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Air District takes action to reduce vehicles on Bay Area roads

SAN FRANCISCO - Today the Bay Area Air Quality Management District approved \$3.8 million in funding for Bay Area shuttle and rideshare projects that reduce air pollution from passenger vehicles.

“To improve air quality, we must reduce the number of single occupancy vehicles on Bay Area roads,” said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Air District. “This new funding will help encourage ridesharing and take thousands of cars off our roads each day.”

Projects to receive funding include new pilot shuttles for San Francisco General Hospital and Oakland Waterfront, shuttles for ACE, Caltrain, and San Jose State University, and more than \$1 million for the 511 Rideshare Program.

Every day, Bay Area commuters drive alone on more than 7 million trips. Ridesharing can dramatically reduce the number of single occupancy vehicle trips and improve air quality. The newly funded rideshare and shuttle projects are estimated to reduce:

- 2.7 million trips by single occupancy vehicles
- 100 million miles in vehicle travel
- 100 tons of smog-forming and particulate matter pollution
- 47,000 tons of greenhouse gas emissions

The approved shuttle and rideshare projects will reduce air pollution in parts of the Bay Area that are most impacted by air pollution. These impacted communities include Eastern San Francisco, Western Alameda County, Richmond/San Pablo, San Jose, Redwood City/East Palo Alto and Concord.

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is the regional agency chartered with protecting air quality in the Bay Area. For more information, visit www.baaqmd.gov.

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