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## **Mayor Federighi Delivers** State of the City Recap



Carol Federighi

Carol Federighi reflected on the past and looked ahead to the future for the City of Lafayette. She has served as mayor twice before, and has been on that in 2012 the City Council will the City Council since 1999, so she adopt the Downtown Specific Plan. confidently gave a brief fact-filled This year will also bring improve-Year award.

summary before the other event of the ment to the streetscapes - Pleasant evening, the Business Person of the Hill Road project is nearing comple-

nances, "Despite a sluggish economy, C. Tyson we finished the year with a \$2000 sur-

Photo Andy Scheck ddressing a full house at the plus." With a balanced budget and a A Lafayette Park Hotel, Mayor substantial monetary safety net in the reserve account, the city has a AAA bond rating.

Looking forward, she predicts tion and the face lift of the sidewalks Federighi discussed the City's fi- along Mt. Diablo is well underway.

## **BART Fleet of the Future** May Take a While

#### By Cathy Tyson

t's only natural to start noticing a approximately \$800 million. L few gray hairs and wrinkles around a milestone birthday. As pected to award a contract in May sefleet. Regular riders know that most - France, Bombardier Transit face lift.

runs 110,000 miles per year; collectively the cars are nearing the end of their useful life. The BART Car Replacement Project will replace BART's existing 669 cars over time and is currently projected to cost ap- ern, sleeker, more contemporary deproximately \$3.2 billion in year-of- sign made with more functional expenditure dollars, according to materials that can be wiped clean. Approximately three-quarters of the those getting in and out – especially overall funding will come from the during peak commute hours. MTC, with BART contributing 25%,

BART's Board of Directors is ex-BART turns 40, it's taking a hard look lecting one of the three finalists; all at the nation's oldest transportation are from outside of the U.S.; Alstom of the cars in the system have seen Canada, and Hyundai Rotem – South better days and can definitely use a Korea. The lucky winner will be expected to manufacture ten test cars for On average a single car currently Phase 1 of the massive project to be delivered in early 2015.

> Phase 2 is slated to follow a similar formula, but voters may be asked to approve a tax to help defray costs.

Riders will see a payoff in mod-Metropolitan Transportation Com- Goodbye nasty carpet and seats. mission (MTC) report in January. Three doors on each car will assist ... continued on page A9



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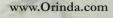
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