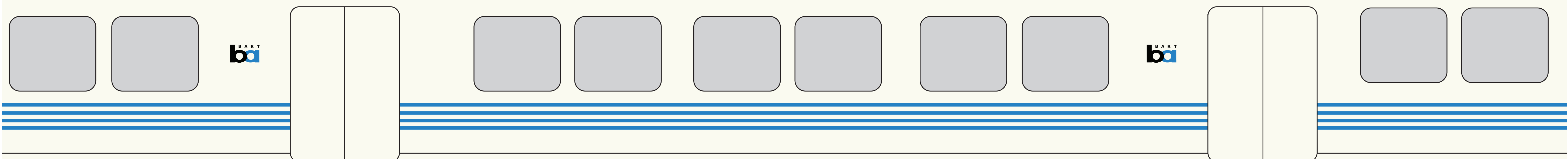


BREAKING DOWN THE BART STRIKE

Fed up with not receiving a raise within the past 4 years, BART Employees went on strike Friday October 18th. They demanded better medical benefits, reduced contribution to pension and job security. After striking for 9 days they were heard. The new contract gives workers a 12 percent total raise start;

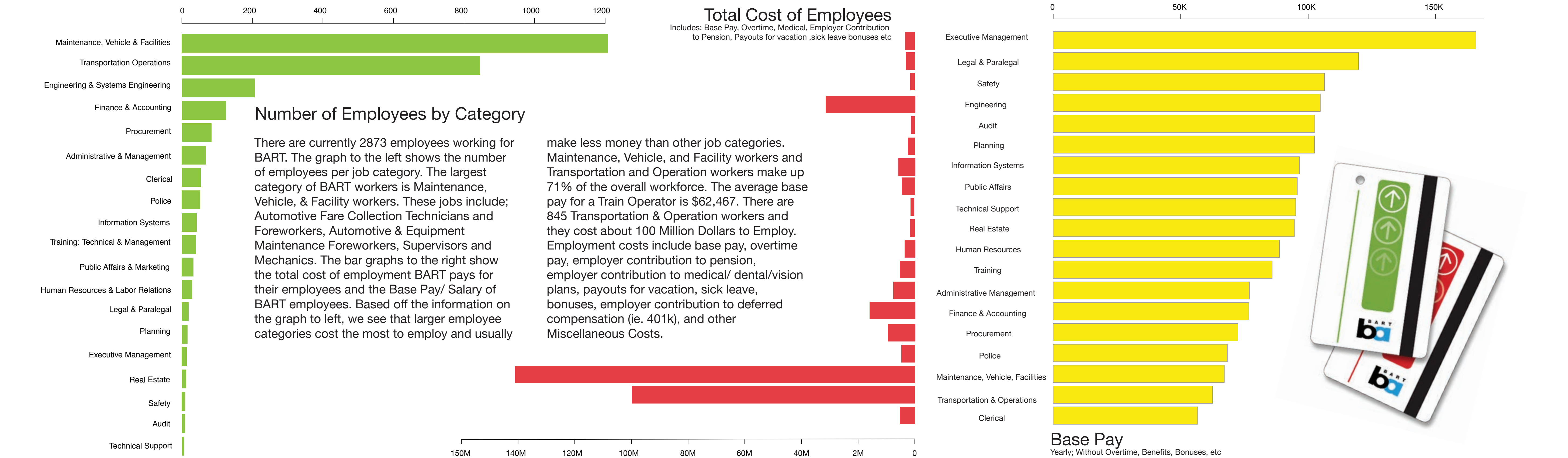
(two raises of 3.7% and a final one of 4%), a 4 percent pension contribution, and an increase in medical premiums by about \$50 a month. The BART strike has drawn a lot of media attention and has left many Bay Area residents asking themselves, 'Are the BART strikes really necessary?'



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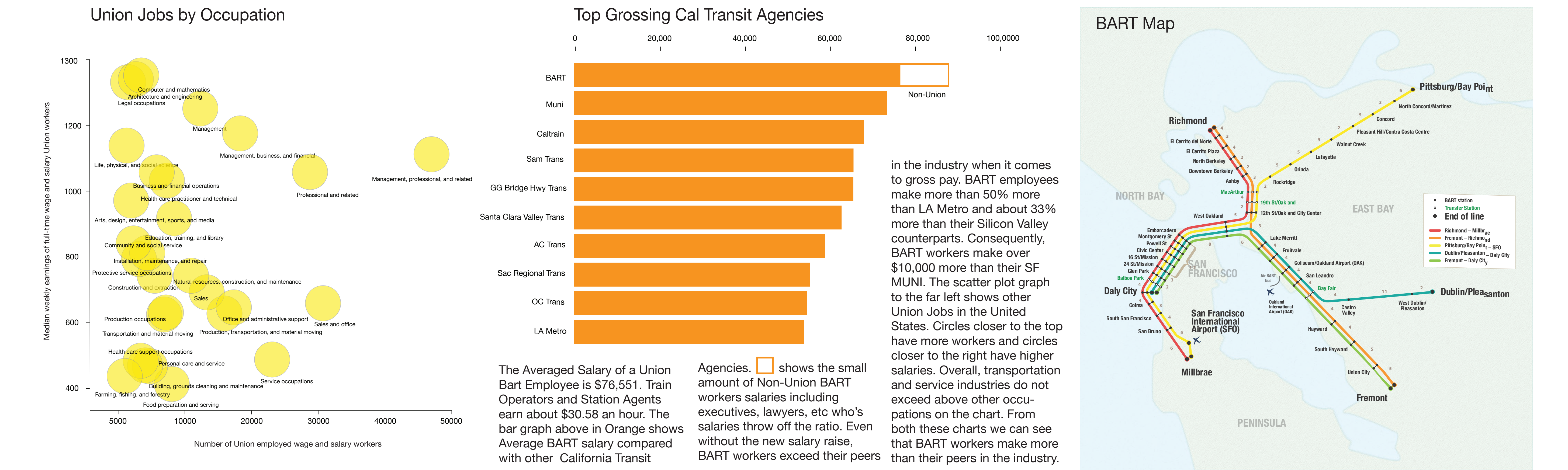
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