



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Metropolitan Transportation Commission
July 27, 2022

New Assignments

Somaya Abdelgany – Somaya transitioned from her current position as an Associate Planner/Analyst to Preservation Program Coordinator in the Bay Area Housing Finance Authority section on July 11, 2022.

New Appointments

Ruben Anguiano– Ruben started with MTC on July 11th as a Housing Analyst in the Bay Area Housing Finance Authority section.

Alex Eisenhart– Alex started with MTC on July 11th as a Public Information Officer, Public Engagement in the Legislation and Public Affairs section.

Irene Farnsworth– Irene started with MTC on July 25th as a BAHFA Anti Displacement Program Coordinator in the Bay Area Housing Finance Authority section.

Key Updates

COVID-Related Activities

A reminder that all Covid-19 related reporting items can be found on our MTC webpage. We provide monthly updates on all related activities, and statistics that are affecting the region. The website address is below:

<https://www.mtc.ca.gov/covid>

TIRCP update

On July 7, the California State Transportation Agency, via the **Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP)**, awarded more than \$295 million to Bay Area-related projects to expand transit and intercity rail service, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Statewide, [nearly \\$800 million was awarded to 23 projects](#).

SR 37 Update

On July 7, MTC staff attended a **summit meeting on SR 37** with Congressman Hufmann, Congressman Thompson, and Senator Dodd. Caltrans District Director El Tawnsy, county transportation agencies, state and federal resources agencies and Baylands representatives were also there. The discussion focused on clarifying key concerns about the interim project. MTC was represented by Commissioner Rabbitt, along with executive and legislative staff. The discussion focused on the Sears Point to Mare Island Improvement Project (commonly known as the Interim Project).

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State Budget update (FY2022-23)

The **2022-23 state budget agreement** includes billions of new dollars to improve California's transportation network. Among the biggest commitments is a \$10.8 billion transportation package that includes funds for public transit, port facilities, bicycle and pedestrian projects, rail and roadway grade separations, and transportation-related climate adaptation — on top of a separate \$4.2 billion allocation to advance the ongoing California High-Speed Rail project.

Transportation Improvement Plan update (2023)

MTC has released **the Draft 2023 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)** for review and comment. This list of more than 300 Bay Area transportation projects reflects approximately \$10.9 billion in committed federal, state and local funding for the four-year period through 2026. Approximately 250 additional projects are included for informational purposes. The review and comment period will close on August 3, 2022, at 5 p.m.

Items to Note

I welcomed the second cohort of the **Bay Area Summer Academy** earlier this month, which has been renamed to honor Secretary Norman Mineta, a son of San Jose. I was joined by Commissioner Amy Worth and Mineta biographer Andrea Warren for a stimulating introductory session where the nearly 70 high school students from all Bay Area counties asked many questions. Student feedback from the initial session has been overwhelmingly positive

Andy Fremier attended the **National Conference for State Legislators Road Uses Charge Summit** in Salt Lake City, talking about equity in road user charging. National Conference of State Legislators is the sponsor, featuring representatives from all 50 states.

Carol Kuester was a keynote speaker at the **Annual Conference on Mobility-as-a-Service in the US** in late June, reporting on the work we are doing in this sphere, including equity-related programs.

Due to the requirements of AB361, MTC, ABAG, and our other Entities will need to meet in August. We will work to time them so we could have one or two meetings to meet the 30 day mandate.



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