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**To:** City Council

**Date:** September 21, 2020

**From:** Mayor Emily Beach

**Subject:** Committee Report

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- Top constituent issues during this period: Bike/Ped Master Plan, The Burlingame Collaborative, Local Minimum Wage, Burlingame Avenue & Broadway pilot program & parklets on adjacent streets, communicating shelter in place changes and enforcement.
- Hosted 14<sup>th</sup> virtual constituent Q&A session during COVID-19.

## Burlingame Collaborative – 3rd Convening and Update

Great progress happening, 8/17 was a productive 3rd meeting. Roster grew to 60 members. Breakout groups and follow-up committees focusing on three priorities this fall, driven by prior meetings and participant survey. Next full convening will take place on 12/16/20. Meanwhile, Collaborative members have access to Google Drive, meeting docs, and shared resources. Fall 2020 work includes:

- **COVID-19 Community Resource Guide:** Thanks to Terri Boesch (CALL Primrose) and John Kevranian (Broadway BID) for leading their team to pull content together. Guide published in e-News, Parks & Recreation Activity Guide, and circulated among Collaborative organizations. See attached or [view it here](#).
- **Fundraising for resident financial/rental assistance and small businesses financial assistance:** committee is exploring ways to augment existing programs with additional fundraising.
- **Neighborhood Helping Hand/Pen-Pal Program:** Committee formed and preliminary planning underway, led by Sylvia Chu (The Trousdale) and Sarah Simson (BSD PTA Council President.)

## Caltrain / CalMod (Caltrain Local Policy Makers Group) Update

- Caltrain's 1/8 sales tax this November is called Measure RR. If passed, it will provide an ongoing source of reliable funding for Caltrain operations and infrastructure. Encourage

everyone to learn more about this.

- **California High Speed Rail Authority Update:** Had an extensive briefing on sound impacts with SF to SJC project section, which included noise impacts, infrastructure for quiet zones, passing tracks, impact on Caltrain's service schedule, and grade separations. You can review staff notes located [here](#). Robust discussion and concern that HSR's draft EIR does not accommodate long-term vision of Caltrain's business plan for moderate (or high) growth scenario. Without HSR installing passing tracks along the corridor, there is a strong possibility that Caltrain commuter rail service schedules will suffer. City of Burlingame sent letter to HSR with additional comments on the project and potential impacts on Burlingame.
- I joined meeting with CM Goldman and PW Director Murtuza with California High Speed Rail Authority on 8/20 regarding Broadway station improvements required to run HSR trains on the blended system, and how those station improvements will be constructed and funded. Discussed different timing and funding scenarios for station improvements. All stakeholders recognize the value in coordinating these improvements with our Broadway Grade Separation project.

#### **Rule 20A PG&E Credits to help fund El Camino Real undergrounding**

- Per Council direction, met again virtually on 8/28 with Councilmember Brownrigg, Director Murtuza, and CM Goldman to develop our action plan to explore purchasing Rule 20A credits from other cities at an even deeper discount. Plan in progress.

#### **San Mateo County Transportation Authority Update (SMCTA)**

Adoption of SMCTA Fiscal Year 2021 budget (July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021)

- We project (estimate) -11.6% overall decrease in Measure A and Measure W sales tax returns compared to FY 2020. We also project -7.4% decrease in formula funds to local cities like Burlingame and other required allocations.
- Interestingly, FY 2020 (ending June 2020) tallied surprisingly strong sales tax returns during the first few months of the pandemic. Overall, FY 2020 Measure A tax returns projected to be <1% lower than we budgeted in June 2019, due to strong on-line sales finishing out the fiscal year.
- Received briefing on the Shuttle Program Study. Currently, the County has 45 shuttles run by multiple operators. The organic evolution of our County's shuttle system is not equipped to meet the growing shuttle demand. Shuttle study is exploring efficiencies, ways to simplify rider experience, improve service, and potentially create a unified shuttle system prior to next call for shuttles in FY 23/24.
- Signed \$100m bond issuance documents for the loan from TA to the County's Express Lane JPA.

### **SMC US 101 Express Lane JPA Board Meeting**

- Received an excellent update about our Equity Study underway. Consultants and community stakeholders are working hard to assess the program's goals, challenges, and key findings, then develop a robust public engagement process. Our goal is to create a world-class, visionary equity program funded by toll revenues.

### **Other Events/Meeting Highlights**

- Traffic Safety Parking Commission Bike/Ped Master Plan Open House Preview
- Burlingame BPAC's Bike/Ped Master Plan Open House Preview
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Webelo Troop government discussion
- Library Board of Trustees Meeting
- Meetings & volunteer recruitment related to Burlingame Stands United Against Hate week, which will take place 11/30-12/6 in coordination with the national event
- Commute.org strategic planning committee meeting
- Jobs for Youth Annual Awards Celebration
- Sustainable San Mateo County Ideas Bank RoundTable for Sustainable Transportation
- League of Cities Peninsula Division Executive Committee meeting
- Second Harvest /Union Grab & Go Food Distribution on Rollins Road – 841 families served / 3631 individuals.
- C/CAG Congestion Management and Environmental Quality Committee Meeting

# Burlingame

## COVID-19: STAY INFORMED

[www.Burlingame.org/residents/covid-19](http://www.Burlingame.org/residents/covid-19)



### Manténgase informado

All Resources	2-1-1 Bay Area	211
	Speak to an operator 24/7 about resources	Dial 2-1-1 or (800) 273-6222 <a href="http://www.211bayarea.org/sanmateo">www.211bayarea.org/sanmateo</a>
	Comprehensive information and referral service. • Phone and text services available 24/7 in 150 languages through phone interpretation • English and Spanish for text services • Connects callers with local community services such as food, shelter, counseling, and more	

Housing	Samaritan House
	Essential services for individuals & families in need (650) 347-3648 <a href="http://www.samaritanhousesanmateo.org">www.samaritanhousesanmateo.org</a>
	HIP Housing
	Home sharing program (650) 348-6660 <a href="http://www.hiphousing.org/programs/home-sharing-program">www.hiphousing.org/programs/home-sharing-program</a>

Behavioral Health Support	Star Vista
	Crisis intervention & Suicide Prevention Center 24-Hour Hotline (650) 579-0350 (800) 273-8255 <a href="http://www.star-vista.org/programs/">www.star-vista.org/programs/</a>
	Mills Peninsula Health Services
	Behavioral Services (650) 696-4666 <a href="http://www.MPHS.org/behavioralhealth">www.MPHS.org/behavioralhealth</a>
	Chemical Dependency Crisis Line (650) 696-5915

Legal Aid	Bay Area Legal Aid
	(650) 358-0745 <a href="http://www.Baylegal.org">www.Baylegal.org</a>
	Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County
	(650) 558-0915 (800) 381-8898 <a href="http://www.legalaidsmc.org/getting-help">www.legalaidsmc.org/getting-help</a>
	Community Legal Services of East Palo Alto
	<a href="http://www.clsepa.org/services">www.clsepa.org/services</a>

Food	Second Harvest Food Connection Hotline
	(800) 984-3663 <a href="http://www.SHFB.org/getfood">www.SHFB.org/getfood</a>
	CALL Primrose Drop-in Food Pantry
	(650) 342-2255 <a href="http://www.callprimrose.org">www.callprimrose.org</a>
	Great Plates (Qualified Seniors only)
	SMC Aging and Adult Services (800) 675-8437

Business Support	The San Mateo County Economic Development Assoc. (SAMCEDA)
	Designated by the County as the lead for business resources during the COVID-19 pandemic (650) 413-5600 <a href="http://www.samceda.org">www.samceda.org</a>

Financial Assistance	Samaritan House
	Essential services for individuals & families in need (650) 347-3648 <a href="http://www.samaritanhousesanmateo.org">www.samaritanhousesanmateo.org</a>
	SMC Connect
	A referral site linking to multiple community services <a href="http://www.smc-connect.org">www.smc-connect.org</a>
	San Mateo Immigrant Relief Fund
	<a href="http://www.bit.ly/sm-immi-relief">www.bit.ly/sm-immi-relief</a>

Local Updates	SMC Alert
	<a href="http://www.smcalert.info">www.smcalert.info</a> An alert notification system used to immediately contact you during urgent or emergency situations. Set preferences to receive text and voice messages to you: • Email accounts • Cell phones, smart phones, tablets • Voice messages to landline phones Un sistema de notificación para alertarlo de inmediato en caso de situaciones de emergencia
	Burlingame e-News
	The City's weekly newsletter emailed every Thursday <a href="http://www.burlingame.org">www.burlingame.org</a>

Call 2-1-1 to speak to an operator 24/7 about resources.

Marque al 2-1-1 para comunicarse con un especialista y obtener asistencia personalizada sobre el COVID-19. Esta línea es gratis, confidencial, y disponible 24/7 en varios idiomas.

