



Metropolitan Transportation Commission

Bay Area Metro Center
375 Beale Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

Meeting Agenda

Policy Advisory Council

Randi Kinman, Chair
Ilaf Esuf, Vice Chair

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

1:30 PM

REMOTE (In person option available)

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The Policy Advisory Council advises the Metropolitan Transportation Commission on transportation policies in the San Francisco Bay Area, incorporating diverse perspectives relating to the environment, the economy, and social equity.

1. Call Meeting to Order / Roll Call / Confirm Quorum

Quorum: A quorum of this council shall be a majority of its regular voting members (14).

2. Welcome - Randi Kinman, Council Chair

3. [22-0755](#) Chair's Report
(10 minutes)

Action: Information

Presenter: Randi Kinman, Council Chair

4. [22-0756](#) Approval of the April 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes
(5 minutes)

Action: Approval

Presenter: Randi Kinman, Council Chair

Attachments: [04 2022-04-13 Policy Advisory Council Draft Minutes.pdf](#)

5. Public Comments / Other Business

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6. [22-0847](#) Subcommittee Reports
(10 minutes)

Action: Information

Presenter: Anne Olivia Eldred, Acting Policy Advisory Council Equity & Access
Subcommittee Chair and
Adina Levin, Policy Advisory Council Fare Coordination and Integration
Subcommittee Chair

7. [22-0848](#) Work Plan Session with MTC Chair and Vice Chair Update
(10 minutes)

Action: Information

Presenter: Randi Kinman, Council Chair and Ilaf Esuf, Council Vice Chair

8. [22-0849](#) NextGen Freeway Advisory Group Action Report
(10 minutes)

Action: Information

Presenter: Anne Olivia Eldred, Council Member

9. [22-0850](#) Business Case Study Update
 (10 minutes)

 Action: Information

 Presenter: Adina Levin, Council Member
10. [22-0758](#) Ralph M. Brown Act (Brown Act) Training
 (25 minutes)

 Brief overview of the Brown Act from MTC's General Counsel.

 Action: Information

 Presenter: Kathleen Kane, General Counsel

 Attachments: [10_Brown_Act_Training_Summary_Sheet_and_PowerPoint.pdf](#)
11. [22-0759](#) Major Project Advancement Policy (MAP) Development and Outreach
 (30 minutes)

 Overview of the MAP including overarching framework, process for
 development and stakeholder engagement.

 Action: Information

 Presenter: Kenneth Folan and Anne Spevack

 Attachments: [11i Major Project Advancement Policy Overview Cover Summary Sheet.pdf](#)
 [11ii PAC 4a-22-0830-Major Project Advancement Policy PowerPoint.pdf](#)
12. [22-0760](#) Staff Liaison Report
 (3 minutes)

 Overview of recent MTC policy decisions and other activities.

 Action: Information

 Presenter: Ky-Nam Miller, Staff Liaison

 Attachments: [12 May 2022 Staff Liaison Report Summary Sheet.pdf](#)
13. [22-0761](#) Council Member Reports
 (5 minutes)

 Members of the Council may report on locally relevant issues or events.

 Action: Information

 Presenter: Randi Kinman, Council Chair

14. [22-0762](#) New Business
(5 minutes)

Members of the Council may bring up new business for discussion or addition to a future agenda.

Action: Discussion

Presenter: Randi Kinman, Council Chair

15. Adjournment / Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Policy Advisory Council will be held Wednesday, June 8, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. Any changes to the schedule will be duly noticed to the public.

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Metropolitan Transportation Commission

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Policy Advisory Council

Randi Kinman, Chair
Ilaf Esuf, Vice Chair

Agenda Item 4

Bay Area Metro Center
375 Beale Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

Wednesday, April 13, 2022

1:30 PM

REMOTE (In person option available)

1. Call Meeting to Order / Roll Call / Confirm Quorum

Present: 22 - Council Member Fitzgerald, Council Member Hankerson, Council Member Orantes, Council Member Markham, Council Member Glaser, Council Member Wong, Vice Chair Esuf, Council Member Campos, Council Member Pierce, Council Member Zack, Council Member Nickens, Council Member Deutsch-Gross, Council Member Goodwin, Council Member Scott, Council Member Eldred, Council Member Hedges, Council Member Kallins, Chair Kinman, Council Member Levin, Council Member Gotuaco, Council Member Baldini and Council Member Welte

Excused: 3 - Council Member Lieu, Council Member Florez and Council Member Wilson

Absent: 1 - Council Member Pimple

Effective March 23, 2022 Terry Scott was appointed to the Council to represent Older Adults of Napa County.

Solano Communities of Color representative Ben Edokpayi resigned from the Council effective April 1, 2022.

2. Welcome

3. [22-0594](#) Chair's Report
(10 minutes)

Action: Information

Presenter: Randi Kinman, Council Chair

4. [22-0595](#) Approval of the March 9, 2022 Meeting Minutes
(5 minutes)

Action: Approval

Presenter: Randi Kinman, Council Chair

Attachments: [04_2022-03-09_Policy_Advisory_Council_Draft_Minutes.pdf](#)

Upon the motion by Council Member Eldred and second by Council Member Baldini, the March 9, 2022 Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 22 - Council Member Fitzgerald, Council Member Hankerson, Council Member Orantes, Council Member Markham, Council Member Glaser, Council Member Wong, Vice Chair Esuf, Council Member Campos, Council Member Pierce, Council Member Zack, Council Member Nickens, Council Member Deutsch-Gross, Council Member Goodwin, Council Member Scott, Council Member Eldred, Council Member Hedges, Council Member Kallins, Chair Kinman, Council Member Levin, Council Member Gotuaco, Council Member Baldini and Council Member Welte

Absent: 4 - Council Member Lieu, Council Member Pimple, Council Member Florez and Council Member Wilson

5. Public Comments / Other Business

6. [22-0359](#) Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) Policy
(25 minutes)

MTC's draft TOC Policy.

Action: Information

Presenter: Kara Vuicich

Attachments: [6i_Transit-Oriented_Communities_Policy_Summary_Sheet.pdf](#)
[6ii_PowerPoint_Transit-Oriented_Communities_Policy.pdf](#)

Jonathan Kass, SPUR, spoke on this item.

7. [22-0596](#) Next Generation Bay Area Freeways Study: Exploring Pricing Strategies to Advance Equity, Climate, and Mobility Goals
(45 minutes)

Introduction to the Next Generation Bay Area Freeways Study - a study exploring pricing strategies as a tool to modernize our region's congested freeways and advance equitable outcomes - including an overview of the study's purpose, timeline, milestones, and key components including community and stakeholder engagement.

Action: Information

Presenter: Anup Tapase and Leslie Lara-Enríquez

Attachments: [07i Next Generation Freeways Study Exploring Pricing Strategies to Advance Equity Climate Mobility Goals.pdf](#)
[07ii NextGenFwyStudy AttachmentA presentation.pdf](#)

8. [22-0597](#) MTC Resolution No. 4514: Community-Based Transportation Planning Program Guidelines
(20 minutes)

Share findings of staff's evaluation of the Community-Based Transportation Planning (CBTP) program and present revised CBTP guidelines for adoption (MTC Resolution No. 4514).

Action: Information

Presenter: Raleigh McCoy

Attachments: [08i MTC Res No 4514-Community-Based Transportation Planning Program Guidelines-Cover Summary Sheet.pdf](#)
[08ii PLNG-5a Community-Based Transportation Planning Program Guidelines Adoption..pdf](#)

9. [22-0598](#) Staff Liaison Report
(7 minutes)

Relevant MTC policy decisions and other activities.

Action: Information

Presenter: Ky-Nam, Staff Liaison

Attachments: [09 April 2022 Staff Liaison Report Summary Sheet.pdf](#)

10. [22-0599](#) Council Member Reports
(5 minutes)

Members of the Council may report on locally relevant issues or events.

Action: Information

Presenter: Randi Kinman, Council Chair

11. [22-0600](#) New Business
(5 minutes)

Members of the Council may bring up new business for discussion or addition to a future agenda.

Action: Discussion

Presenter: Randi Kinman, Council Chair

12. Adjournment / Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Policy Advisory Council will be held Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. Any changes to the schedule will be duly noticed to the public.

Metropolitan Transportation Commission Policy Advisory Council

May 11, 2022

Agenda Item 10

Ralph M. Brown Act (Brown Act) Training

Subject:

Brief overview of the Brown Act from MTC's General Counsel.

Background:

The Brown Act, passed in 1953, guarantees the public's right to attend and participate in meetings of local legislative bodies. The Brown Act requires public notice of meetings, with posted agendas and the opportunity for public comment, with narrow exceptions. The purpose of this item is to provide an introduction regarding key principles of the Brown Act, open an avenue for further discussion and advice, **and answer questions from the Council.**

Link:

- ["Open and Public V: A Guide to the Ralph M. Brown Act" – League of California Cities](#)

Issues:

None identified.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Presentation



METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Policy Advisory Council Brown Act Training

May 11, 2022

Kathleen Kane – MTC General Counsel

Kathleen Kane General Counsel



About me:

- Born in: San Francisco
- High school ambition: wanted to be an archaeologist in Greece. Missed that mark by a little!
- Stanford for Undergrad + Law School
- Served as City Attorney for E. Palo Alto & Burlingame; have worked for federal, state and local governments
- Became MTC General Counsel in 2020

Brown Act: Transparency in Government

- The People's business happens in public
 - Agendas give notice of what is, and is not, going to happen
 - Wherever and *whenever* there's a quorum, there's a meeting
 - The public has access to the information that informs decisions
 - Exceptions are narrow and defined by statute

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Thank You

Questions or concerns?
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Metropolitan Transportation Commission Policy Advisory Council

May 11, 2022

Agenda Item 11

Major Project Advancement Policy (MAP) Development and Outreach

Subject:

Overview of the MAP including overarching framework, process for development and stakeholder engagement.

Background:

Policy Advisory Council Agenda Item 11, MAP Development and Outreach, is attached. The report will be presented to the Programming and Allocations Committee meeting as an information item on May 11, 2022.

Staff will be at your May 11 meeting to deliver and discuss this presentation.

The MAP Development and Outreach was previously presented at the following meetings:

- [March 30, 2022 - Bay Area Partnership Board \(Agenda Item 4d\)](#)
- [April 13, 2022 - Programming and Allocations Committee \(Agenda Item 4a\)](#)

Issues:

None identified.

Recommendations:

Information only

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Major Project Advancement Policy (MAP) Development and Outreach from the May 11, 2022, Programming and Allocations Committee meeting

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Programming and Allocations Committee**

May 11, 2022

Agenda Item 4a - 22-0830

Major Project Advancement Policy (MAP) Development and Outreach

Subject:

Overview of the MAP including overarching framework, process for development and stakeholder engagement.

Background:

First adopted in 2001, the Regional Transit Expansion Program, MTC Resolution No. 3434, identified the top priorities for Bay Area transit megaprojects and helped the region deliver the last generation of transit megaprojects. More recently, the Commission and the Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force (BRTTRTF) have noted the importance of regional leadership and coordination to support development and delivery of large and regionally-significant transportation projects across all modes. Following the recent adoption of Plan Bay Area 2050, there is a need and an opportunity for regional coordination to meet the funding and project delivery challenges of the current and future set of major transportation projects in the region. To further this regional coordination, MTC is developing the Major Project Advancement Policy (MAP). PAC received a brief update on the MAP process in April and requested that staff return in the coming months to provide additional information. Today's update includes information on the recently completed Call for Project Information and an overview of the evaluation process.

What is the MAP?

The MAP will be a regional policy to support implementation of Plan Bay Area 2050, aimed at delivering the next round of major transportation projects. For large, regionally significant projects in Plan Bay Area 2050, the MAP will seek to achieve regional coordination on federal, state, and regional discretionary funding requests and develop MTC's role in risk management and ensuring consistency with regional policies.

The MAP will consist of three components:

- **Funding Strategy:** Develop full funding plans for projects in the MAP. Identify appropriate discretionary funding sources and prioritize or sequence funding requests. Endorsements and sequencing strategies may be developed for fund sources such as Federal Transit Agency Capital Investments Grant program (New Starts, Small Starts and

Core Capacity) and programs of the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, state sources such as the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program, Senate Bill 1 programs, general state budget augmentations and other state sources. Other non-local fund sources may also be considered for endorsement and sequencing strategies.

- **Policy Reinforcements:** Monitor project progress and consistency with policy commitments in Plan Bay Area 2050 and other regional policies. The policy areas covered may include benefit/cost ratios, equity, land use, and connected mobility.
- **Risk Management:** Develop a regional risk management approach to evaluate and monitor risks throughout project lifecycles, from early project development and network coordination through construction.

MAP Call for Projects:

In April 2022, staff held a call for projects to collect information on MAP candidate projects meeting the following initial criteria:

- Plan Bay Area 2050 Tier-1 projects with capital costs over \$250 million (year-of-expenditure), or
- Plan Bay Area 2050 Tier 2 projects with capital costs over \$1 billion (year-of-expenditure) for early phases only

Sponsors of projects not meeting these criteria were also allowed to request inclusion in the MAP by submitting the form and providing a justification for inclusion in the MAP.

Over 70 information forms were returned for projects consistent with the criteria or requesting inclusion for other reasons. The requests total \$124 billion in capital costs, with \$6 billion, or about 5% of the total cost, in committed funding.

Staff have begun developing an evaluation of the projects, which is proposed to consist of scoring the projects across several criteria. The criteria are proposed to include funding commitment levels, schedule, and policy metrics consistent with the five focus areas of Plan Bay Area 2050, which aim to make the Bay Area more affordable, connected, diverse, healthy and vibrant. The Plan Bay Area 2050 project tiers will also factor into timing and sequencing aspects of the evaluation.

MAP Timeline and Engagement Strategy:

Staff presented a MAP overview to the Bay Area Partnership Board on March 30th. Feedback was generally positive, and staff will endeavor to incorporate Board member input into the MAP framework. Two specific areas of interest expressed at the Board meeting were the inclusion of an umbrella category in the MAP for zero emission vehicles and infrastructure, and the importance of a robust evaluation criterion and evaluation process for prioritization and sequencing of projects.

Staff will continue with outreach and development of the MAP through spring and early summer and expect to bring a recommendation to the Commission for adoption in July 2022. Additional planned outreach and engagement include the May Policy Advisory Council meeting and future MTC Committee and Commission meetings, ongoing direct engagement with operators, and engagement with federal, state and local funding partners and sponsors. Other outreach and engagement opportunities will be developed in the coming months.

Key Dates for Public/Partner/Stakeholder Engagement and Input (other opportunities may be added):

March 30	Partnership Board*
April/May/June	Outreach to Partnership Board, Transit Agencies, County Transportation Agencies, Federal and State and Local funding partners
April/May/June	Targeted outreach to transit agencies, funding partners, and stakeholders
April 6	Partnership Transit Finance Working Group
April 13	MTC Programming and Allocations Committee*
May 11	MTC Programming and Allocations Committee*
May 11	MTC Policy Advisory Council*
May 25-26	MTC Commission Workshop*
June 8	MTC Programming and Allocations Committee*
July 13	MTC Programming and Allocations Committee*
July 27	MAP Recommendations to MTC for Approval*

*Denotes opportunity for public comment

Issues:

None identified.

Recommendations:

Information

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Presentation Slides



Therese W. McMillan



Major Project Advancement Policy Update

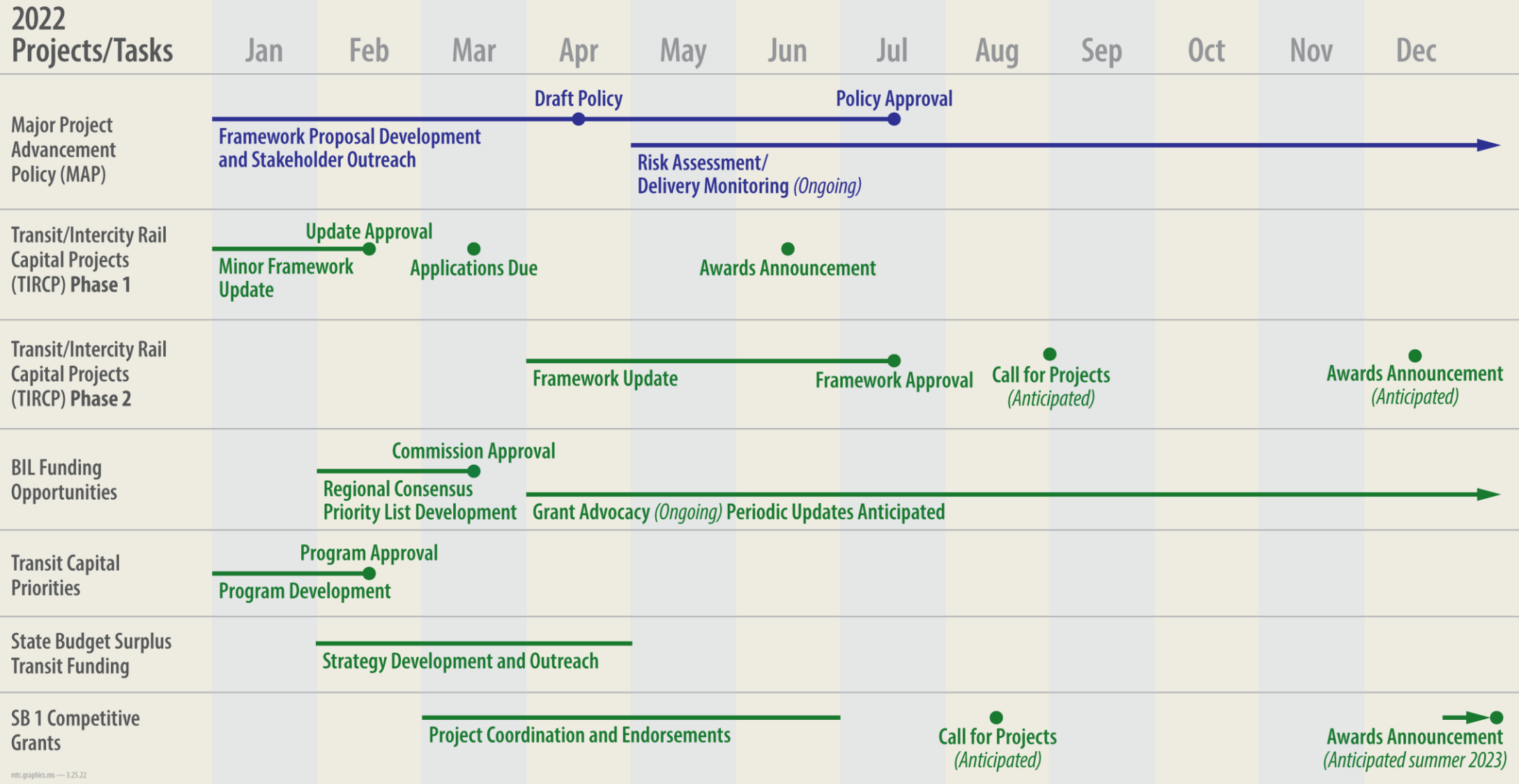
MTC Programming and Allocations Committee
May 11, 2022

Background and Policy Context

- Previous Policy: Resolution 3434 and Res. 3434 strategic plan
- PBA 50 Project Performance Assessment
- Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force and Action Plan
- Upcoming state and federal funding opportunities



Funding Program Timeline



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Major Project Advancement Policy (MAP)

- Purpose: Implement Plan Bay Area 2050 Projects
 - Will help to sequence transportation projects in PBA2050
 - Will align projects for federal, state, regional discretionary dollars
 - Endorsements and sequencing strategies may be developed for fund sources such as Federal Transit Agency Capital Investments Grant program (New Starts, Small Starts and Core Capacity) and programs of the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, state sources such as the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program, Senate Bill 1 programs, general state budget augmentations and other state sources. Other non-local fund sources may also be considered for endorsement and sequencing strategies.
 - Will further develop agency role in project monitoring and risk management



Which Projects Should be in the MAP?

- Larger projects with significant regional discretionary investment need that will benefit most from a detailed funding and prioritization strategy
- Projects that fall into programmatic categories where a regional coordinated strategy can improve competitiveness for state and federal funding
 - Example: Bus Rapid Transit/Key Transit Corridors
- Projects that will align with regional policy priorities
- Projects with significant associated risk that will benefit from a regional risk management overlay

Projects do not need to be in the MAP to be funded

MAP Components

Funding Strategy

Full funding plans for
MAP projects

Identify and prioritize
discretionary funding requests

Policy Reinforcements

Benefit/cost

Equity

Land use

Connected mobility

Risk Management

Evaluate and monitor risks from
early project development
through construction including
risks related to network
coordination

Submitted Projects and Proposed Evaluation

- Staff collected information on MAP candidate projects in April
 - Over 70 requests for inclusion in the MAP received
 - \$124 billion total capital cost (committed funding represents a small percentage of the \$124 billion)
- Over \$50 Billion: Initial Estimate of 5-Year Funding Need (*estimated funding gap for activities planned between 2022 and 2027*)
 - *Includes all phases (Environmental, Design, Right of Way, Construction)*
 - *Potential Fund Sources listed by sponsors include Federal BIL, State Budget Derived Funding, Senate Bill 1, and other*

Submitted Projects and Proposed Evaluation

- Development of proposed evaluation criteria underway
 - Funding commitment levels
 - Schedule
 - Alignment with five Plan Bay Area 2050 focus areas for making the Bay Area more affordable, connected, diverse, healthy and vibrant.
 - Potential other criteria tailored to programmatic categories

Timeline and Engagement Strategy

- **Today:** May Programming and Allocations Committee meeting (to seek input from public and commissioner direction)
- Ongoing engagement with operators and County Transportation Authorities
- Engagement with federal, state and local funding partners and sponsors. Additional engagement and outreach to be developed.
- Recommended MAP expected to be presented in **July 2022**



**Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Policy Advisory Council**

May 11, 2022

Agenda Item 12

Staff Liaison Report

Subject:

Overview of recent MTC policy decisions and other activities.

Issues:

None identified

Recommendations:

Information

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Attachment A: Staff Liaison Report – May 2022

Staff Liaison Report – May 2022

Legislative Updates:

- The Governor has proposed allocating \$750 million to transit operators statewide to offset their cost to provide at least three months of free transit. We are working with the region's transit operators and other stakeholders to evaluate the proposal and consider alternatives that would provide discount fares over a longer period to maximize the ridership benefits, while also providing at least three months of free transit for low-income riders.
- Staff are preparing for the first **Washington, D.C. legislative advocacy trip** since 2019. MTC and ABAG leadership, along with agency executive and legislative staff, are scheduling meetings with members of the Bay Area's Congressional delegation and key Biden Administration officials. A key topic will be promotion of the Regional Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Grant Strategy that the Commission adopted in March.

Executive Director's Report

The following items are excerpts from the April 2022 Executive Director's Report to the Commission. To read this and past reports in their entirety check the agenda from a given Commission meeting (search for past meetings on [Legistar](#)).

Key Updates from Executive Director McMillan:

- This May, Bike Month and **"Bike to Wherever Days"** will again roll across the Bay Area and include the return of Bike to Work Day on May 20th. MTC will be hosting an energizer station on May 20th at the Bay Area Metro Center. Details about Bike to Wherever Days can also be found online at [Bayareabiketowork.com](https://bayareabiketowork.com). Follow on Facebook at [@biketoworkday](#), Twitter [@BikeToWorkSFBay](#), and Instagram [@biketoworkday_bayarea](#).
- Mega Projects Workshop (May 25-26, 2021) The agency is planning a 2-day workshop in May to coincide with the regularly scheduled Commission meeting. This will serve to update the Commission on the status of mega projects in progress in the region and plans to update the region's current transit mega project delivery funding strategy, known as

Resolution 3434, with a proposed multi-modal Major Project Advancement Policy (MAP).

- The Bay Area Metro Center (BAMC) was selected as the Pacific Southwest Regional Winner in the historical category for the Buildings, Owners, and Managers [BOMA] "Outstanding Building of the Year" [TOBY] Award. The Outstanding Building of the Year (TOBY®) Award is a prestigious and comprehensive program recognizing quality in commercial buildings and rewarding excellence in building management. The building will now proceed to the BOMA International level which will be announced in June.
- **Clipper Update:** The region's trusty old TransLink cards are being phased out as the new Next Generation Clipper card readers cannot read them. MTC did a mailing to active card users to let them know, and we are now posting on social media. TransLink cardholders can call Clipper Customer Service to get a free new Clipper card and a throwback "TransLink" card sleeve. (See the accompanied graphic image of an anthropomorphic green TransLink card walking off with packed bags along with the text "Parting is such sweet sorrow.")



Other News Updates:

- **May is National Bike Month:** May is National Bike Month – also known as Bike to Wherever Days – and there's no better time to hit the road on two wheels. Celebrations kick off this week on Wednesday, May 4, with [National Bike & Roll to School Day](#) events across the Bay Area. Check with your school to find out about group rides and other activities. (There may even be goodie bags for students who ride!)

MTC funds [Safe Routes to School programs](#), which feature safe walking and biking education for children and families. MTC also works with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District on [Spare the Air Youth](#), which encourages Bay Area students and their families to walk, ride, carpool or take transit to school.

And for the grownups, [Bike to Work Day](#) is Friday, May 20. When COVID-19 hit the Bay Area and many people were working from home, Bike to Work Day pivoted to Bike to Wherever Days. Visit the [Bike to Wherever Days website](#) for Energizer Station maps (for freebies and snacks) and other resources to help you bike to work.

- **[2022 Bike Champion of the Year Winners Announced](#): Bay Area Bike to Wherever Days (BTWD) organizers have named the winners of the 2022 Bike Champion of the Year (BCOY) awards.** Given to individuals for inspiring bicycling in their Bay Area communities, this award recognizes individuals in the nine San Francisco Bay Area counties for their commitment to bicycling as the primary mode of transport. The 2022 winners include Marin County's Marty Albion, who at the age of 85 still mountain and road bikes, keeping up with riders 20 years younger than him. Even an accident last year could not keep this inspiring rider from getting back on his bike. Alameda County's winner is Kellie Scott who is the founder and president of Major Taylor East Bay, a cycling club aimed at growing the community of competitive cyclists of color in the East Bay Area. [Here is the complete list](#) of 2022 Bike Champion of the Year award winners.
- **[MTC Loan Program Expands Funding Options For Purchase and Preservation of Affordable Housing](#):** The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) today announced new underwriting guidelines for its four-year-old Bay Area Preservation Pilot loan fund, which is designed to help nonprofit housing developers and community land trusts finance the acquisition and preservation of existing multifamily properties that are affordable for lower- and moderate-income renters and located in areas with high-frequency transit service. Revisions to the \$49 million revolving loan fund include a lower leveraging-ratio requirement and the allocation of up to \$6 million for designation as forgivable long-term debt.

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- [Glossary of Transportation Planning Acronyms & Terms](#)
- [Plan Bay Area Glossary](#)