

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Programming and Allocations Committee**

April 13, 2022

Agenda Item 4a - 22-0541

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 (BRTRTF) 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).

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:

MTC staff are beginning an engagement process to support and inform development of the MAP. The first step is to identify the list of projects to be included in the MAP. MTC has issued a request for information on updated scope, schedule, and budget and regional policy areas from sponsors of projects that are candidates for inclusion in the MAP. Candidate projects are large-dollar and regionally significant projects for which regional coordination is essential. The preliminary criteria for candidate projects are:

- 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

The information request is attached to this item, including a list of candidate projects based on these criteria. MTC has requested all sponsors of projects in the list fill out the form. For projects not in the list, sponsors may request inclusion in the MAP by submitting the form and providing a justification for inclusion in the MAP. Not every project needs to be in the MAP to be eligible for funding.

Responses are due to MTC Friday, April 15, 2022.

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 April Programming and Allocations committee 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, 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 Policy Advisory Council*
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



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