



Metropolitan Transportation Commission

Bay Area Metro Center
375 Beale Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

Meeting Minutes - Final

Policy Advisory Council

Carina Lieu, Chair
Gabriela Orantes, Vice Chair

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

10:00 AM

Board Room - 1st Floor

Roster

Carline Au, Michael Baldini, Diana Benitez, Huascar Castro,
Zack Deutsch-Gross, Anne Olivia Eldred, Christine (Chris) Fitzgerald,
Gerry Glaser, William Goodwin, Pradeep Gupta, Dwayne Hankerson,
Wendi Kallins, Randi Kinman, Charley Lavery, Adina Levin, Carina Lieu (Chair),
Gabriela Orantes (Vice Chair), Johnny Parker, Phillip Pierce, Vinay Pimple,
Jeffrey Rhoads (Jeff), Terry Scott, Jaime Vilorio, Howard Wong, Roland Wong, and Vacant (2)

1. Call Meeting to Order / Roll Call / Confirm Quorum

Present: 19 - Chair Carina Lieu, Council Member Michael Baldini, Council Member Diana Benitez, Council Member Huascar Castro, Council Member Zack Deutsch-Gross, Council Member Anne Olivia Eldred, Council Member Chris Fitzgerald, Council Member William Goodwin, Council Member Pradeep Gupta, Council Member Wendi Kallins, Council Member Randi Kinman, Council Member Charley Lavery, Council Member Adina Levin, Council Member Johnny Parker, Council Member Vinay Pimple, Council Member Jeffrey Rhoads, Council Member Terry Scott, Council Member Howard Wong and Council Member Roland Wong

Excused: 6 - Vice Chair Gabriela Orantes, Council Member Carline Au, Council Member Gerry Glaser, Council Member Dwayne Hankerson, Council Member Phillip Pierce and Council Member Jaime Vilorio

Council Members Christine (Chris) Fitzgerald, William Goodwin, and Roland Wong invoked AB 2449.

The following individuals participated from unnoticed remote locations. Their participation did not count toward the quorum, and they did not vote on any items: Council Member Gerry Glaser.

2. Welcome

Dwayne Hankerson and Diana Benitez were appointed to the MTC Policy Advisory Council Equity & Access Subcommittee effective March 20, 2025.

3. Approval

- 3a. [25-0346](#) Approval of the February 25, 2025 Meeting Minutes
(5 minutes)

Action: Approval

Presenter: Carina Lieu, MTC Council Chair

Attachments: [3a 25-0346 2025-02-25 Policy Advisory Council Draft Minutes.pdf](#)

Upon the motion by Council Member Baldini and second by Council Member Eldred, the February 25, 2025 Meeting Minutes were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 17 - Chair Carina Lieu, Council Member Michael Baldini, Council Member Diana Benitez, Council Member Huascar Castro, Council Member Zack Deutsch-Gross, Council Member Anne Olivia Eldred, Council Member Chris Fitzgerald, Council Member William Goodwin, Council Member Pradeep Gupta, Council Member Wendi Kallins, Council Member Randi Kinman, Council Member Charley Lavery, Council Member Adina Levin, Council Member Johnny Parker, Council Member Jeffrey Rhoads, Council Member Terry Scott and Council Member Roland Wong

Absent: 7 - Vice Chair Gabriela Orantes, Council Member Carline Au, Council Member Gerry Glaser, Council Member Dwayne Hankerson, Council Member Phillip Pierce, Council Member Vinay Pimple and Council Member Jaime Viloria

Abstain: 1 - Council Member Howard Wong

Council Member Vinay Pimple arrived after the approval of the February 25, 2025 Meeting Minutes.

4. Public Comments / Other Business

5. Legislative Update

- 5a. [25-0430](#) Senate Bill 63 (Wiener/Arreguin): Bay Area Transportation Revenue Measure
(45 minutes)

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

Action: Information

Presenter: Rebecca Long

Attachments: [5ai 25-0430 Summary Sheet SB 63.pdf](#)

[5aii 25-0430 Attachment A SB 63 TRM Principles.pdf](#)

[5aiii 25-0430 Attachment B State Action Need Secure Future Bay Area.pdf](#)

[5aiv Late-Breaking Handout 1 3.24.25 SB-63 Fact Sheet.pdf](#)

6. Information

- 6a.** [25-0344](#) Proposed Bay Area Infrastructure Financing Authority (BAIFA) Toll Facility Ordinance Amendment
(20 minutes)

Overview of proposed changes to BAIFA's existing Toll Facility Ordinance to prepare for tolling on BAIFA's Interstate 80 (I-80) Express Lanes in Solano County, as well as the public hearing and outreach processes staff will follow prior to BAIFA's action on the changes.

Action: Information

Presenter: Diana M. Dorinson

Attachments: [6ai_25-0344_Summary_Sheet_Toll_Facility_Ordinance_Amendment.pdf](#)
[6aii_25-0344_Presentation_Toll_Facility_Ordinance_Amendment.pdf](#)

- 6b.** [25-0347](#) Staff Liaison Report
(3 minutes)

Overview of recent MTC policy decisions and other activities.

Action: Information

Presenter: Ky-Nam Miller, Staff Liaison

Attachments: [6bi_25-0347_Summary_Sheet_March_2025_Staff_Liaison_Report.pdf](#)
[6bii_25-0347_Attachment_B_Independent_Third_Party_Review-Scope_of_Work.pdf](#)
[6biii_25-0347_Attachment_C_Flyers_North_Bay_Summit_and_Electrified_Trains.pdf](#)
[6biv_25-0347_Attachment_D_2025_Bay_Area_Summer_Academy_Flyer.pdf](#)

- 6c.** [25-0348](#) Council Member Reports
(5 minutes)

Members of the Council may report on locally relevant issues or events.

Action: Information

Presenter: Carina Lieu, MTC Council Chair

6d. [25-0349](#) New Business
(5 minutes)

Members of the Council may bring up new business for discussion or addition to a future agenda.

Action: Discussion

Presenter: Carina Lieu, MTC Council Chair

Council Member Anne Olivia Eldred requested a discussion on electric vehicles (EVs) and future toll policies. She noted that EVs currently don't pay tolls or contribute to road maintenance and mentioned seeing something about this exemption expiring. While she wasn't fully clear on the details, she found it interesting that Teslas don't pay tolls and would like the topic included.

Council Member Howard Wong highlighted the high number of homeless individuals who are disabled or in wheelchairs, noting that while homelessness among veterans is widely recognized, disability often isn't considered. He suggested that the Equity and Access Subcommittee focus on wheelchair mobility issues within homelessness.

Additionally, he brought up a discussion by Senators Adam Schiff and Alex Padilla regarding federal funding disparities. Data suggests that California contributes significantly more in federal taxes than it receives in return. He compared this to the "return-to-source" issue with local sales taxes and suggested that the state and region should advocate for a fairer share of transportation funding.

Council Member Michael Baldini requested a progress chart to track items brought up by council members. He suggested including a graph or chart at the next meeting to show who proposed each topic, its status, and whether it will be addressed. He noted that some issues he mentioned never made it onto the agenda and proposed a system similar to Napa College's new business tracking. This would ensure topics aren't forgotten, dismissed without reason, or lack sufficient interest to move forward. He emphasized the importance of transparency and follow-through.

7. Adjournment / Next Meeting

The next meeting of the MTC Policy Advisory Council will be held on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, San Francisco, CA. Any changes to the schedule will be duly noticed to the public.