

2021 Earth Day Greetings

For more than 50 years, the world has set aside April 22nd to reflect upon the relationship between humans and our planet. During the past year, circumstances have kept many of us apart as we continue to navigate through COVID-19. We at TMASF Connects staff and board of directors wish each of you a peaceful, healthy and safe day of reflection. Although we are unable to celebrate Earth Day with you this year, we are hopeful as we see a number of people return to their offices. Californians ages 16+ are [now eligible](#) for the vaccine, and we are beginning to see capacity increases for many indoor and outdoor activities and gatherings.

During the pandemic, travel to San Francisco office centers was [down by 55%](#). A [nationwide study](#) by Upwork, a freelancing platform, compared a number of factors including miles and hours traveled by commuters before and during the pandemic. It found that commuters in Vallejo/Fairfield and San Francisco/Oakland/Hayward saved an average of [70 minutes a day](#). Nationwide, commuters are saving 33 million commuting hours each day, resulting in 890 million fewer miles traveled daily. This study further found that commuting costs were reduced by \$183 million daily. The study concluded that \$164 million is saved each day in environmental costs of pollution and congestion.

We continue to refine our [website](#) and [resources](#) to help members, tenants and employees working from home and planning to return to their offices to be more connected, efficient and prepared. As more offices begin to re-open, we will continue communicating with public transportation service providers to bring information about changing conditions and updated schedules. As with everything distributed to our members, this information will also be available from our [website](#). Our Career program is devising new tools that will better reflect a changed workplace.

We miss our members and look forward to celebrating future Earth Days with you as possible. Please reach out with your thoughts if you have any ideas, questions or concerns. We remain here to help.

April 22nd, 2021

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