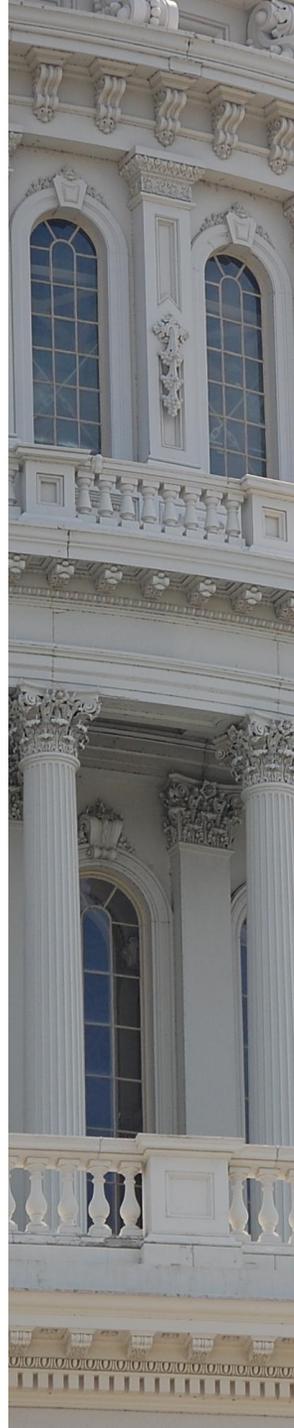
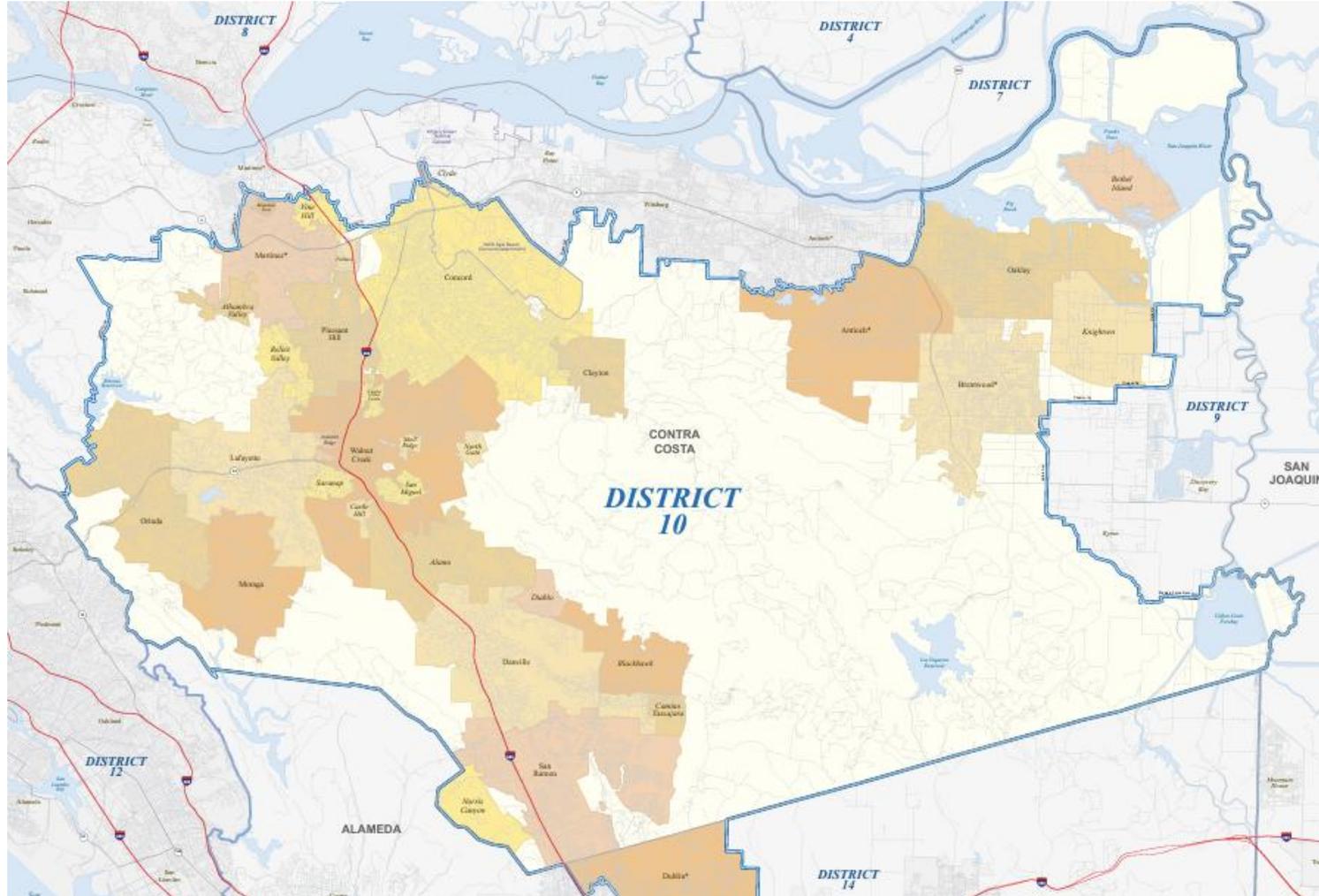


Town Hall: Improving Transportation & Education in the Bay Area

December 6, 2025

California's 10th Congressional District

CA-10 includes
most of Contra
Costa and part
of Alameda
County



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- **Committee on Education and Workforce**
 - **Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions (Ranking Member)**
 - **Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development**
- **Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure**
 - **Subcommittee on Aviation**
 - **Subcommittee on Highways and Transit**
 - **Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials**
 - **Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment**
- **Committee on Ethics (Ranking Member)**



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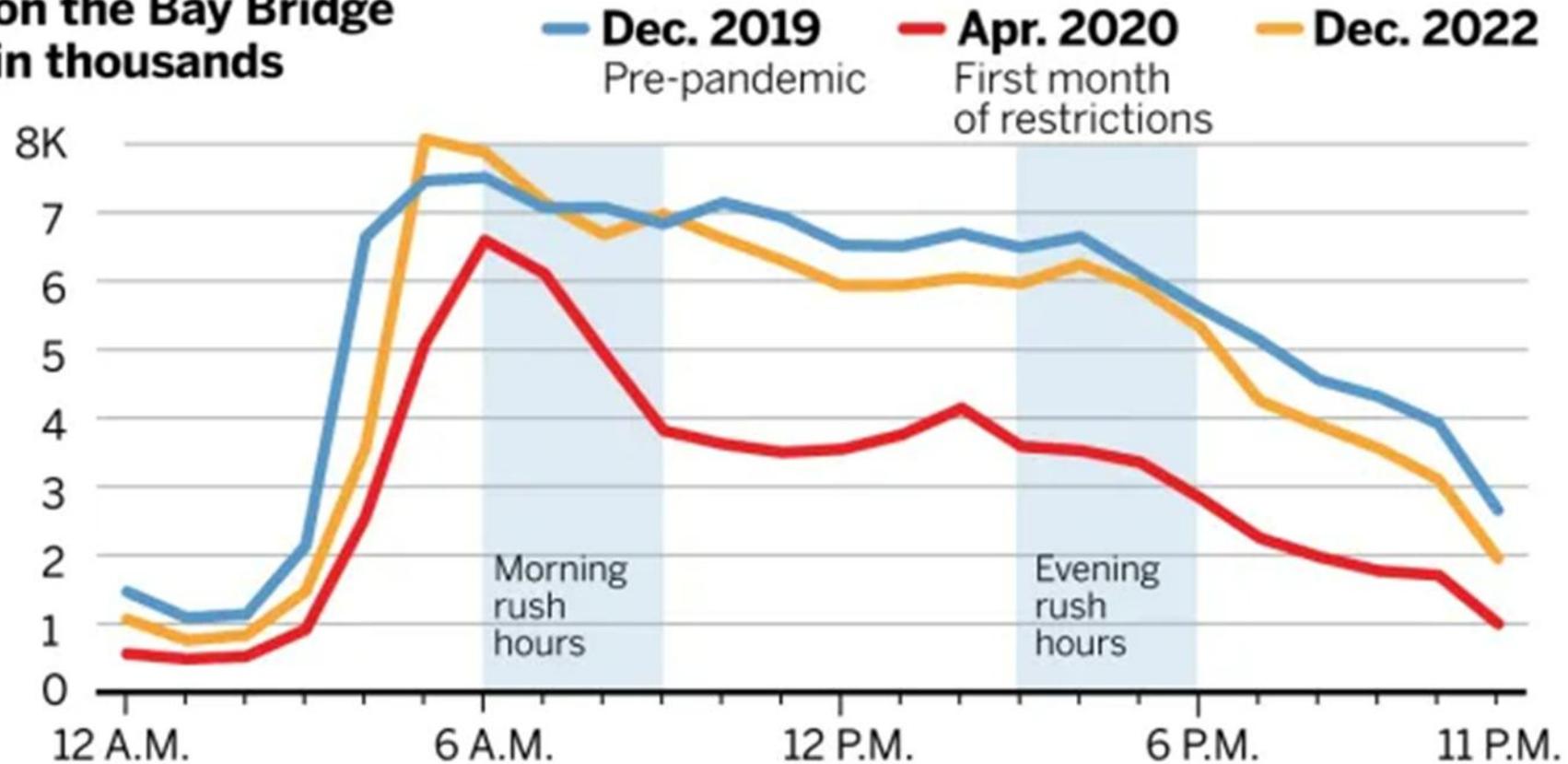
Traffic Congestion in the Bay Area

- The Bay Area has some of the worst traffic congestion in the country, with drivers spending an average of 97 hours in traffic in 2022.
- Pre-pandemic, 6 of the 15 worst megacommuters in the country were in California, with the San Francisco area ranking #2.
- Since 2000, congestion in the Bay Area has grown by 65%, while population has grown by 15% and employment by 12%.
- In 2023, 13% of Bay Area commuters spent at least 1 hour on a one-way commute.
- In the Bay Area, in 2023, 68% of commuters drove to work, 7% relied on public transit, and 18% worked from home.
- 78% of Bay Area residents consider traffic congestion a serious regional issue, with high concerns in Contra Costa and Alameda.
- A recent study found that a 20-minute increase in daily commute time has the same negative impact on job satisfaction as having an almost 20% reduction in income.



Daily Traffic on the Bay Bridge Over Time

Average weekday crossings
on the Bay Bridge
in thousands



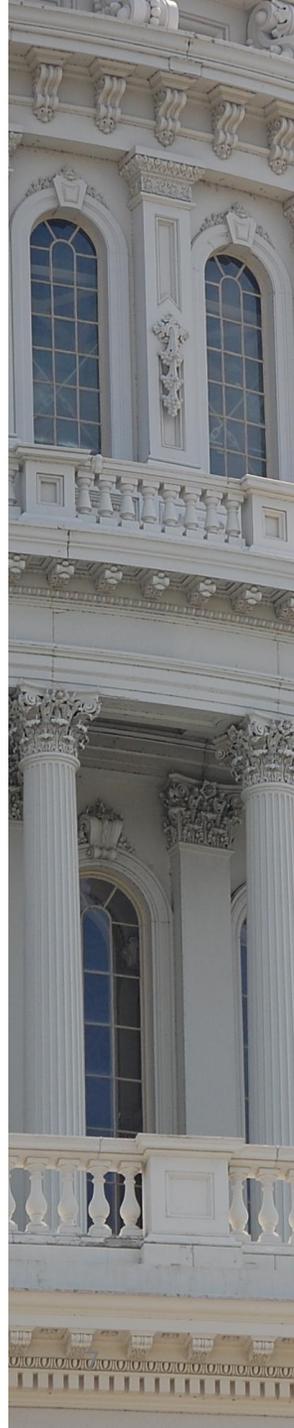
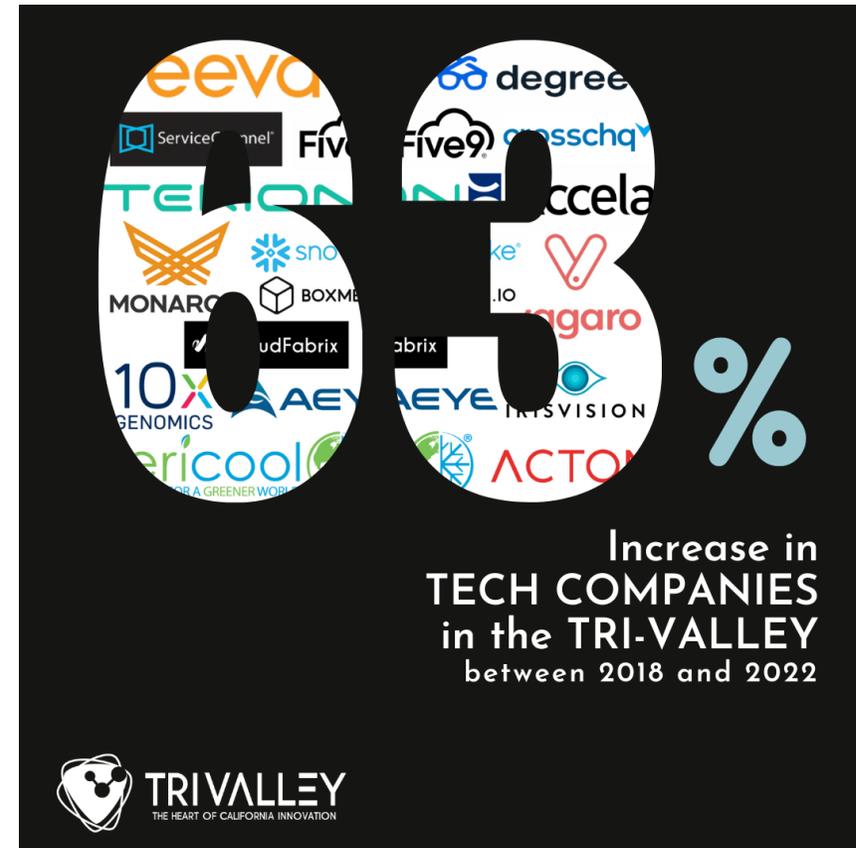
Source: Bay Area Toll Authority data, analysis by the Bay Area Council Economic Institute

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Growth in the East Bay

- The Tri-Valley region is one of the fastest growing regions in the Bay Area. While the Bay Area as a whole has experienced 65% population growth since 1970, the Tri-Valley population has grown by 261% over the same time period.
- Investments made by the 2022 CHIPS and Science Act will continue to drive expansion of the tech sector in the Tri-Valley region, creating additional good paying jobs for residents and further housing demands.



Mark's Work on Local Transportation

- Supported \$166 million in funding for Contra Costa Transportation Authority's Innovate 680 initiative to address the northbound I-680 express lane gap and convert the existing northbound HOV lane into an express lane.
 - This grant is in final review at the U.S. Department of Transportation.
- Led efforts to ensure East Bay residents don't face disproportionate and unfair increases in bridge tolls without full evaluation of the impacts. Ultimately, the proposal to raise tolls by \$1.50 from 2024-2028 was terminated.
- Authored the HOV Lane Exemption Reauthorization Act (H.R. 4948), which would reauthorize California's Clean Air Vehicle (CAV) Decal Program to encourage the use of electric vehicles and cut down on traffic and emissions.



Transportation Wins

- Mark supported House passage of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act, which have provided significant investments in the transportation sector, including:
 - Electric vehicle (EV) tax credits.
 - \$2.5 billion for a new EV charging infrastructure program, initially authored by Mark as the Clean Corridors Act.
 - \$1 billion for zero-emission heavy duty vehicles.
 - \$6.4 billion for carbon reduction program to reduce transportation climate pollution.
- California was expected to receive over \$30 billion for investments in roads, bridges, public transit, ports, and airports; and \$7 billion to advance EVs from these bills. However, the Administration has cancelled some of these funds and is continuing to undermine future investments.



Community Project Funding

- Secured over **\$17 million** for transportation projects in the East Bay to reduce emissions, improve safety, and install and expand smart traffic signals in San Ramon (\$2 million), Walnut Creek (\$3.76 million), Concord (\$1.83 million), Lafayette (\$3.1 million), Orinda (\$4.19 million), Danville (\$1 million), Pittsburg (\$1.2 million).
- Delivered nearly **\$4 million** for education-related programs in the East Bay to expand internet access for learning in schools (\$900,000), promote free access to textbooks (\$1 million), construct a new Head Start facility (\$500,000), create new workforce training programs (\$1.47 million).
- Brought back over **\$2 million** to improve behavioral health crisis response and support Contra Costa's Anyone, Anywhere, Anytime (A3) crisis response efforts.



Supporting Families

- As a senior member of the House Education & Workforce Committee, Congressman DeSaulnier has worked to make life easier for all families, including those with school-age children.
- He was instrumental in creating and ultimately securing **\$20 million in annual funding** for Statewide Family Engagement Centers (SFECs), which help states and school districts increase family involvement in students' education.



Supporting Families (cont.)

- Congressman DeSaulnier authors the Mental Health Matters Act, which would tackle the mental health crisis by increasing access to school-based behavioral health care, bolstering mental health parity protections, and ensuring access to mental health and substance use disorder benefits for workers and families.
- Congressman DeSaulnier also supports legislation to establish universal, comprehensive childcare and paid medical and family leave for all.



Supporting Students and Educational Institutions

- Congressman DeSaulnier has also worked to support students and the institutions that educate them.
 - Authors the Improving Access to Higher Education Act, which would increase college access and supports for students with disabilities.
 - Opposed the Republican budget bill, which could cause millions of students to lose some or all of their Pell Grant award and reduces students' access to federal financial aid.



Supporting Students and Educational Institutions (cont.)

- Congressman DeSaulnier sponsored legislation to enable students to use Pell Grants for high-quality, short term workforce programs.
- Congressman DeSaulnier, along with the rest of the California delegation, helped secure critical K-12 funding that had been held up by the Trump Administration.
- Congressman DeSaulnier also supports legislation to increase federal funding for special education programs, reducing the burden on local school districts.



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