

# Metropolitan Transportation Commission

March 26, 2025

Agenda Item 9a - 25-0443

## MTC/ABAG Cap and Trade Advocacy Principles

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### Background:

On March 14 the Joint MTC ABAG Legislation Committee discussed draft recommended principles to guide MTC and ABAG's advocacy on the extension of California's Cap and Trade program, which is set to expire in 2030. Those principles were included as an attachment to Agenda item 3b in the Joint Legislation Committee packet.

The Committee supported recommending the draft principles for MTC and ABAG Executive Board approval, with three revisions, described below and identified through underline (additions) and strikethrough (deletions) and included in Attachment A.

1. Update the "Fair Share for the Bay Area" principle (Principle 3) to add that ongoing investment in California High-Speed Rail should include connecting to the Bay Area and investing within the region to lay the groundwork for safe and efficient high-speed rail in Northern California, including critical path items north of Gilroy and a fair share towards Northern California's high-speed rail joint benefit projects.
2. Strengthen Principle 4 – Equitable Distribution of Resources – to ensure Cap and Trade is structured in a way to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions impacts on the Bay Area's communities most historically marginalized communities, who are often most impacted by transportation and other greenhouse gas emitting industries.
3. Add "Protect Affordable Housing Production Funding Levels" as Principle 7 to confirm MTC and ABAG's support for affordable housing investments through Cap and Trade.

### Issues:

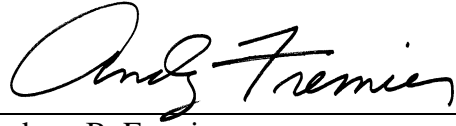
None identified.

### Recommendation:

The Commission is requested to approve the principles in Attachment A, which include the additions proposed by the MTC and ABAG Joint Legislation Committee.

**Attachments:**

- Attachment A\_MTC/ABAG Final Cap and Trade Advocacy Principles

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