

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission and Association of Bay Area Governments
Joint MTC Legislation Committee and ABAG Legislation Committee**

September 13, 2019

Agenda Item 3c

AB 1142 (Friedman): Transportation Planning and Transportation Network Companies

Subject: AB 1142 would require that the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) share with local, regional and state partners anonymized transportation network company (TNC) data to inform transportation planning and investment decisions.

Background: Because AB 1142 was consistent with our 2019 Advocacy Program and would support our core planning efforts, on August 16, staff sought and received approval from the MTC Chair and MTC Legislation Committee Chair to communicate an MTC support position on the bill, using the Commission's urgency procedures. The purpose of this memo is to provide you an update on the bill, which unfortunately is no longer active, as it was held in the Senate Appropriations committee. The bill would have supported MTC and transportation planners throughout the state in our ongoing efforts get access to anonymized Uber and Lyft data so that we can effectively plan for the impacts of transportation network companies (TNCs) on our transportation system. Importantly, AB 1142 protects TNC user privacy while also providing the data we need to understand the when, the where, and the extent of TNC trips in the Bay Area to help inform our travel model and long-range plan.

Discussion: TNCs like Uber and Lyft are at the forefront of technology fueled innovations that are changing the way people travel. Given this, understanding the impact of TNCs on our transportation system is important to inform transportation planning, policies and investment strategies. Questions we need to be able to answer include:

- To what extent are TNCs adding to commute traffic in congested areas?
- How do TNCs affect transit ridership?
- What is the effect of TNCs on the Bay Area's state-mandated greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets and federal air quality standards?

MTC's 2019 Advocacy Program supports increased access to data that is detailed enough to be able to help answer these questions while also protecting TNC user privacy. AB 1142 would have helped achieve this by requiring the CPUC, as part of an ongoing proceeding, to share with transportation planners when and where trips are occurring and how many people are taking TNC trips while – as a privacy protection measure included by the Legislature's privacy committees – requiring that the information planners receive would be pooled to avoid tying trip information to a particular passenger.

This compromise approach reflected technical assistance provided by MTC (at the author's request) and was consistent with the February 2019 comments MTC submitted to the CPUC after becoming a party to the CPUC's ongoing TNC proceeding. Staff will continue to engage on this important topic through the CPUC regulatory process and monitor future legislative efforts.

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Bill Positions:

Support

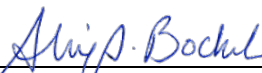
Amalgamated Transit Union
American Society of Civil Engineers – Region 9
California Bicycle Coalition
California Teamsters
Local Government Coalition
Sierra Club California

Opposition

CalChamber
Internet Association
Lyft
TechNet
Uber

Attachments:

None



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