Contra Costa Transportation Authority on KGO-SF \(ABC\) - San Francisco, CA](#)

**ABC7 News 6:00AM**

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driving, parking and driving. reggie: the contra costa transportation authority teamed up with a company in 2018 and ccta was the first agency in the state to get permission from the dmv for shared autonomous

### ***"On the Patio" Podcast "Presto": April 24, 2023***

I recorded the fourth episode of the *"On the Patio"* podcast with Joe Moyer the Chief Executive Officer of Beep. We discussed the exciting launch of Presto, the benefits of these new autonomous mobility options, how the next generation of autonomous shuttles will be ready for broader deployment, the need for a regulatory framework for purpose built autonomous vehicles, and the importance of public acceptance of these new innovative mobility options.

### **Intelligent Transportation Society of America (ITSA) Annual Conference: April 24 – 27, 2023**

Linsey Willis and I attended the ITS America Conference in Dallas, Texas. I was invited to speak on a panel to discuss the transition from research to deployment for innovative projects. I discussed our

active autonomous vehicle deployments. Traffic Technology International interviewed me about the future vision for the Authority and the launch of Presto. Linsey Willis was invited to speak about tools for expanding the number of women in transportation including challenges and best practices to provide opportunities to women in the workplace and recruiting future generations into the industry.

**Truck Time:** April 29, 2023

Linsey Willis and I accompanied the new Presto shuttle and spoke about the Authority at the Truck Time event in the City of San Ramon. It was a wonderful opportunity to share with the public new mobility options like Presto and the exciting projects the Authority is working on throughout Contra Costa County.

**TranStar:** May 1, 2023

Vice Chair Newell Arnerich, Commissioner Ken Carlson, Commissioner Alternate Candance Andersen, John Hoang, Stephanie Hu, Brian Kelleher, and I including representatives from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission visited and toured TranStar in Houston, Texas. TranStar is a regional transportation management center (RTMC) and is a unique partnership between the Texas Department of Transportation, Houston – Galveston Area Council, Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County, and the City of Houston Public Works. The partnership shares resources and exchanges information under the same facility to coordinate the transportation system, keep motorists informed, clear incidents on roadways, and is the primary coordination site for state, county, and local agencies when responding to major incidents, emergencies, and natural disasters. The RTMC is a great example of the vision and work being done through the Innovate 680 program to better manage and optimize the transportation system.

**City of Pinole City Council Meeting:** May 2, 2023

I presented to the City of Pinole City Council to provide an update on the Authority's programs and projects, share our vision for the future, and discuss strategies for connecting our communities.

**GoMentum Station Ad-Hoc Committee:** May 3, 2023

Staff met with the GoMentum Station Ad-Hoc Committee to provide an update on the master agreement with the American Automobile Association of Northern California, Nevada, and Utah and provide a strategy to advance the next steps of GoMentum Station.

**Leadership Contra Costa:** May 4, 2023

Walnut Creek Chamber of Commerce invited me to speak about regional transportation priorities in Contra Costa County and innovative mobility solutions to their students of the Leadership Contra Costa program.

**GoMentum Station Tour:** May 4, 2023

I provided a tour of GoMentum Station for Congressman Garamendi's staff including members from the Washington D.C. office who were in the district for the week, to share updates on GoMentum Station's testing and partners.

**Texas A & M: May 5, 2023**

I was interviewed by Ginger Goodin from Texas A&M to discuss the policy, challenges, and lessons learned from the development of the Electric Vehicle Readiness Blueprint and the implementation through the Charge Up Contra Costa program being funded by the California Energy Commission.

**Innovate 680 Executive Steering Committee Meeting #3: May 10, 2023**

Stephanie Hu and I hosted the third meeting of the Innovate 680 Executive Steering Committee with the California Department of Transportation and Metropolitan Transportation Commission to discuss operations and maintenance strategies and funding needs, the revenue analysis of the Interstate 680 Express Lanes, funding the VMT mitigation strategy for the express lane, ramp metering strategy, and testing and training of transit bus on shoulder at GoMentum Station.

*Staff Out-of-State Travel: There is nothing to report this month.*

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