



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Metropolitan Transportation Commission
October 26, 2022

New Appointments

Natalie Perkins– Natalie started with MTC on October 3rd as the Director of Treasury in the Treasury and Revenue section.

Yeymi Rivas Reyes– Yeymi started with MTC on October 3rd as a BayREN Communications and Marketing Coordinator in the Energy Programs section.

Libby Nachman– Libby started with MTC on October 17th as an Associate Planner/Analyst-Complete Streets and Corridors in the Design and Project Delivery section.

Jennifer Largaespada– Jennifer started with MTC on October 17th as a Principal, Clipper Program Coordinator in the Electronic Payments section.

Mary Mattingly– Mary will start with MTC on October 31st as the LPA Section Administrator in the Legislation and Public Affairs section.

Lufeng Lin– Lufeng will start with MTC on October 31st as an Assistant Planner/Analyst, Travel Modeling in the Regional Planning Program section.

Laura Eastridge Murphy– Laura will start with MTC on October 31st as the Section Administrator, Finance in the Finance section.

Key Updates

Clipper Card Update

Global supply chain issues are impacting the plastic **Clipper card inventory** and we are facing an acute shortage in the coming months. To encourage travelers to put new cards on their mobile phones (through Apple Pay or Google Pay), Clipper is waiving the \$3 new card fee for customers who choose a mobile option. We are hoping to receive a shipment of plastic cards from Asia coming mid-November.

Bay Area Housing Finance Authority (BAHFA) Update

BAHFA's Doorway pilot got a boost this month when Google donated several Google engineers and product designers through a fellowship program to help us build the Doorway platform (which connects residents with affordable housing opportunities throughout the Bay Area.)

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Housing Technical Assistance Update

In the **Regional Housing Technical Assistance Program**, MTC-ABAG are tracking submissions of Bay Area draft Housing Elements, as well as corresponding HCD comments. At the start of October, over half of the 109 jurisdictions in the region have submitted drafts of their Housing Elements to HCD. Staff is tracking this information and will bring updates back to the Commission as needed.

Interchange Project (Solano County)

On October 20, 2022, the much anticipated **I-80/I-680/SR-12 interchange project** in Solano County opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony in Cordelia attended by MTC commissioners Alfredo Pedroza, Jim Spring and Dina El-Tawansy. Funding for multi-year, multi-phase project includes \$53 million in Senate Bill 1 funding. A variety of other funding was utilized, including the BATA bridge toll funds.

Items to Note

BAHFA Open House

The Bay Area Housing Finance Authority (**BAHFA**) **will be hosting a reception on November 10th** to celebrate its launch and honor David Chiu, our former Assemblymember who sponsored BAHFA's enabling legislation. We'll also be honoring the leadership of the Bay Area Housing for All coalition, which has been so instrumental in supporting BAHFA.

Rail~Volution Conference

The annual **Rail~Volution conference**, which several MTC staff are attending, is coming up at the end of this month in Miami. Staff will be attending to learn more about challenges around building great places to live around high-quality transit, new mobility options and supportive development.

Access(ibility), Culture, Racial Equity (ACRE) Office Update

Director McMillan created the **Access(ibility), Culture, Racial, Equity (ACRE) Office**, housed within the Executive Office this past July. The unit's focus is at an agency-wide systems level meant to support and align equity outcome work, and not take the place of on-going staff activities. The ACRE Office is launching an Equity Assessment and Roadmap (EA+R) to review the current application of the Equity Platform as applied to MTC's numerous and varied projects; develop a roadmap to inform an agency-wide equity plan; and chart the direction of the ACRE team's future work. A summary of our Phase I activities will be presented in January 2023.

Staff Awards/Acknowledgements

Clipper BayPass

In early October, Bill Bacon of MTC's Funding Policy & Program section and Mike Eismann of BART were awarded a "2022 Bay Area Rider First Award" for their work on Fare Integration, specifically the Clipper BayPass pilot program. Awardees were selected by San Francisco Transit Riders, Seamless Bay Area, and the Transport Workers Union Local 250A. As you know, this work is a centerpiece of the Transit Transformative Action plan, and team "Bill and Mike" reflects the partnerships needed to deliver that plan.

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Bay Area Metro Center

I would like to announce that the Bay Area Metro Center has once again been designated as a BOMA 360 Performance Building for 2022. This means our building is still among an elite group of properties that have demonstrated that the building is being managed to the highest standards of excellence. The renewal of this accreditation was modified to reflect our COVID-19 pandemic response.

Last week, Ebony Horace and Ryan Snider of Cushman & Wakefield were also announced as the BOMA San Francisco members of the year which are members who exemplify service, dedication, leadership and a commitment to BOMA, our community and the commercial real estate industry. In addition, we have received the 2022 Energy Star Certification with a score card of **86** which signifies that we are 86% more efficient than other buildings similar to this one nationwide.

18th Filipina Leadership Global Summit

It is my honor to announce (especially as October is Pilipino American History Month) that Judis Santos, formerly of the Funding Programs and Policy Section and now with the ACRE Office as an Equity Officer has been recognized as one of the most influential Filipina Women in the world by **The Foundation for Filipina Women's Network**. The Most Influential Filipina Woman in the World award (popularly known as Global FWN100™) was launched in the United States in 2006 and expanded its search globally in 2013. Global FWN100™ awardees include members in every sector in society. The Global FWN100™ Award is a “working award” with a meaningful purpose: *A Filipina woman leader in every sector of the global economy*. The awardees “pay it forward” by mentoring next-generation leaders and women re-entering the global workplace and sponsoring their attendance at the Filipina Summit. This year the award ceremony will be held October 30, 2022 – November 2, 2022, in Lisbon, Portugal.

To close...

And, lastly and sadly, **Ezra Rapport**, who served as ABAG Executive Director from 2010 to 2016, died in early October at age 69 after a long battle with cancer. Ezra was responsible for many accomplishments during his years at ABAG, including development of a solid regional planning framework for the original Plan Bay Area, which was adopted in 2013 as well as his oversight of the myriad ABAG units working on energy efficiency, clean water supply, climate adaptation and disaster resilience, risk management, local finance, trail management, open space and economic development.



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