

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission  
Policy Advisory Council**

**November 11, 2022**

**Agenda Item 12**

**Staff Liaison Report**

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**Subject:**

Overview of recent MTC policy decisions and other activities.

**Issues:**

None identified.

**Recommendations:**

Information

**Attachments:**

- Attachment A: Attachment A: Staff Liaison Report – November 2022

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**Survey:** A reminder to please take three minutes to fill out the [Council Member Survey](#) gauging your comfort level with the materials, where you could use support and additional context, and general feedback based on your Council experience to date. Thank you!

#### **Legislative Updates:**

##### **Congress Rushes to Finalize Government Funding Bill:**

Lawmakers on September 30, 2022 passed a continuing resolution (CR) stopgap measure to fund the government through December 16, 2022. This extends Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) funding levels through the end of the CR and provides time for lawmakers to continue negotiation their FY23 funding package.

##### **White House Announces Partnerships to Connect Small and Disadvantaged Businesses to Infrastructure Programs:**

The US DOT's Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU), the Small Business Administration (SBA), and the Department of Commerce Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) announced partnerships to help small and disadvantaged businesses access federal infrastructure funding.

#### **Executive Director's Report:**

The following items are excerpts from the October 26, 2022, Executive Director's Report to the Commission. To read this and past reports in their entirety check the agenda from a given Commission meeting (search for past meetings on [MTCs Legistar webpage](#)).

**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. In addition, BART has also swapped out their ticket vending machines at the San Francisco International Airport station (the station with the highest volume of new Clipper cards sold) to dispense only paper tickets to save the limited supply of the plastic tickets during this supply crunch. We are hoping to receive a shipment of plastic cards from Asia in mid-November which should last several months.

**Interchange Project Completed (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 Sperring and Dina El-Tawansy. Funding for the 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.

**Rail~Volution Conference:**

The annual Rail~Volution conference, which several MTC staff are attending, was held at the end of October and first couple of days this month in Miami. Staff and commissioners Jim Sperring and Carol Dutra-Vernaci 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:**

Executive 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.

**Further News Updates:**

The [Bay Link blog](#) offers a more in-depth look at these topics, often in the context of the work that the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and MTC are doing, along with other stories of interest to Bay Area residents and professionals. The Bay Link Blog E-Newsletter, with the top Bay Link features of the week, is distributed every Tuesday. You can find more newsletters to subscribe to at this [link](#).

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- [Glossary of Transportation Planning Acronyms & Terms](#)
- [Plan Bay Area Glossary](#)