

Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Regional Network Management Committee

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Agenda Item 4a

Regional Transit Priority Initiatives Update

Subject:

Update on MTC's Regional Transit Priority Policy and Caltrans Bay Area Transit Plan.

MTC Regional Transit Priority Policy:

MTC is developing a regional Transit Priority Policy (Policy) to support and promote faster, more reliable transit that moves more people in the Bay Area. In December 2023, MTC kicked off this effort with a workshop attended by various partner agencies including transit operators, county transportation agencies, Caltrans, local jurisdictions, and transit advocacy organizations. In early 2024, MTC convened a Policy Development Working Group – consisting of a subset of workshop attendees – to help guide the development of a Policy approach. The approach includes development of a standalone Policy emphasizing the importance of transit priority to the region, in conjunction with updates to the existing MTC Complete Streets Policy, which is tied to regional discretionary funding (One Bay Area Grant funding). In support of the Policy, staff will also conduct a Regional Transit Assessment to analyze existing transit speed and reliability data and develop a Transit Priority Network on which the Policy applies. Policy adoption and updates to the Complete Streets Checklist are anticipated by early 2026.

Caltrans Bay Area Transit Plan:

MTC coordinates regularly with partner agencies like Caltrans District 4 to ensure a common understanding of and vision for transit priority in the Bay Area, and to more effectively plan and deliver transit priority projects. One effort MTC and District 4 are coordinating on is District 4's Bay Area Transit Plan (Plan), a first-of-its-kind plan which serves to identify infrastructure improvements that improve transit reliability, access to transit, and encourage more transit use along the State Transportation Network (STN) in the Bay Area. The Plan will also identify district-level best practices and strategies to support transit. The Plan is anticipated to be finalized by mid-2025.

Issues:

None identified.

Recommendations:

Information.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Presentation



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