

# Policy Advisory Council

## Orientation

January 2022



# Therese W. McMillan – Executive Director

## My Pathway

- Born in Los Angeles
- Into dance & musical theater in school
- 25 years with MTC
- Served 8 years in Obama Admin; rising to head the Federal Transit Administration
- Returned to CA (LA Metro)
- Became MTC Executive Director in 2019



# Nalungo Mwanga-Conley – Chief of Staff

## My Pathway



- Grew up in Oakland
- Attended New York University for Undergrad
- Attended Golden Gate University for Graduate School
- Worked at City of Oakland and City and County of San Francisco prior to MTC
- Amateur hiker/weaver/gardener

# **Alix A. Bockelman – Deputy Director for Policy**

## **My Pathway**

- **Born in upstate New York but moved a lot in Air Force family**
- **Attended UC Berkeley for Engineering and Public Policy – Go Bears!**
- **Joined MTC in 1998**
- **Enjoy Bay Area hiking and spending time with family**



# Andrew B. Fremier– Deputy Director for Operations

## My Pathway

- Attended Cal Poly
- Licensed Civil Engineer
- Joined MTC in 2006
- “Clipper” Card name inspired by his grandpa
- Enjoys tennis and skiing





# Brad Paul – Deputy Director for Local Government Services

## My Pathway

- • Grew up on East Coast
- • Went to Williams College
- • SF's deputy mayor of housing for Mayor Art Agnos (1988-92)
- • Served as ABAG Executive Director before agencies merged



# Rebecca Long – Acting Director for Legislation & Public Affairs

## My Pathway

- Born in the UK
- Grew up in Berkeley
- Attended UC Santa Cruz
- Masters in Public Policy from U-Michigan Ford School
- Worked at Legislative Analyst's Office in Sacramento
- Joined MTC in 2002
- Avid cyclist & swimmer



# An Introduction to MTC's Policy Advisory Council



- Randi Kinman – past and interim Council Chair
- What the Council can and can't influence



# MTC Policy Advisory Council

- **Comprised of 27 members**

- Nine members, one from each county, representing interests related to communities of color, environmental justice and low-income issues
- Nine members, one from each county, representing interests related to seniors and persons with disabilities
- Nine at-large seats related to the economy and the environment. At least five should be held by residents of the five most populous counties

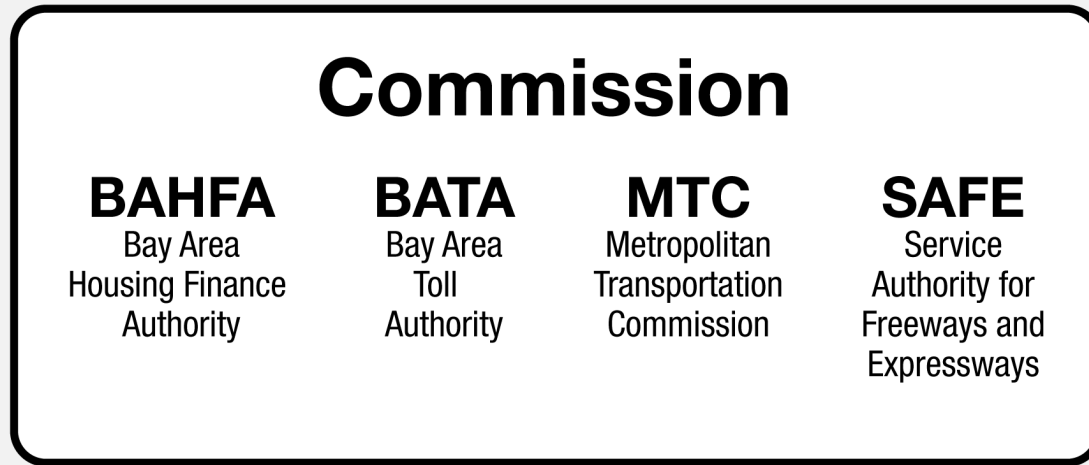


# Access to MTC's Decision Makers

**Elected Officials**

**Stakeholders**

**Public Involvement**



## Bay Area Partnership

- Federal and state Agencies
- Regional Agencies
- Transit Operators
- Congestion Management Agencies
- Airports/Seaports
- City/County Public Works Agencies

## Policy Advisory Council

A nighttime photograph of the San Francisco skyline, featuring the Golden Gate Bridge in the foreground on the left, illuminated with warm orange lights. The bridge's suspension cables and towers are visible. In the background, the city's skyscrapers are lit up, with the Transamerica Pyramid being a prominent feature on the right. The sky is a deep blue, and the water of the bay is dark.

# **Metropolitan Transportation Commission**

## **Metropolitan Planning Organization for the San Francisco Bay Area**

- 9 counties, 12 urbanized areas, 101 cities and towns**
- Population ~7.8 million**
- Served by 27 independent transit operators**

# MTC's Commissioners

- **16 represent Bay Area cities and counties** (two each from Alameda, SF, Contra Costa, San Mateo and Santa Clara counties; one each from Marin, Napa, Solano and Sonoma counties; the Mayor of Oakland or their city council appointee; the Mayor of San Jose or their city council appointee)
- **2 represent the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and the Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC)**
- **3 non-voting members represent California State Transportation Agency, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the United States Department of Transportation**
- **MTC Chair Alfredo Pedroza, Napa County and Cities**
- **MTC Vice Chair Nick Josefowitz, City and County of San Francisco**



# MTC is Many Agencies in One

- **MTC** — Created by the Legislature in 1970. Planner, coordinator, manager and banker. Distributes over \$1billion per year in local, state and federal funds to transportation projects and services.
- **BATA** — Created by the Legislature in 1998, Bay Area Toll Authority is responsible for building, managing and financing the seven state-owned toll bridges.
- **BAHFA** — Created by Legislature in 2019 to support production and preservation of affordable housing, the Bay Area Housing Finance Authority is authorized to work in consultation with Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) to place a regional housing revenue measure on the ballot within the nine counties.
- **SAFE** — Created by the Legislature in 1988, the Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways oversees the region's Freeway Service Patrol and the network of call boxes. Partners with Caltrans and CHP on Freeway Incident Management.



# Partner Transportation Agencies

- **Federal Transit Administration/Federal Highway Administration**
- **Caltrans and CHP**
- **County Transportation Agencies (CTAs)**, many of which are also sales tax authorities that administer a voter-approved transportation sales tax
- **Transit agencies**
- **101 cities and nine counties**

# Partner Regional Agencies

- **ABAG** Formed in 1961, the Association of Bay Area Governments is the council of governments for Bay Area's nine counties and 101 cities and towns. MTC staff serve as staff through a contract for services.
- **Bay Area Air Quality Management District**
- **San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission**



**Association of  
Bay Area Governments**

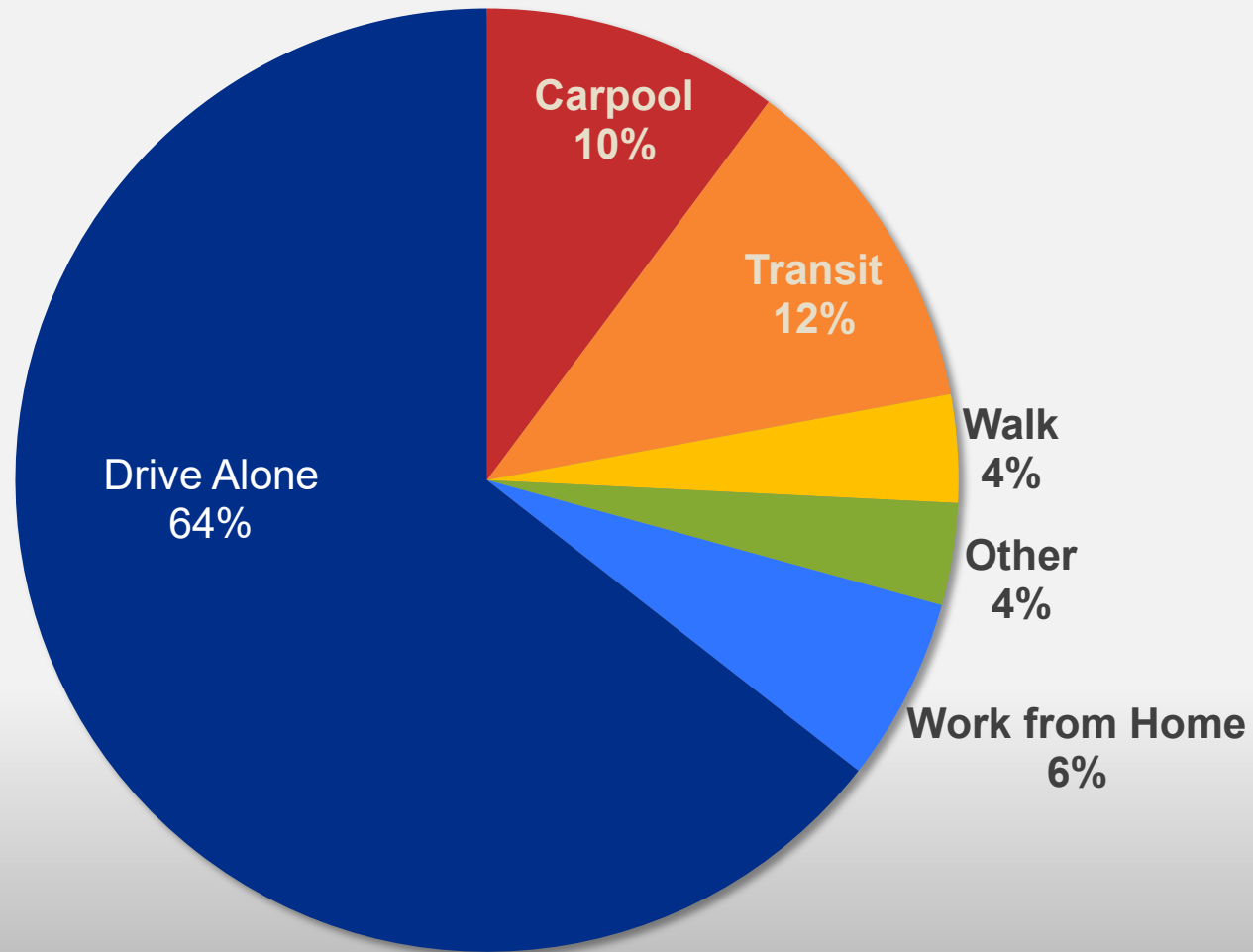
# Bay Area Transportation Basics

- More than 6.5 million cars
- Some 24 transit agencies with 4,500 buses, railcars and ferries
- 20,000 miles of local streets and roads
- 1,400 miles of highway
- 340 miles of carpool lanes
- Eight toll bridges



LEFT  
LANE  
BUSES AND  
CAR POOLS  
ONLY  
4:30PM - 7 PM  
MON-FRI  
OK MOTORCYCLES

# Bay Area Commute Mode Choice 2016





# MTC's Role Has Evolved and Expanded Over Time





# Plan Bay Area 2050 Scope and Vision

## WHAT IS THE PLAN?

*Plan Bay Area 2050 is a long-range plan charting a course for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area, adopted in October 2021.*

## VISION & GUIDING PRINCIPLES

*Ensure by the year 2050 that the Bay Area is **affordable**, **connected**, **diverse**, **healthy** and **vibrant** for all.*

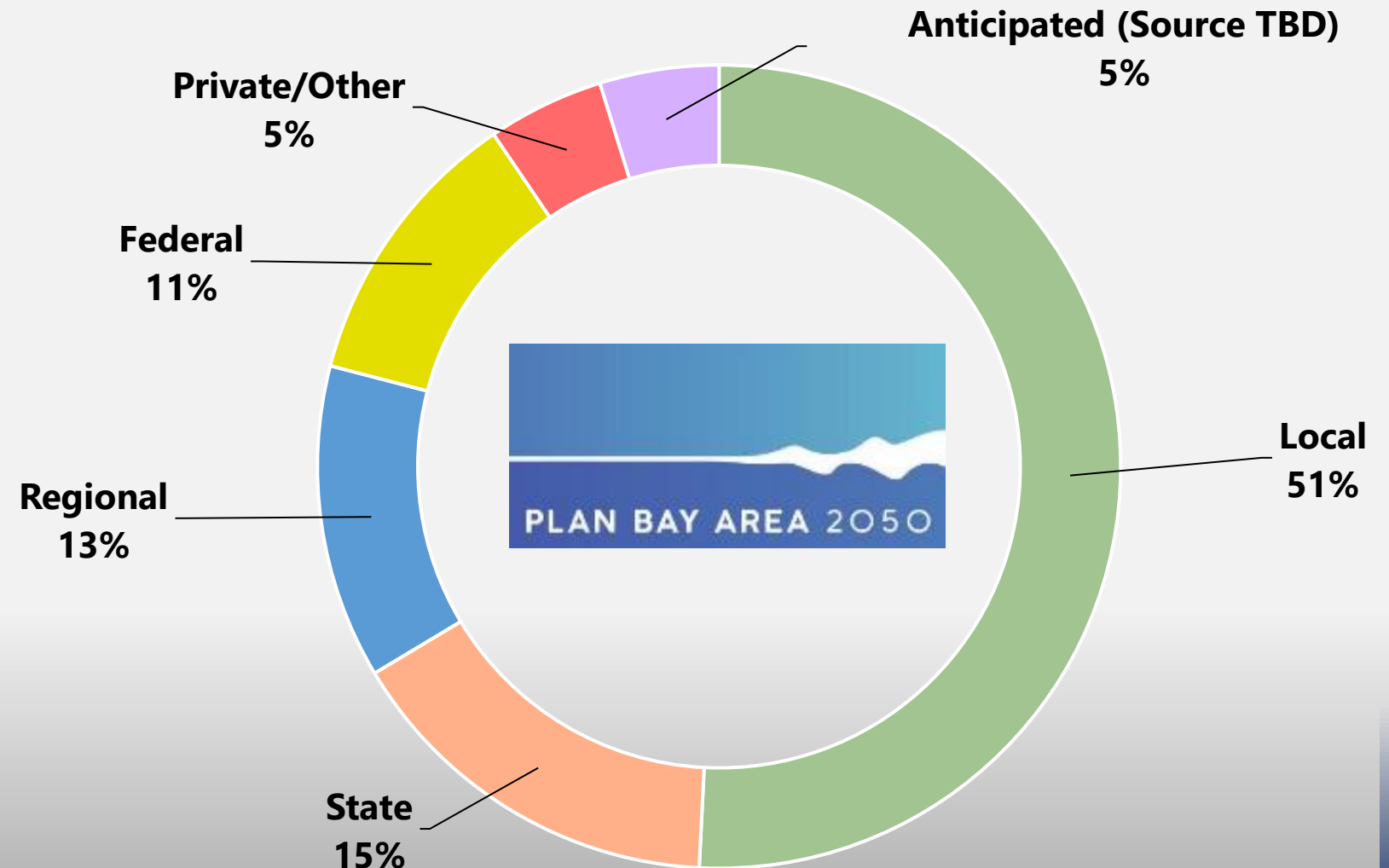
## FOUR ELEMENTS OF THE PLAN



- **Transportation** Strategies
- **Housing** Geographies & Strategies
- **Economic** Geographies & Strategies
- **Environmental** Strategies

# Funding Sources in Plan Bay Area 2050

**Total of \$1.4 trillion,  
including  
\$578 billion in  
transportation  
investments over 24  
years**

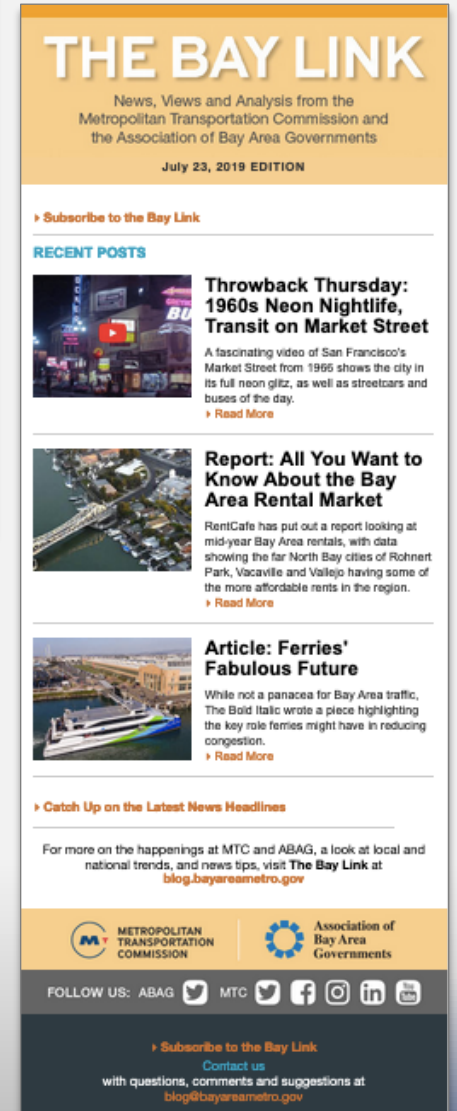
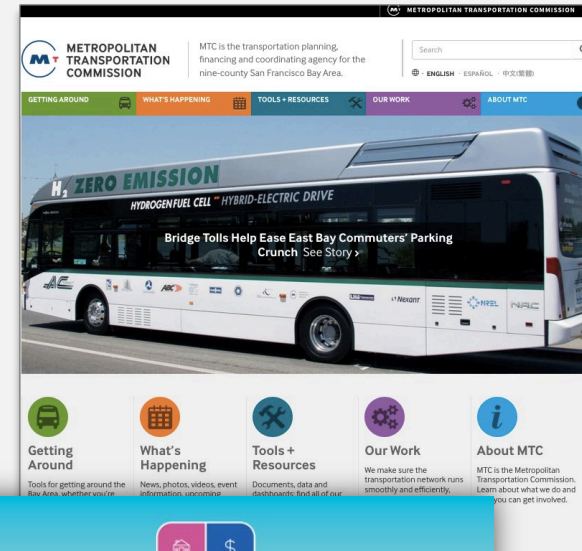


# MTC Has Role in Customer-Facing Mobility Programs



# Key Information Resources

- **Plan Bay Area**  
<https://www.planbayarea.org/>
- **MTC's Web Site**  
[www.mtc.ca.gov](http://www.mtc.ca.gov)
- **MTC-ABAG Library**  
[library@bayareametro.gov](mailto:library@bayareametro.gov)
- **Headlines**  
**MTC's transportation news subscription**  
[www.mtc.ca.gov/news/headlines.htm](http://www.mtc.ca.gov/news/headlines.htm)
- **The Bay Link Blog**  
<https://blog.bayareametro.gov/>





**For More Information  
Go To:**

***[www.mtc.ca.gov](http://www.mtc.ca.gov)***



# MTC Staff for the Policy Advisory Council

- **Martha Silver (she/her)**
- **Ky-Nam Miller (he/him)**



Getting to Know Each Other

## Round of Brief Intros



# Getting to know you

- Please (briefly) share:
  - Your name + preferred pronouns
  - Where you're from
  - Why you're serving on the Council
  - One interesting fact about you