

# LINK21

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## Stakeholder Update



### June Engagement Opportunities

The Link21 Team invites you to join us in June for a Program update. For additional details, visit the [Link21 Events webpage](#).

#### Online Open House

Join anytime 24/7 for 30 days starting in mid-June to conveniently participate when it works for you.



#### In-Person Open House

Drop by anytime between **5:30–7:30 pm** to chat directly with members of the Link21 Team.



- **Tuesday, June 13**  
**Oakstop at Richmond Food Hall**  
(1503 Macdonald Ave., Richmond, CA 94801)
- **Thursday, June 15**  
**Southeast Community Center in Bayview**  
(1550 Evans Ave., San Francisco, CA 94124)
- **Wednesday, June 21**  
**Oakstop in Uptown Oakland**  
(2323 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94612)

#### Virtual Events

Attend to hear a presentation and ask questions.



- **Tuesday, June 27, 5:30–7 pm**  
Community meeting
- **Thursday, June 29, 5–6 pm** Office hours

### Exploring Service Improvements To Meet Future Travel Needs

Over the past few years, the Link21 Team has heard from community members about their desires for better, more reliable, and accessible travel options. Specifically, what is important when taking a train to get them where they need to go. Service improvements like frequency, travel time, connection, and convenience were themes that rose to the top.

At the upcoming June public events, the Link21 Team will share Link21 concepts with an emphasis on new information about service improvements that they would provide. The goal for June is to continue building awareness about Link21, share the concept development and planning progress, and seek input on service improvements that are guiding future recommendations on train technology in the crossing and advancement of concepts.

Defining train technology or train track type is an important step in identifying a future project to best achieve Link21 Goals and Objectives. Passenger rail in Northern California utilizes two train technologies on different track gauges and do not operate together. Gauge refers to the distance between the tracks and dictates the type and compatibility of vehicle(s), speed, propulsion (how trains are powered), and more. BART trains – which provide riders high frequency urban transit service – travel on broad-gauge track; and Regional Rail trains – which provide riders urban/metro (high frequency), and intercity/express (lower frequency, skip stop) service – travel on standard-gauge. To reach the Link21 desired outcome for service improvements, the Team is exploring different service and operational tradeoffs between train technologies

in the crossing, and how they connect effectively to the larger network to create megaregional benefits.

Train technology, service, markets and infrastructure are what make up Link21 concepts. Through ongoing analysis and valuable stakeholder and public input, concepts will continue to be assessed and refined to identify future solutions that take into consideration the region’s population, changing workforce needs and travel patterns, air quality and climate change impacts, and more.

In spring 2024, the Link21 Team will go to the BART and Capitol Corridor Boards with a recommendation of train technology and concept options for further analysis. This will include infrastructure and service enhancements for both technologies (BART broad-gauge and Regional Rail standard-gauge tracks) to create a more integrated megaregional train network.

## Past/Upcoming Meetings and Presentations

<b>June 1</b>	Helping Hands East Bay Asian Pacific Environmental Network
<b>June 6</b>	Panhandle Annex Council
<b>June 7</b>	In-Station Tabling: Emeryville Station
<b>June 10</b>	In-Station Tabling: Balboa Park Station
<b>June 11</b>	Viva CalleSJ with SOMOS Mayfair
<b>June 14</b>	In-Station Tabling: Powell St. Station
<b>June 15</b>	Soroptimist International of Modesto In-Station Tabling: Sacramento Valley Station In-Station Tabling: 12th St Oakland City Center Station
<b>June 16</b>	In-Station Tabling: Davis Station
<b>June 20</b>	Link21 Equity Advisory Council
<b>June 21</b>	In-Station Tabling: West Oakland Station

### Connect with Link21

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## 2023 Engagement Touchpoints

The Link21 Team continues to focus on reaching priority populations, megaregional leaders and communities through a multi-faceted, equitable engagement approach that starts with relationship and trust building at every level. Since January, members of the Link21 Team have partnered with targeted Community Based Organizations in a number of ways, including tabling at community events, key leadership interviews, presentations at community meetings, and co-hosting unique Link21 events.

In the first quarter alone, the **Link21 Team participated in over 40 events and achieved 367 touchpoints across the Megaregion.** Additional stakeholder engagement has included three meetings and several office hours with the Link21 Equity Advisory Council, collaboration meetings with jurisdictional partners and Link21 working groups. These critical collaborative discussions provide regular opportunity for Link21 to share Program updates, and seek valuable input that guides further refinement of concepts.



Link21 Team engaging with community members at the Indigenous Red Market on March 13, 2023.

