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Transbay Transit Center Takes Shape with 60,000 Cubic Yard Concrete Foundation Pour
House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, Mayor Lee, the TJPA, and Dignitaries celebrate milestone event

San Francisco, Calif. (September 5, 2013) – Today, the Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA) celebrated the first concrete pour of the future Transbay Transit Center’s foundation, a significant project milestone.

Dignitaries including House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, Mayor Edwin M. Lee, Supervisor and TJPA Chair Jane Kim, Labor Leader Mike Theriault and others joined the TJPA’s leadership in a celebration to commemorate the historic first pour.

“Today’s milestone marks the day ‘the Grand Central Station of the West coast,’ begins to take shape,” said Maria Ayerdi-Kaplan, Executive Director of the Transbay Joint Powers Authority.

The ceremony – held at the site of the initial pour -- celebrates the laying of foundation for the future of the Transit Center and ultimately the future of transit-oriented development in the Bay Area. The foundation being poured is a direct result of the \$400 million investment provided through funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which Leader Pelosi was instrumental in securing.

“As we pour concrete into the first permanent part of the new Transbay Transit Center, we are laying the foundation for the future of transit-oriented development in the Bay Area and setting the cornerstone of a new ‘Grand Central Station of the West,’” said House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi. “From the start, the Transbay Transit Center has represented the best product of a strong, thriving public-private partnership – already creating thousands of construction jobs. These jobs – along with the promise of long-term economic growth for our community and a better quality of life for local workers and families – are a direct result of smart investments through the Recovery Act.”

Construction of the Transit Center, which will stretch four city blocks, began in August 2010. This initial concrete pour is the beginning of the permanent foundation for the new facility. The five-foot thick cement foundation will require 60,000 cubic yards of concrete to cover the excavation. The foundation will be poured in 15 segments, each of which will require approximately 4,000 cubic yards of concrete. Since the groundbreaking, nearly one million craft hours have taken place on site and approximately 2,400 construction jobs have been created.

“Today as we celebrate this milestone I cannot help but think of how this visionary project has already begun to transform San Francisco – breathing new life into the South of Market neighborhood, stimulating smart-growth, and encouraging mass transit in the City and the region,” said Mayor Lee.

“As the District Supervisor and TJPA Board Chair, I am proud of the smart development and job creation this project is fostering. We are creating a walkable and bikeable community where residents and workers have convenient access to rapid and safe public transit and a full range of neighborhood amenities,” said District Supervisor and Transbay Joint Powers Authority Chair Jane Kim. “This type of high-density development not only fosters economic growth, but also reduces congestion and greenhouse gas emissions.”

The Transbay Transit Center, known as the “Grand Central Station of the West coast,” is a revolutionary transportation facility that will transform the South of Market neighborhood into the new heart of downtown. The Transit Center will connect eight Bay Area counties and 11 transit systems, including future High Speed Rail. The Transbay Transit Center is scheduled to open in late 2017. To learn more about the project, please visit our website at www.TransbayCenter.org