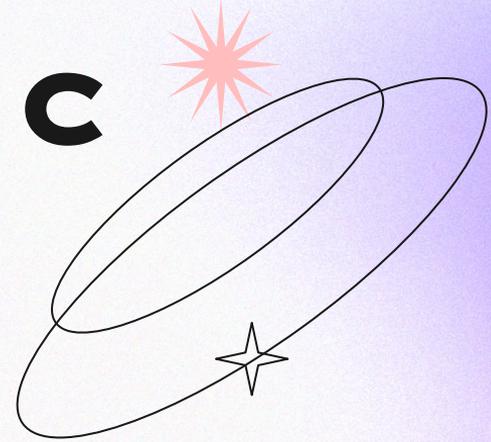
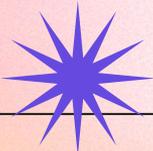


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# Youth Public Transit Initiative



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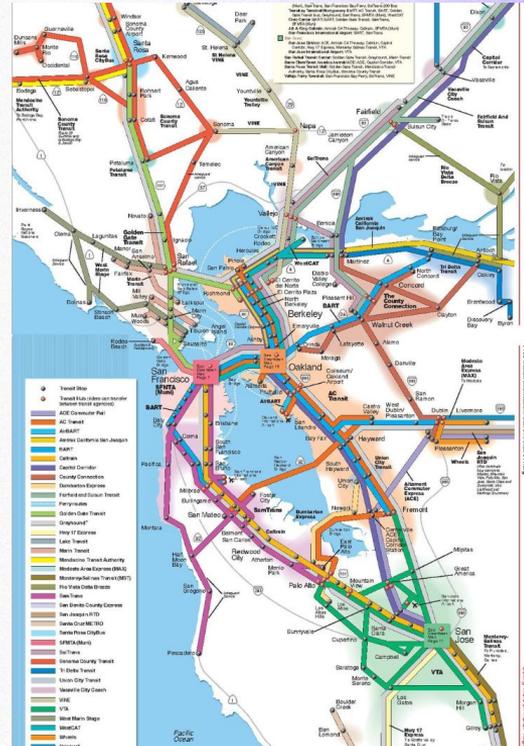
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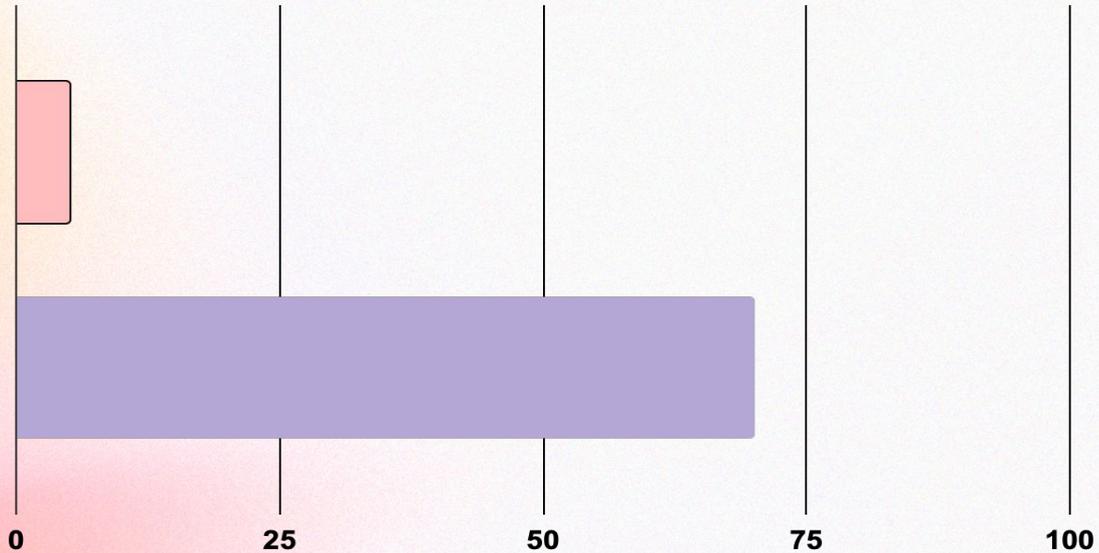
- Public transit in the Bay Area is **inaccessible, difficult to navigate, and unreliable**
- 27 different public transit agencies in the Bay Area
- Ridership drop from 100 M in 2019 to 20 M in 2020 due to the pandemic (Echevarria 2024)



# Bay Area Resident's Trips by Type of Transportation

Public Transit

Cars



Only 5% of people's trips in the Bay Area are on transit, while at least 70% are in cars" (Seamless 2023)



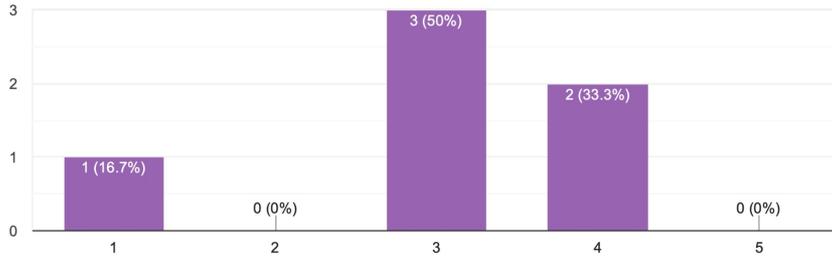
# Our Project

- ★ **Vision:** make young people more comfortable with using local public transit
- ★ **Steps:** outlined our goals, reached out to experts and transit users, decided on our project, organized the trips and surveyed participants
- ★ **Allies:** YCS and the Transbay Coalition
- ★ **Obstacles:** figuring out the feasibility of ideas, finding adult chaperones for trips
- ★ **Prototype:** smaller version of the trip with one bus
- ★ **Wins:** collab with YCS, amazing chaperones and participants



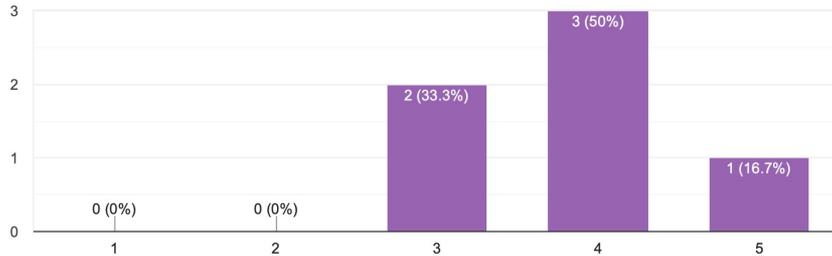
How much did your confidence concerning transit trip planning improve due to your experience in the program?

6 responses



How did your knowledge about the Bay Area public transportation system change due to your experience in the program?

6 responses



# The Results

- ★ **How we measured the impact:** Participants were asked to fill out a google form after each trip
- ★ **Project effects:** Overall positive results. Most said it increased their confidence in trip planning, ~70% increased their knowledge of public transit



**“I think that environmentally sustainable modes of transportation are very important, and feel that we can only hope to get more of them if people learn to be comfortable using them. I can say that I feel far more comfortable and capable using public transport now”**



# Takeaways

## Results

People are actually interested in using public transit if given help in learning about it.

## Next Steps

Advocate for more connection between different agencies; establish a permanent organization to promote public transportation awareness.



# Organizations to get involved with

## **Transbay Coalition**

Advocating for better, more efficient and accessible public transit in the Bay Area



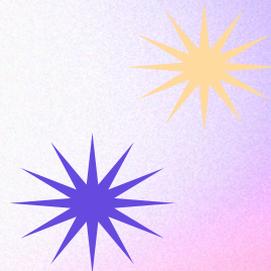
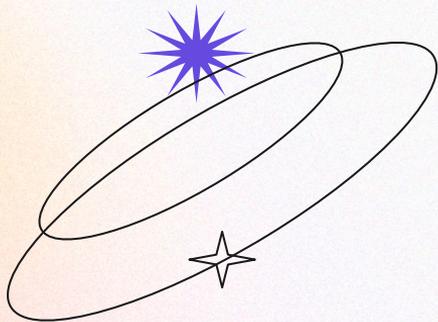
## **Youth Community Service**

Provide a way to get involved with the community and give back in meaningful service



# Thanks!

Do you have any questions?



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