

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission and Association of Bay Area Governments
Joint MTC ABAG Legislation Committee**

November 4, 2022

Agenda Item 3a

Draft 2023 MTC and ABAG Joint Advocacy Program

Subject:

Draft 2023 Joint Advocacy Program for MTC and ABAG, expressing the agencies' state and federal legislative priorities.

Discussion:

Attachment A is the first draft of the Joint Advocacy Program for 2023, the first year of the 2023-24 state legislative session. This draft program contains many provisions that were also contained in 2022, with important updates. Notably, we propose pursuing a unified statewide advocacy strategy for new ongoing (multi-year) state funding to address transit operators' fiscal cliffs as well as other improvements needed to attract riders back to transit. This effort will be a top priority and will be complemented by ongoing support for maximizing the Bay Area's share of state and federal transportation capital investments, including advocacy to support state and federal partners in providing transportation funding at levels committed in the state's multi-year transportation and climate packages (enacted through the fiscal year 2022-23 budget) and the federal 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).

Regarding housing, we are newly proposing sponsoring Bay Area Housing Finance Authority (BAHFA) "clean up" legislation to address unintended statutory limitations on BAHFA's ability to effectively finance affordable housing and support affordable housing preservation and tenant protection in the Bay Area. Since standing up the new authority and beginning work on the BAHFA Business Plan, staff have identified several statutory changes needed in advance of a 2024 regional revenue measure to maximize BAHFA's financing potential and ability to provide benefits across the 3Ps of production, preservation and protection.

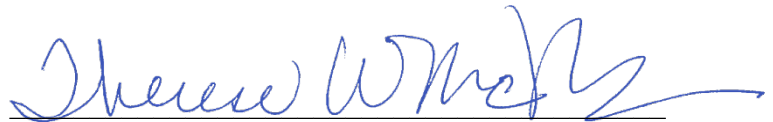
Next Steps:

Staff will seek additional feedback from Bay Area and statewide stakeholders and partner agencies over the next month. We are also sharing this draft with MTC's Policy Advisory Council on November 9, 2022. Based on discussion at your meeting and additional feedback received over the next month, staff will prepare a final 2023 Joint Advocacy Program for your consideration in December, prior to forwarding the document for final approval by the Commission and Executive Board.

We look forward to hearing the Committee's feedback and answering any questions you may have.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: 2023 DRAFT MTC/ABAG Advocacy Program



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