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Howard,

Thank you for your questions.

1. **What are lessons learned from stall of SB917, which was to set deadlines for Bay Area integrated transit?**

While MTC was disappointed that SB 917 stalled, implementation of the Transit Transformation Action Plan does not actually require changes to state law. MTC is continuing to work with the transit operators to implement the key items identified in the bill and will be consulting with operators over the next few months regarding the implementation timelines and whether they are still feasible or require any adjustment.

2. **How do we facilitate the needs of 27 transit agencies and cities/ counties?**

This is a very broad question so this answer just scratches the surface. As the transportation planning, financing and coordinating agency for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area, MTC prepares the long-range plan (Plan Bay Area 2050) for the region which sets the transportation priorities and land use vision for the region for the next 25 years. MTC administers state and federal funds to support public transit and other modes and administers the regional electronic transit fare payment card Clipper and the toll payment system, FasTrak. Most recently, MTC kicked off a Regional Network Management Assessment to look at opportunities to shape the transit system into a more connected, efficient, and user-friendly focused mobility network. We look forward to hearing the Subcommittee's ideas and thoughts on how we can better facilitate these needs.

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Good day, Howard,

Thank you for your comments regarding Agenda Item 4. They will be passed along to the appropriate staff.

Thank you
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Hi Everyone, **ITEM 3 & 4: TRANSIT TRANSFORMATION ACTION PLAN---**
QUESTIONS: What are lessons learned from stall of SB917, which was to set deadlines for Bay Area integrated transit? How do we facilitate the needs of 27 transit agencies and cities/ counties? Still, we should acknowledge the incredible work towards a world-class regional transit system. So, let's enjoy this time in transit history. **BELOW: News stories really help get a quick overview.** Best, Howard Wong, AIA, Member MTC Policy Advisory Council
STREETSBLOG: Op-ed: SB 917 Fails — Yet it Succeeds
<https://sf.streetsblog.org/2022/08/17/op-ed-sb-917-fails-yet-it-succeeds/> While SB 917 won't become law, it has already had positive effects. All of the four initiatives it would have created deadlines for that will make transit more seamless in our region

– fare integration, wayfinding harmonization, real-time information standards, and a connected network plan – originated with the region’s [Transformation Action Plan](#) and continue to be advanced, albeit with delays. SB 917 helped create momentum and political pressure to advance these initiatives quickly, and forced important conversations about how to move them forward in a fragmented context with so many decision-making bodies.

BAY LINK: MTC efforts to improve Bay Area transit continue

<https://blog.bayareametro.gov/posts/mtc-efforts-improve-bay-area-transit-continue> About one year after the Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force(link is external) convened by MTC adopted a 27-goal Transformation Action Plan, some efforts have made substantial progress, while others are moving more slowly. This was the assessment made by [Seamless Bay Area in a report card\(link is external\)](#) they issued on Bay Area efforts to improve and connect transit agencies to make services more convenient and appealing to riders. The [San Francisco Chronicle](#) ran a story(link is external) on the report card noting various aspects of the effort.

SPOTLIGHT: Report raises questions about integrating Bay Area public transit

<https://sanjosespotlight.com/report-raises-questions-about-integrating-bay-area-public-transit/> The report shows progress in terms of funding and research, as well as gains in fare integration programs and projects that streamline information for customers, including signs, maps and directions. However, movement is slow for policies that prioritize public transit, such as giving buses priority on the road over single-occupancy vehicles. The report also reveals cooperation between the agencies is lagging and work toward accessible service is also slow to move forward.

VIDEO: A COVID Surprise: How the Bay Area Turned Crisis into An Opportunity. [Metropolitan Transportation Commission - YouTube](#)

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