

Metropolitan Transportation Commission

March 26, 2025

Agenda Item 9c - 25-0517

Senate Bill 63 (Wiener/Arreguin): Bay Area Transportation Revenue Measure

Subject:

Senate Bill (SB) 63 (Wiener/Arreguín), the regional transportation revenue measure authorizing legislation.

Background:

Based on staff's review of the detailed section-by-section summary of SB 63 amendments (see Attachments A and B) expected to be incorporated into the bill by March 26, staff recommends a support position on SB 63. It is important to note that the anticipated amendments leave key expenditure plan details unresolved, such as funding amounts for each operator and for Transit Transformation. The section-by-section summary indicates that it is the intention to amend the bill with these details based on the outcome of a Transit Operations Financial Responsibility and Implementation Plan (T-FRIP) to be developed by local and regional stakeholders (including AC Transit, BART, Caltrain and Muni and counties served by at least one of these transit operators) by July 31, 2025. The summary states that the T-FRIP is intended to be developed collaboratively.

Issues:

Our understanding is that the T-FRIP is intended to build on the extensive conversations that took place during the Transportation Revenue Measure Select Committee process and provide a forum to deliver on the Commission's "Fairness" principle, which provides that all counties whose residents are served by regional transit service contribute their fair share towards an agreed upon funding level from the measure, or, if a county opts out, from an alternative funding source agreed to by the county (including an agreed-upon commitment from existing revenue). Despite several key items left unresolved in the proposed amendments, staff find the language is consistent with the SB 63 Advocacy Principles the Commission adopted last month (see Attachment C) and is therefore worthy of MTC's support.


Should the Commission support the bill, staff will communicate to Senator Arreguin and Senator Wiener that our support is contingent upon the bill *continuing* to align with these principles,

particularly, that the measure prevent major transit service cuts from regional operators and ensure fairness.

Recommendation: Support

Attachments:

- Attachment A: MTC Analysis of SB 63 Section by Section Detailed Summary
- Attachment B: SB 63 Section by Section Detailed Summary provided by Senator Wiener's office
- Attachment C: Commission-Adopted Transportation Revenue Measure Advocacy Principles


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