
Transformation Action Plan: General Updates

Subject:

Staff will present updates on the overall Transit Transformation Action Plan.

Background:

The Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force's 27-point Transit Transformation Action Plan sets a course for accelerating the Bay Area's transit network transformation while integrating with recovery actions that are on-going in the wake of the pandemic. Staff and our transit partners are proceeding with implementation, with a focus on the accelerated actions. Key updates to support and advance the implementation work of the Action Plan have been summarized in the following four categories.

1) Funding Commitments and Approvals

A series of actions are needed to secure funding for project and staffing needs.

- A proposed programming action is scheduled for the June Programming and Allocations Committee to formalize the amounts for the previously identified Blue Ribbon funding (\$85 million from MTC's adopted American Rescue Plan Program).
- Securing funding, budget, and approvals for project staffing and services is complex and has taken more time than anticipated. Staff is prioritizing activities based on resources available.

2) Project Implementation Milestones/ Actions

In addition to the advancement of work on the three accelerated initiatives, progress continues towards the other Action Plan projects:

- Network Management: Work is underway on this yearlong effort. Two meetings of the Network Management Business Case Advisory Group (AG) have been held, with additional meetings scheduled through the end of 2022. To provide ample time for feedback and opportunities for discussion, the Business Case schedule is proposed to be extended by three months through the end of 2022. In addition to the AG meetings, Ad Hoc working groups will be held to further inform the Business Case. In April, a Network Management Functional Areas - Ad Hoc Working Group was held.

- **Rail Partnership and Governance Assessment:** The study kicked off in late 2021. The project team is working on an Accelerated Alternatives Analysis Report (AAA-R) to be delivered in May 2022. In Summer 2022, the team will develop a range of delivery and governance models and provide guidance on next steps for further exploration in future detailed studies/analyses.
- **Access and Mobility Programs:** Staff is scoping out and developing a proposal for implementing the collection of access and mobility projects. Staff anticipates bringing a program work plan to the Committee in the next quarter.

3) Policy and Legislative Actions

Commissioners have expressed interest in pursuing policy updates, such as MTC's Resolution 3866, and legislative efforts to support the successful implementation of the Action Plan.

- **MTC Resolution 3866:** Staff is committed to engaging transit agencies and other partners in developing pertinent updates to Resolution 3866 to support the Action Plan implementation. Staff anticipates beginning initial discussions in the next several months.
- **Senate Bill (SB) 917 (Becker), Seamless Transit Transformation Act:** SB 917 (Becker) would help advance various elements of the Bay Area Transformation Action Plan (Action Plan) including regional fare integration and the mapping and wayfinding project. In March, the Commission took a "support if amended" position on the bill with the intent of amendments being to bring it into greater alignment with the Action Plan's accelerated actions. Specific changes requested include adding language related to bus transit priority to the scope of the connected network plan, modifying the integrated fare provisions to make the common regional fare and individual pass policies contingent upon available funding, and postponing the dates for the mapping and wayfinding project by one year. The bill will be amended prior to its first hearing on April 26.
- **State Budget:** Staff continues to track and assess the impacts of the Governor's gas tax relief plan, and in particular impacts to the Fare Integration project.

4) Collaboration/ Partnership/ Outreach

Continued collaboration and partnerships are central to success of the Action Plan and are being woven into each project plan.

Next Steps:

Progress towards implementation of the Action Plan continues.

Issues:

None identified.

Recommendation:

Information

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Upcoming Activities



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