



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Metropolitan Transportation Commission  
December 21, 2022

### Key Updates

#### **PBA2050 Update**

The **California Air Resource Board (CARB)** officially has approved Plan Bay Area 2050, 13 months after its adoption by MTC and ABAG. CARB's approval marks the final approval milestone for a plan we kicked off internally back in 2017. I just wanted to use this opportunity to acknowledge staff for their hard work in this multi-year planning effort.

#### **BART to Silicon Valley Phase II update**

Earlier this month, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) approved VTA's request that the **Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) Silicon Valley Phase II project** (Project) be allowed to re-enter the New Starts Project Development phase of the Capital Investment Grants (CIG) program superseding its participation in the Expedited Project Delivery (EPD) Pilot Program. Due to an extension of the project timeline, inflation, and refinement of project engineering, the total cost of the project has risen to an estimated \$9.3 billion. FTA's approval for the project to move into New Starts means that the federal Capital Investment Grant contribution toward the project can increase from approximately \$2 billion to up to 50% of the total project cost. As one of the priority projects in MTC's Major Project Advancement Policy (MAP) that is seeking near term funding, this influx of federal funding for BART to Silicon Valley Phase 2 will help to allow this project and others in the MAP to close funding gaps and move toward completion.

#### **Network Management Update**

The latest meeting of the **Network Management Advisory Group** was held on Dec. 12. The Commission will be briefed and asked for input in the coming months on the Network Management Business Case recommendations at an MTC Executive Committee meeting on Friday, Jan. 13, and at the full Commission meeting on Jan. 25.

#### **Vision Zero Update**

In the area of safety, Funding Policy and Programs staff recently unveiled the **Bay Area Vision Zero System (BAYVIZ) tool** for local jurisdictions looking to identify traffic safety challenges, understand possible solutions, develop vision zero plans, and apply for safety funding. The tool provides local jurisdictions with customizable traffic safety data dashboards and key analytics offering insights into improving traffic safety for their communities. This tool was created in partnership with local agencies and is part of MTC's Regional Vision Zero program.

#### **Call for Projects (PDA and PPA)**

MTC has released a **Call for Projects for Priority Development Area (PDA) and Priority Production Area (PPA) Planning Grants and Technical Assistance**. Now through Feb. 23, 2023, MTC will be accepting applications for a total of \$17 million in available funding for planning and technical assistance efforts for PDAs and PPAs. Visit the [PDA Grant webpage](#) or [PPA Grant webpage](#) for more information and to start an application.

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**Items to Note**

- Public engagement and planning staff hosted [two webinars in November on the Future of Freeways](#). Attendance was robust, with nearly 800 members of the public participating in the webinars and offering feedback.
- Congratulations to **the Bay Area Toll Authority team**, along with Caltrans and Kimley-Horn, for winning the American Council of Engineering Companies Honor Award for the Mainline Metering Light System Upgrade on the San Francisco – Oakland Bay Bridge.
- California High-Speed Rail Authority's Northern California Regional Director Boris Lipkin interviewed Therese McMillan to discuss MTC's efforts to develop a long-range vision for the Bay Area that includes high-speed rail. You can [view the interview on YouTube](#).
- The [annual Bay Bridge holiday wreath](#) has been placed over the tunnel through Yerba Buena Island.



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