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SF Metropolitan Transportation Commission,

I was disheartened to review the Draft Preliminary Findings regarding Network Management for the upcoming November 14th meeting. I found the proposed Short/Near term RNM structure to be a very conservative step, inadequate to address the growth needs of the Bay Area. Even the long-term planning slide did not directly mention what should be our end policy goal - a centralized single network manager for the entire Bay Area. The current representative board may be able to make some small improvements but, as MTC has itself identified, the outcomes are likely to be constrained by its limited authority. In an era when SB 917 was a serious contender in the state legislature and many bay area politicians support a more seamless transit experience, MTC has to do more to start planning for that future. We need a plan for how to deliver a world-class transit experience in our world-class region, such as the solutions offered by centralized network managers in the UK, Netherlands, and Switzerland.

Please provide more analysis and discussion regarding how to move towards a single centralized network management body in future publications. Thank you for your consideration.

-Aaron Baucom