

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Administration Committee**

April 8, 2026

Agenda Item 2d-26-0396

MTC Resolution No. 4755 - Fiscal Year 2026-27 Overall Work Program (OWP)

Subject:

Request for approval of the FY 2026-27 Overall Work Program (OWP) through MTC Resolution No. 4755. The OWP is a collaborative metropolitan transportation planning process involving federal, state, regional, and local transportation partners. The request includes authorization for the Executive Director to enter into and execute required certifications, assurances, and an Overall Work Program Agreement (OWPA) for federal and state grants.

Background:

The Overall Work Program (OWP) is an annual or biennial statement of work identifying the planning priorities and activities to be carried out within a metropolitan planning area. It includes a description of the planning work and resulting products, who will perform the work, time frames for completing the work, the cost of the work, and the source(s) of funds. Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) are required to develop an OWP to govern work programs for the expenditure of Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and State planning funds pursuant to Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 450.308(b). As the federally designated MPO for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area region, MTC annually develops and maintains the OWP, which is the principal document governing the budget, allocation, and use of federal and state transportation planning funds. Annual funding for the MPO transportation planning activities is primarily provided through the Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) which is awarded by Caltrans, FHWA, and FTA.

The FY 2026-27 OWP is developed in consultation and coordination with the region's transit operators, County Transportation Agencies (CTAs), ABAG, Caltrans, FHWA, and FTA. The FY 2026-27 OWP includes Caltrans' Overall Work Program and transportation and air quality related planning activities proposed for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area region for the state fiscal year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

Plan Bay Area 2050+, adopted by MTC and ABAG in March 2026, guides regional planning priorities established in the OWP. High priority actions for next year include but are not limited to:

- Supporting active transportation planning at the local level, with development of a Vision Zero Data Collection Toolkit; completion of the Bay Trail Needs, Operations, and Maintenance Assessment; and advancement of the Safe Streets 4 All grant.
- Advancing transit transformation initiatives, including bus stop design guidelines as part of the Mapping & Wayfinding pilot; potential Phase 2 of the SB 63 Financial Efficiency Review; and evaluation of the Clipper START means-based program.
- Implementing the One Bay Area Grant Cycle 4 (OBAG 4) funding program for Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)/Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds.
- Initiating a major regional plan update, known as *Plan Bay Area 2060*, including scenario planning, performance evaluation, and/or policy papers to explore varying trajectories for the region, including an investigation of potential impacts from shifting demographics, technological advancements and fiscal uncertainty.

MTC staff provided the Draft OWP for review to Caltrans, FHWA, and FTA on March 6, 2026.

MTC staff will incorporate comments received from state and federal agencies in the final FY 2026-27 OWP, as appropriate. Attached for your review and consideration for referral to the Commission is MTC Resolution No. 4755, which includes the following actions:

- Approves the OWP for FY 2026-27.
- Authorizes the Executive Director or designee to apply for grants and execute agreements to secure federal and state funds for transportation planning activities in the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area.
- Authorizes the programming of approximately \$25.6 million in FY 2026-27 transportation planning funds as follows:

Program	Amount
Federal Highway Administration Planning (FHWA PL) (FY 2026-27)	\$10.4 million
Federal Highway Administration Planning (FHWA PL) (FY 2025-26) (Carryover)	\$2.2 million
Federal Highway Administration Planning (FHWA PL) (FY 2026-27) - Complete Streets Bipartisan Infrastructure Law	\$0.3 million
Federal Highway Administration Planning (FHWA PL) (FY 2025-26) (Carryover) - Complete Streets Bipartisan Infrastructure Law	\$0.2 million
Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5303 (FY 2026-27)	\$5.0 million
Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5303 (FY 2025-26) (Carryover)	\$2.4 million
Federal Highway Administration State Planning and Research (FHWA SP&R) (FY 2024-25) (Carryover)	\$0.4 million
Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5304 (FY 2024-25) (Carryover)	\$0.4 million
Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) Senate Bill 1 (SB1) Sustainable Communities Formula (FY 2026-27)	\$2.1 million
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Total	\$25.6 million

Commission approval is the first step in authorizing the FY 2026-27 expenditure of federal and state Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) funds which are included in the MTC FY 2026-27 Operating Budget. Following approval by the Commission, Caltrans, FHWA, and FTA are slated to review and approve the OWP no later than June 30, 2026.

An electronic version of the draft FY 2026-27 OWP can be reviewed at the following link:

<https://mtc.ca.gov/about-mtc/administrative-requirements/overall-work-program-owp>

Issues:

Similar to FY25-26, the federal transportation policy landscape remains dynamic. Staff are continuing to monitor and track developments in this space, including implications for funding, operations, and work planning.

Recommendations:

Refer MTC Resolution No. 4755 to the Commission for approval.

Attachments:

- MTC Resolution No. 4755 - FY 2026-27 Overall Work Program (OWP)
 - Attachment A
 - Attachment B



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