

AECOM selected to lead Program Management for San Francisco's Portal Rail Extension

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AECOM, a global leader in infrastructure consulting, has been awarded a significant contract to serve as program manager for the Portal rail extension project in San Francisco. The project, known as the Downtown Rail Extension (DTX), is part of the Transbay Joint Powers Authority's (TJPA) \$12 billion Transbay Program.

As program manager, AECOM will oversee the project's implementation, including technical assistance, stakeholder engagement, and construction management. The Portal will extend Caltrain service from Fourth and King Streets to the Salesforce Transit Center, providing a vital regional rail connection.

"AECOM has been proud to support the TJPA since the inception of the Transbay Program, and we're thrilled to help deliver the next phase of this transformative investment," said Mark Southwell, chief executive of AECOM's global Transportation business. "Our world class tunneling capabilities and fully integrated service offerings address all aspects of large-scale tunnel projects, making us well positioned to deliver this crucial work that will serve as a lynchpin for the region's long-term transit needs."

The Portal will be constructed using cut-and-cover and mined tunneling methods, with an underground station at Fourth and Townsend Streets. The project will also involve utility relocation, track and systems work, and integration with existing rail systems.

"Our capabilities across all forms of rail projects, from urban transit to high-speed and regional rail, continue to make us a trusted partner for our global clients seeking integrated rail solutions," said Drew Jeter, chief executive of AECOM's Program Management global business line. "We look forward to leveraging these capabilities as we help deliver this multi-modal transit hub, which will support transformative mobility and environmental benefits for the Bay Area and beyond."



The Portal is expected to be completed in [Year] and will serve as a key regional rail connection, accommodating an average ridership of 90,000 daily passengers.