

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission**  
**Regional Network Management Committee**

November 8, 2024

Agenda Item 2c

**MTC Resolution No. 4669: Design Immunity for the Interstate 580 (I-580) Westbound  
High Occupancy Lane (HOV) Lane Extension Project**

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**Subject:**

Referral of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Resolution No. 4669 “Design Immunity for the I-580 Westbound HOV Lane Extension Project” to Commission, authorizing the delegation of plan approval of the I-580 Westbound HOV Lane Extension design plans to specified staff.

**Background:**

As part of the Bay Bridge Forward Initiative, the I-580 Westbound HOV Lane Extension Project (Project) proposes to convert approximately 2.3 miles of an existing general-purpose (GP) lane on westbound Interstate 580 (I-580) to a HOV lane from the beginning of the existing HOV lane near the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge (SFOBB) Toll Plaza approach to just east of the Broadway-Richmond Boulevard Undercrossing. Given the worsening congestion associated with the SFOBB traffic, MTC has been seeking solutions to improve the traffic operations along the I-580 corridor. Solutions to reduce congestion on this corridor are limited by the constrained right of way. The proposed GP to HOV lane conversion will provide travel time savings for buses and HOV, and hence encouraging mode shift. The Project is anticipated to increase person throughput during peak hours. The final design plans for this Project have been reviewed by the California Department of Transportation at 65%, 95% and 100% levels.

**Design Immunity:**

In September 2023, MTC approved MTC Resolution No. 4605, Establishment of Process for Approval of Design Plans and Procedures for Delegation of Approval Authority, which provides the process for securing immunity pursuant to Government Code section 830.6. The proposed MTC Resolution No. 4669 would delegate to specified staff the authority to approve plans and future design changes for the I-580 Westbound HOV Lane Extension Project. Authorized staff would be delegated the responsibility to review and approve the reasonableness of the plans and any subsequent changes to the design and plans as represented by the design consultant or others.

**Issues:**

None identified.

**Recommendations:**

Staff recommends that the Committee approve the referral of MTC Resolution No. 4669 I-580 Westbound HOV Lane Extension Project Design Plans Approval Delegation to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for approval.

**Attachments:**

- Attachment A: MTC Resolution No. 4669, I-580 Westbound HOV Lane Extension Project Design Plans Approval to specified staff.



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