

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission  
Regional Network Management Committee**

**November 8, 2024**

**Agenda Item 4b**

**Forward Initiatives Update**

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**Subject:**

Update on ongoing transit priority Forward Initiatives throughout the Bay Area.

**Background:**

The “Forward” commute initiatives are a series of projects designed to improve commuting and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. MTC has created several initiatives that are designed to:

- Move more people in fewer vehicles through key travel corridors
- Improve commute times
- Reinforce the larger statewide effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions

Ongoing Forward projects with a transit priority component are discussed below, with a focus on projects anticipated to begin construction in 2025.

**Bay Bridge Forward**

The San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge (Bay Bridge) corridor is consistently ranked the most congested corridor in the region. Severe traffic congestion occurs on the approaches to the bridge; vehicles spend more hours delayed approaching the Bay Bridge than on all the other Bay Area east-west crossings combined. Bay Bridge Forward includes a suite of projects to improve transit travel time and reliability, promote carpooling and transit ridership, increase the number of people who can move through the corridor (person throughput), and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Projects anticipated to start construction in 2025 include: West Grand Bus/HOV Lane Extension, Interstate 580 (I-580) Westbound HOV Lane Extension, and the I-80 Powell Street Interchange Transit Improvements Project.

**Richmond-San Rafael Forward:**

Richmond-San Rafael (RSR) Forward includes Open Road Tolling and I-580 Westbound HOV Lane Extension, and the Cutting Boulevard Project aimed at reducing congestion and improving travel options on and near the RSR Bridge. These projects will introduce new transit priority elements, improving transit travel time and reliability in the bridge corridor.

**Issues:**

None identified.

**Recommendations:**

Information.

**Attachments:**

- Attachment A: Presentation

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