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TJPA-JPB Ad Hoc Committee and staff must continue to keep their "eye on the prize" to build out The Portal by approving needed funds and resources.

The DTX project will take many years and billions of dollars to implement. Until DTX is completed, I believe a Connector Shuttle Bus from the 4th/King CalTrain Station to SFTC, SF Ferries and BART/MUNI is greatly needed to provide the connectivity that regional transit agencies have been striving for. See attached map of an efficient shuttle bus loop route that would immediately fulfill this need at minimal costs.

The proposed shuttle bus loop service can serve as a public demonstration how connectivity between regional rail and ferry services is an attractive alternative to the automobile and helps reduce harmful greenhouse gases.

In addition, better connectivity to the Capitol Corridor from San Francisco is needed. I am very disappointed and perplexed that the Connector Bus to and from Emeryville Amtrak Station still does not utilize the 3rd floor bus deck at the multi-billion-dollar Sales Force Transit Center. Rather, it boards along Mission Street, completely unprotected from inclement weather and subject to the often-unsavory conditions on the street.

I hope the Ad Hoc Committee can discuss these two matters in future meetings.

