

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission and Association of Bay Area Governments
Joint MTC Planning Committee with the ABAG Administrative Committee**

January 13, 2023

Agenda Item 3b

MTC Resolution No. 3000, Revised – Congestion Management Program Policy

Subject:

Approval of MTC’s revised Congestion Management Program (CMP) Policy to inform the Bay Area’s County Transportation Agencies (CTAs) (also known as “Congestion Management Agencies” or “CMAs”) on how MTC intends to make a finding of consistency between each prepared 2023 CMP and Plan Bay Area 2050, the Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy.

Background:

CMPs were established by State law in 1990 to create a cooperative context for transportation planning by cities and their respective CTA. A primary intent of CMPs is to monitor county multi-modal transportation networks and identify improvements to the performance of these multi-modal systems. The CMPs primary performance measure is vehicle delay presented as Level of Service (LOS) A through F.

The CMPs are prepared biennially (odd years). However, CMPs are not required in a county if a majority of local governments representing a majority of the population adopt resolutions electing to be exempt from this requirement (Assembly Bill 2419 (Bowler) Chapter 293, Statutes of 1996). Three Bay Area counties—Marin, Napa, and Sonoma counties—have opted out of the CMP process. MTC has encouraged local consideration of the opt out process, noting that the CMP legislation is outdated and the CMP’s primary measure –“LOS” – has largely been superseded by other statewide priorities to reduce vehicle miles travelled (“VMT”) and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, such as Senate Bill 743 (Steinberg). Instead, MTC has encouraged the Bay Area CTAs to focus limited planning resources on Countywide Transportation Plans (CTPs) as a more flexible, comprehensive, and inclusive planning process to identify and reflect local funding priorities, and to focus on coordination with MTC staff on the Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS).

MTC's Responsibility:

For each prepared CMP, MTC's responsibilities include making a finding of consistency between the CMP and the RTP/SCS (currently Plan Bay Area 2050), evaluating the consistency and compatibility of the CMPs in the Bay Area, and including CMP projects into the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP). For counties that do not prepare a CMP, MTC will work directly with the respective County Transportation Agency to reflect project priorities from an adopted Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and ensure they are consistent with the adopted RTP/SCS for RTIP funding.

Revisions to the CMP Policy:

MTC's Congestion Management Program Policy was revised to provide guidance for the development of the 2023 CMPs consistent with Plan Bay Area 2050, the Bay Area's currently adopted RTP/SCS, and to reflect changes and updates to MTC's Guidance for Model Consistency, Collaboration, and Transparency, and MTC's Transit-Oriented Communities Policy.

Next Steps:

In fall 2023, CTAs will submit their 2023 CMP and their respective project priorities for consideration into the 2025 TIP. MTC will then begin its consistency review before submitting the final 2024 RTIP priorities to the California Transportation Commission by December 15, 2023. See Table 1 for a summary of the 2023 CMP review process.

Issues:

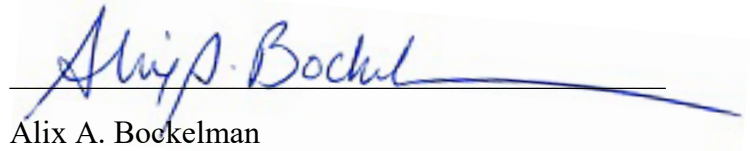
None identified.

Recommendations:

MTC Resolution No. 3000, Revised, delegates to this Committee the responsibility for approving revisions to the CMP Guidance (MTC Resolution No. 3000, Revised). Staff recommends that the Committee approve Attachments A and B of MTC Resolution No. 3000, Revised, to provide guidance for developing the 2023 CMPs consistent with Plan Bay Area 2050, the Bay Area's currently adopted RTP/SCS.

Attachment:

- Attachment A: Table 1. 2023 CMP Review Process and Schedule
- Attachment B: MTC Resolution No. 3000, Revised



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Table 1. 2023 CMP Review Process and Schedule

Date	Activity	Responsible Party
October 2023	CTAs submit 2023 CMP (for counties that prepare CMPs), RTIP projects summary listings and identification of projects requiring project-level performance measure analysis to MTC. Deadline to submit Complete Streets Checklist for new projects.	CTAs
October 2023	Consistency review of submitted 2023 CMPs with Plan Bay Area 2050 (RTP/SCS) and compatibility of prepared CMPs in the Bay Area.	MTC staff
November 2023	Final Project Programming Request (PPR) forms due to MTC. Final RTIP project listing and performance measure analysis due to MTC. Final Project Study Report (or PSR equivalent), Resolution of Local Support, and Certification of Assurances due to MTC (final complete applications due)	CTAs
December 13, 2023	Programming & Allocations Committee (PAC) scheduled a review of RTIP and referral to Commission for approval	MTC's PAC
December 15, 2023	2024 RTIP due to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) (PAC approved project list will be submitted)	MTC staff
December 15, 2023	MTC's scheduled Consistency Findings on 2023 CMPs and scheduled approval of the 2024 RTIP	MTC Commission