

Let's Talk!

Improving Passenger Rail to Better Serve Your Community

Link21 aims to transform passenger rail service to better connect 21 counties in the Northern California "Megaregion". This Megaregion includes the San Francisco Bay Area, the Sacramento Area, the Northern San Joaquin Valley, and the Monterey Bay Area. The San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) and Capitol Corridors Joint Powers Authority (Capitol Corridor) are working together on Link21.

The program could transform the passenger rail experience and improve connections with local transit. At the core of Link21 is a new rail connection between Oakland and San Francisco across the San Francisco Bay.

Visit the Link21 website to learn more:

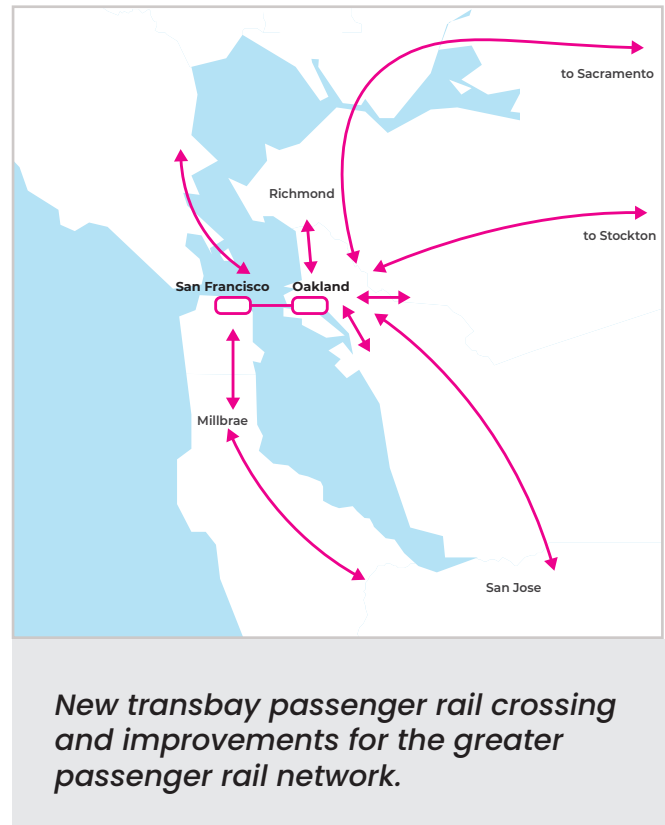
www.Link21Program.org.

Communities are key partners in designing Link21.

Link21 is committed to advancing equity. Through a process called co-creation, we are working with people from communities that have been marginalized to ensure their lived experiences shape Link21. Through co-creation, we are partnering with community-based organizations to better reach these communities.

We made changes to Link21 based on what we heard in previous co-creation workshops.

In 2021, the Link21 Team hosted co-creation workshops and a co-creation survey.



Through these activities we wanted to understand:

- Current and desired trips on local transit and passenger rail,
- General transportation challenges impacting communities,
- Changes in communities over time, and
- Hopes for the future.

Based on community feedback, we changed the vision, goals, and objectives for Link21. Read our [co-creation summary](#) to learn more about 2021 co-creation activities.

For more information about co-creation, please see the online Link21 [Co-creation Resource Hub](#).

Be ready to share your experience and ideas in our next round of co-creation workshops.

The Link21 Team is partnering with community-based organizations to hold two-hour, virtual co-creation workshops in June and early July. These workshops will have small-group discussions (4-5 people) to learn from each participant. Ideas you share will help us improve passenger rail around the Northern California Megaregion, especially for trips across the bay between Oakland and San Francisco.

In the workshop, we will work in small groups to:

- **Discuss** how passenger rail can work better for you,
- **Describe** problems you experience when using passenger rail, and
- **Identify** possible solutions to those problems.

After the workshop, we will ask you to give us feedback. Your feedback will help us improve future workshops and better involve your community in Link21.

What is local transit?

Local transit refers to ways you get from place to place in your community. Examples of local transit include buses, ferries, subway, and light rail.

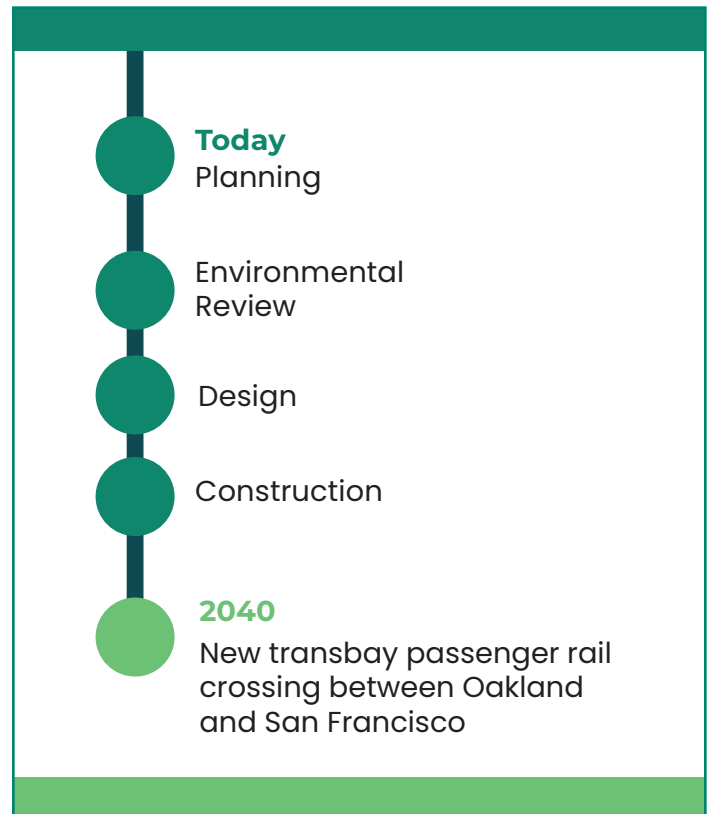
What are passenger rail and “Regional Rail”?

Passenger rail refers to train service that is designed to carry people. There are many types of passenger rail services, like commuter rail, intercity rail, and high-speed rail.

Regional Rail refers to passenger rail used for trips that are about 15 miles and longer.

Link21 is a long-term effort.

Community participation and ideas are especially important now.



Link21 is an investment into the future. Where possible, the program aims to deliver benefits by 2040.

Today, Link21 is in the early planning stages. Your ideas are important now as we plan for the future.



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Link21 is sponsored by BART and Capitol Corridor who are also working closely with our Northern California rail partners and the state of California to ensure an integrated rail program.