

Cellular in the Tunnel Project

Project Overview, Status Updates

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Agenda for May 1, 2025

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- Project Status
- Next Steps



Cellular in the Tunnel Project - Overview

Background

- Communication Agreement between BART and SFMTA was approved by the Board of Supervisors and signed by Mayor Ed Lee on November 4, 2016
- Communication Agreement allowed BART (on SFMTA's behalf) to sign contract with a vendor Boldyn Networks (previously Mobilitie)
- Pursuant to this Agreement, SFMTA would allow BART's Vendor to install Network Infrastructure at SFMTA Tunnels that would provide cellular signal from Service Providers (e.g., AT&T, Verizon, T-Mobile, etc.)
- Communication Agreement would allow SFMTA to collect a portion of the revenue annually (based on calculations)
 Objective
- Enable cellular signal availability in SFMTA Underground Tunnels (Central Subway, Muni Metro Tunnels)
- Generate revenue through profit sharing

Benefit

- **Customer Focus**: Availability of cellular signal inside SFMTA Tunnels
- **Revenue Generation:** Revenue sharing with BART (BART is projecting ~\$1 million per year for SFMTA)
- No SFMTA Cost: BART/Boldyn covers all SFMTA resource costs
 - Sept. 2020 to Dec 2024 SFMTA has received <u>\$6.7 million</u> from BART/Boldyn
- **Additional Fiber**: 72 strands of dark fiber in Market Street Tunnel for 100% SFMTA non-commercial use \$0 Cost to SFMTA
- **\$0 maintenance cost**: Boldyn is 100% responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the system for the life of this agreement

High level Implementation Plan

In-Scope

Cellular Capability at the following SFMTA Tunnel Sites:

- **Central Subway**:
- Market Metro (Muni Metro) Tunnels:
- Sunset Tunnel: To be completed in May 2025

Out of Scope

Wi-Fi Services: Wi-Fi capabilities is out of scope for this project at this time





Accomplishments & Next Steps

What has been Completed:

- Verizon & AT&T Signal:
 - Central Subway
 - Muni Metro Tunnels

Next Steps:

- Complete Sunset East & Carl Tunnel End of May 2025
- **Bring T-Mobile On-Air Soon, awaiting T-Mobile to sign the Agreement**
- **C-Band Enhancements Later part of CY-2025**
 - **This effort will increase the speed and range of current signal**
- □ **2025 2039** (20-year agreement starting from 2019):
 - Contract Management
 - Revenue Collection

Questions??

Thank you!

