

SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION ANDREW H. CARD, JR.  
BART GRANT ANNOUNCEMENT  
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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

- Thank you, Will Ussery, President of the BART board of directors, for that introduction and for running a forward-looking transportation system.
- Thanks also to BART General Manager Frank Wilson, and San Mateo Transportation manager Jerrold Buck, partners in the project.
- Congressmen Norman Minetta and Tom Lantos are here today. Both men are very able representatives of your interests.
- Also glad that State Senator Quiton Kopp and State Assembly persons Bill Baker and Jackie Speier are here.
- Brian Clymer, Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration -- which is making this grant -- has briefed me on the wonderful program you have here in San Francisco. Brian will be out in a couple of weeks for the groundbreaking.

- Last December, after President Bush signed the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act -- we call it ISTEA for short -- we started referring to the Department of Transportation as the Jobs Department.
- The President asked us to speed up the flow of money to the states that ISTEA makes available to get projects under way ... begin construction ... create jobs ... and jump start our economy.
  - As of May 5, highways had obligated \$8.4 billion and transit, \$1.7 billion.
- Transportation creates jobs -- private sector, construction related jobs.
  - So does this Colma extension.
- When I saw a sign that said "Extending BART-- Creating Jobs," I knew we were in the right place.
- The reason we're able to accelerate the grant I'm announcing today, is because BART had done its homework.
  - The Colma Station is an outstanding example of sound intermodal transportation planning on a regional basis.



- And I am proud to announce a \$70 million dollar grant of discretionary federal transit money to the Bay Area Rapid Transit District for use in Colma.
  - This grant will provide 75 percent of the cost of construction of a transit rail station in Colma.
- This grant will help BART begin work on a station essential to the expansion of its highly regarded rail service.
  - This project was selected by BART for acceleration because it required minimal final design and no third party real estate right of way.
- Finally, the Colma Station project will support over 3,800 new and existing jobs.
- Congratulations to citizens of the Colma Area. May BART continue to move San Francisco including Colma into the 21st century.
- Thank you very much.

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