



May 24th, 2024

Hello Ms. Fleskes-Lane

To preface, I would like to thank Western District ITE for providing the connections grant to the UC Berkeley ITE Chapter! All in all, the events we were able to host with the funds on April 26th, 2024 were extremely successful, where we made lasting connections with other student organizations as a result of this event. While our plan was to have two total office visits, we, unfortunately, were only able to organize an office visit with SFMTA that day. Instead, we organized a backpacking trip to Point Reyes to happen after the SFMTA tour which we believed to be very successful as well!

The SFMTA tour was very informative and engaging for all students who came. In total, we had 35 students and 10 professionals at the office! These students consisted mainly of UC Davis and UC Berkeley ITE students, with 10 students from UC Davis and 25 from UC Berkeley. Additionally a couple of TRANSOC students came to the tours as well. Unfortunately, even after inviting and reminding TRANSOC many times about the event, we were unable to have as many TRANSOC participants as we wished.

During the office visit, students choose from 2 out of the three tours that SFMTA organized: bike tour, transit management tour, and walking slow streets tour. The bike tour was led by two professionals, who brought students around bike routes in Downtown San Francisco with provided rental bikes! The transit management center tour led students around the center, which displayed all the screens that were used to manage the transit in San Francisco, especially MUNI and Metro of SF. The walking tour highlighted SFMTA's new initiative for slower streets, where students learned more about the pedestrianization of residential streets for more recreation and safer streets. After the two tours that students had, there was a banh mi sandwich lunch, which we could thank the Connections Grant for funding, and an open discussion session with professionals and students to discuss and answer any questions that students had. This SFMTA tour allowed for students to socialize with one another while also learning about transportation infrastructure in such a pedestrian and bike friendly environment.



Following the SFMTA office tour, the Point Reyes backpacking trip began! Students consisted of UC Berkeley ITE and UC Davis ITE students, and there were about a total of 20 students who attended the hiking trip. There was a great amount of time for socializing and bonding with both groups, and everybody had a very enjoyable time camping on the beach and connecting with nature.



Provided below was the breakdown of our schedule for the weekend.

Connections Grant Event Itinerary

SFMTA Office Visit:

- 9:30-12:00 PM:** SFMTA Tours
- 12:00-1:00 PM:** Lunch & Final Presentation
- 1:00-1:30 PM:** BART back to Berkeley

Point Reyes Trip:

Friday

- 2:00-3:30 PM:** Drive to Point Reyes
- 3:30-6:30 PM:** Hike to Campsite
- 6:30-8:00 PM:** Dinner + Sunset
- 8:00-10:00 PM:** Flashlight Activities/Stargazing
- 10:00 PM-6:00 AM:** Sleep

Saturday

- 7:00-10:00 AM:** Hike to beach
- 10:00-12:30 PM:** Relax + hang around, socialize on the beach
- 12:30-2:30 PM:** Hike to second beach
- 2:30-3:30 PM:** Explore/socialize on second beach
- 3:30-5:00 PM:** Hike back to trailhead, say goodbyes to UC Davis
- 5:00-6:00 PM:** Drive back to UC Berkeley

In discussing the funding, we used the bulk of the funds on the SFMTA event for the lunch. Because we also had participation from UC Davis, with 5 out of the 20 students being from UC Davis ITE, in the backpacking trip, we decided that it would be fair to use the leftover Connections Grant Funds for the event as well. Because we wanted to provide food for all individuals on both trips, we decided that transportation was to be a personal expense for attendees. Below is our decision of what we used the funds on as a result.

Event	Cost
SFMTA Tour	Lunch Catering - \$300
Point Reyes Social	Campsite Fee - \$50 Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner camp food - \$150

Again, I would like to thank Western District ITE and the Student Funding Initiatives Committee for providing the funding for these two events. We were given great positive feedback from all attendees and we look forward to continuing our strengthened relationship with UC Davis ITE in the future!

Thank you,
Liana Tran
Cal ITE President

