



Metropolitan Transportation Commission

Bay Area Metro Center
375 Beale Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

Meeting Agenda

Policy Advisory Council

*Randi Kinman, Acting Chair
Vacant, Vice Chair*

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

1:30 PM

REMOTE

In light of Governor Newsom's State of Emergency declaration regarding COVID-19 and in accordance with the recently signed Assembly Bill 361 allowing remote meetings, this meeting will be accessible via webcast, teleconference, and Zoom for all participants. A Zoom panelist link for meeting participants will be sent separately to Policy Advisory Council members.

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The Policy Advisory Council advises the Metropolitan Transportation Commission on transportation policies in the San Francisco Bay Area, incorporating diverse perspectives relating to the environment, the economy, and social equity.

1. Roll Call / Confirm Quorum

Quorum: A quorum of this council shall be a majority of its regular voting members (14).

2. [22-0027](#)

Welcome & Oath of Office

MTC Executive Director Therese W. McMillan welcomes the new Council and administers the oath of office.

Action: Information

Presenter: Therese W. McMillan, MTC Executive Director and Ky-Nam Miller, Staff Liaison

Attachments: [02_Welcome_and_Oath_of_Office_Summary_Sheet.pdf](#)

3. Public Comments / Other Business

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4. [21-1667](#)

Council Orientation
(90 minutes)

Session to familiarize the Council members with roles, programs, and processes.

Action: Information

Presenter: Ky-Nam Miller, Staff Liaison

Attachments: [04i_Council_Orientation_Summary_Sheet.pdf](#)
[04ii_PowerPoint_2022_January_MTC_Policy_Advisory_Council_Orientation.pdf](#)

5. [22-0002](#)

Staff Liaison Report
(3 minutes)

Relevant MTC policy decisions and other activities.

Action: Information

Presenter: Ky-Nam Miller, Staff Liaison

Attachments: [05_Jan_2022_Staff_Liaison_Report_Summary_Sheet.pdf](#)

6. Adjournment / Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Policy Advisory Council will be held Wednesday, February 9, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. at the Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, San Francisco, CA or remotely and by webcast as appropriate. Any changes to the schedule will be duly noticed to the public.

Public Comment: The public is encouraged to comment on agenda items at Committee meetings by completing a request-to-speak card (available from staff) and passing it to the Committee secretary. Public comment may be limited by any of the procedures set forth in Section 3.09 of MTC's Procedures Manual (Resolution No. 1058, Revised) if, in the chair's judgment, it is necessary to maintain the orderly flow of business.

Meeting Conduct: If this meeting is willfully interrupted or disrupted by one or more persons rendering orderly conduct of the meeting unfeasible, the Chair may order the removal of individuals who are willfully disrupting the meeting. Such individuals may be arrested. If order cannot be restored by such removal, the members of the Committee may direct that the meeting room be cleared (except for representatives of the press or other news media not participating in the disturbance), and the session may continue.

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Attachments are sent to Committee members, key staff and others as appropriate. Copies will be available at the meeting.

All items on the agenda are subject to action and/or change by the Committee. Actions recommended by staff are subject to change by the Committee.

MTC's Chair and Vice-Chair are ex-officio voting members of all standing Committees.

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Agenda Item 2

Welcome & Oath of Office

Subject:

MTC Executive Director Therese W. McMillan welcomes the new Council and administers the oath of office.

Background:

Executive Director McMillan will welcome the new Policy Advisory Council Members and administer the Oath of Office.

Text of Oath of Office:

I [state name] do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of the State of California; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties upon which I am about to enter.

Issues:

None identified.

Recommendations:

Information.

Attachments:

- None

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Agenda Item 4

Council Orientation

Subject:

Session to familiarize the Council members with roles, programs, and processes.

Background:

Presentation covering the history, purpose, and structure of MTC and the Policy Advisory Council. After staff presents and answers follow-up questions from the Council, the orientation will transition to provide an opportunity for the Council Members to introduce themselves. Council Members are encouraged to read each other's bio by visiting [Meet the 2022-2025 Policy Advisory Council Members](#).

Issues:

None identified.

Recommendations:

Informational only.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: 2022 Orientation PowerPoint

Policy Advisory Council

Orientation

January 2022



Therese W. McMillan – Executive Director

My Pathway

- Born in Los Angeles
- Into dance & musical theater in school
- 25 years with MTC
- Served 8 years in Obama Admin; rising to head the Federal Transit Administration
- Returned to CA (LA Metro)
- Became MTC Executive Director in 2019



Nalungo Mwanga-Conley – Chief of Staff

My Pathway



- Grew up in Oakland
- Attended New York University for Undergrad
- Attended Golden Gate University for Graduate School
- Worked at City of Oakland and City and County of San Francisco prior to MTC
- Amateur hiker/weaver/gardener

Alix A. Bockelman – Deputy Director for Policy

My Pathway

- Born in upstate New York but moved a lot in Air Force family
- Attended UC Berkeley for Engineering and Public Policy – Go Bears!
- Joined MTC in 1998
- Enjoy Bay Area hiking and spending time with family



Andrew B. Fremier– Deputy Director for Operations

My Pathway

- **Attended Cal Poly**
- **Licensed Civil Engineer**
- **Joined MTC in 2006**
- **“Clipper” Card name inspired by his grandpa**
- **Enjoys tennis and skiing**



Brad Paul – Deputy Director for Local Government Services

My Pathway

- • Grew up on East Coast
- • Went to Williams College
- • SF's deputy mayor of housing for Mayor Art Agnos (1988-92)
- • Served as ABAG Executive Director before agencies merged



Rebecca Long – Acting Director for Legislation & Public Affairs

My Pathway

- Born in the UK
- Grew up in Berkeley
- Attended UC Santa Cruz
- Masters in Public Policy from U-Michigan Ford School
- Worked at Legislative Analyst's Office in Sacramento
- Joined MTC in 2002
- Avid cyclist & swimmer



An Introduction to MTC's Policy Advisory Council



- Randi Kinman – past and interim Council Chair
- What the Council can and can't influence

MTC Policy Advisory Council

- **Comprised of 27 members**

- Nine members, one from each county, representing interests related to communities of color, environmental justice and low-income issues
- Nine members, one from each county, representing interests related to seniors and persons with disabilities
- Nine at-large seats related to the economy and the environment. At least five should be held by residents of the five most populous counties

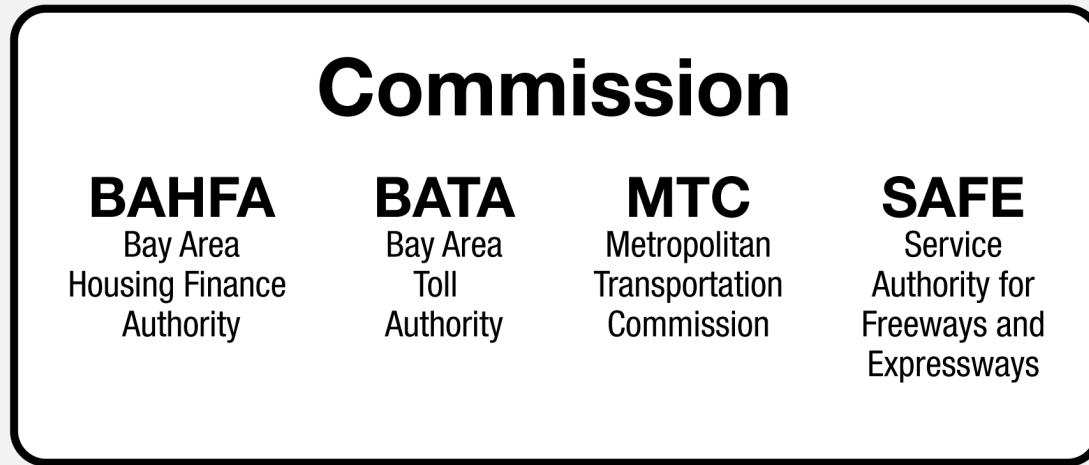


Access to MTC's Decision Makers

Elected Officials

Stakeholders

Public Involvement



Bay Area Partnership

- Federal and state Agencies
- Regional Agencies
- Transit Operators
- Congestion Management Agencies
- Airports/Seaports
- City/County Public Works Agencies

Policy Advisory Council

A nighttime photograph of the San Francisco skyline, featuring the Golden Gate Bridge in the foreground on the left, illuminated with warm orange lights. The bridge's suspension cables and towers are visible. In the background, the city's skyscrapers are lit up, with the Transamerica Pyramid standing out on the right. The sky is a deep blue, and the water of the bay is dark.

Metropolitan Transportation Commission

Metropolitan Planning Organization for the San Francisco Bay Area

- 9 counties, 12 urbanized areas, 101 cities and towns**
- Population ~7.8 million**
- Served by 27 independent transit operators**

MTC's Commissioners

- **16 represent Bay Area cities and counties** (two each from Alameda, SF, Contra Costa, San Mateo and Santa Clara counties; one each from Marin, Napa, Solano and Sonoma counties; the Mayor of Oakland or their city council appointee; the Mayor of San Jose or their city council appointee)
- **2 represent the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and the Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC)**
- **3 non-voting members represent California State Transportation Agency, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the United States Department of Transportation**
- **MTC Chair Alfredo Pedroza, Napa County and Cities**
- **MTC Vice Chair Nick Josefowitz, City and County of San Francisco**

MTC is Many Agencies in One

- **MTC** — Created by the Legislature in 1970. Planner, coordinator, manager and banker. Distributes over \$1billion per year in local, state and federal funds to transportation projects and services.
- **BATA** — Created by the Legislature in 1998, Bay Area Toll Authority is responsible for building, managing and financing the seven state-owned toll bridges.
- **BAHFA** — Created by Legislature in 2019 to support production and preservation of affordable housing, the Bay Area Housing Finance Authority is authorized to work in consultation with Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) to place a regional housing revenue measure on the ballot within the nine counties.
- **SAFE** — Created by the Legislature in 1988, the Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways oversees the region's Freeway Service Patrol and the network of call boxes. Partners with Caltrans and CHP on Freeway Incident Management.

Partner Transportation Agencies

- **Federal Transit Administration/Federal Highway Administration**
- **Caltrans and CHP**
- **County Transportation Agencies (CTAs)**, many of which are also sales tax authorities that administer a voter-approved transportation sales tax
- **Transit agencies**
- **101 cities and nine counties**

Partner Regional Agencies

- **ABAG** Formed in 1961, the Association of Bay Area Governments is the council of governments for Bay Area's nine counties and 101 cities and towns. MTC staff serve as staff through a contract for services.
- **Bay Area Air Quality Management District**
- **San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission**



**Association of
Bay Area Governments**

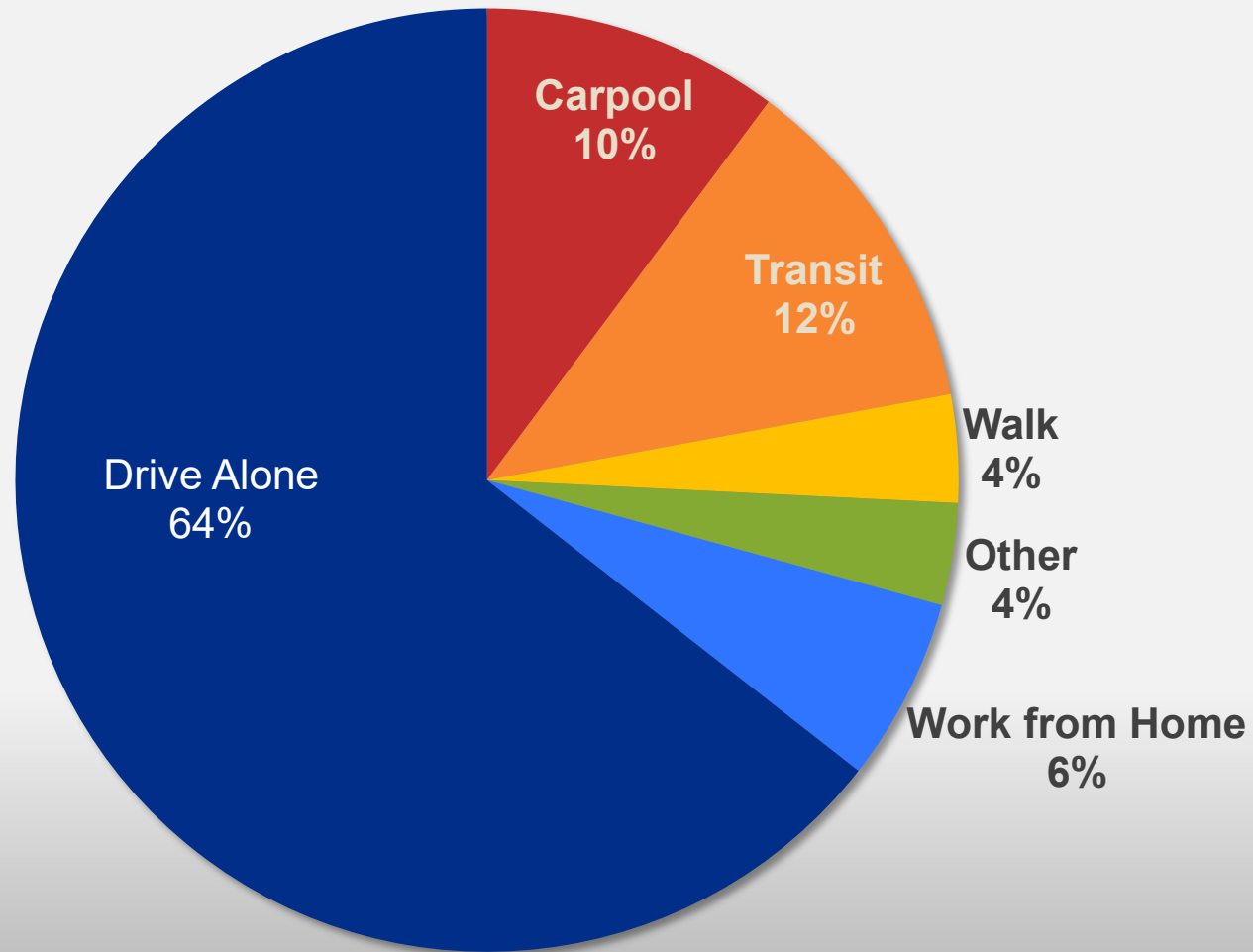
Bay Area Transportation Basics

- More than 6.5 million cars
- Some 24 transit agencies with 4,500 buses, railcars and ferries
- 20,000 miles of local streets and roads
- 1,400 miles of highway
- 340 miles of carpool lanes
- Eight toll bridges



LEFT
LANE
BUSES AND
CAR POOLS
ONLY
4:30PM - 7 PM
MON-FRI
OK MOTORCYCLES

Bay Area Commute Mode Choice 2016



MTC's Role Has Evolved and Expanded Over Time



Plan Bay Area 2050 Scope and Vision

WHAT IS THE PLAN?

Plan Bay Area 2050 is a long-range plan charting a course for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area, adopted in October 2021.

VISION & GUIDING PRINCIPLES

*Ensure by the year 2050 that the Bay Area is **affordable**, **connected**, **diverse**, **healthy** and **vibrant** for all.*

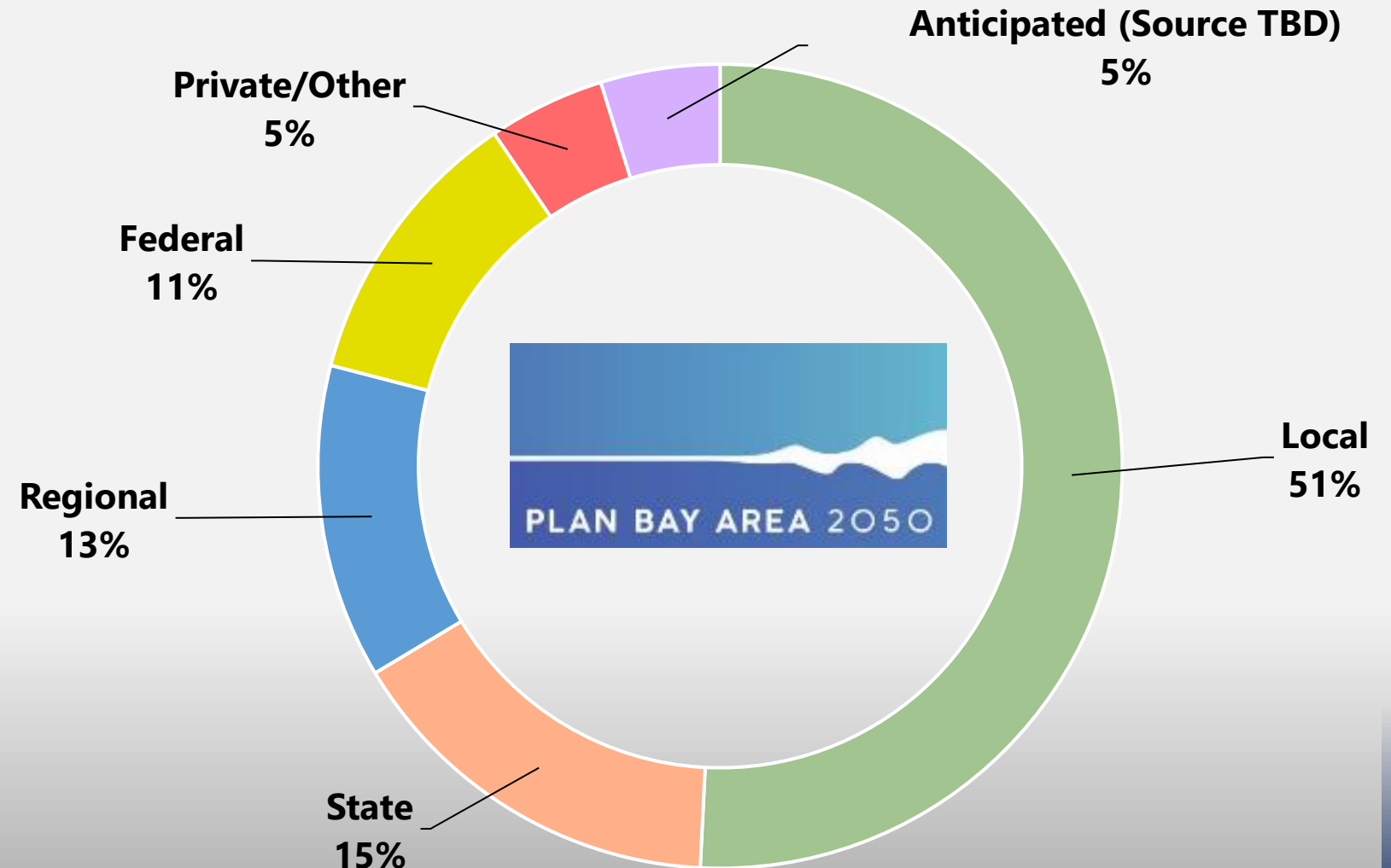
FOUR ELEMENTS OF THE PLAN



- **Transportation** Strategies
- **Housing** Geographies & Strategies
- **Economic** Geographies & Strategies
- **Environmental** Strategies

Funding Sources in Plan Bay Area 2050

**Total of \$1.4 trillion,
including
\$578 billion in
transportation
investments over 24
years**

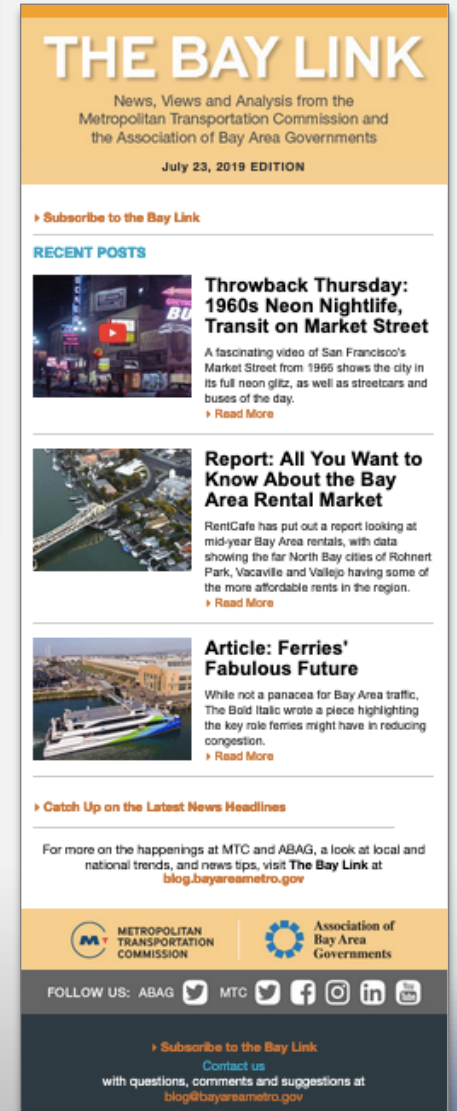
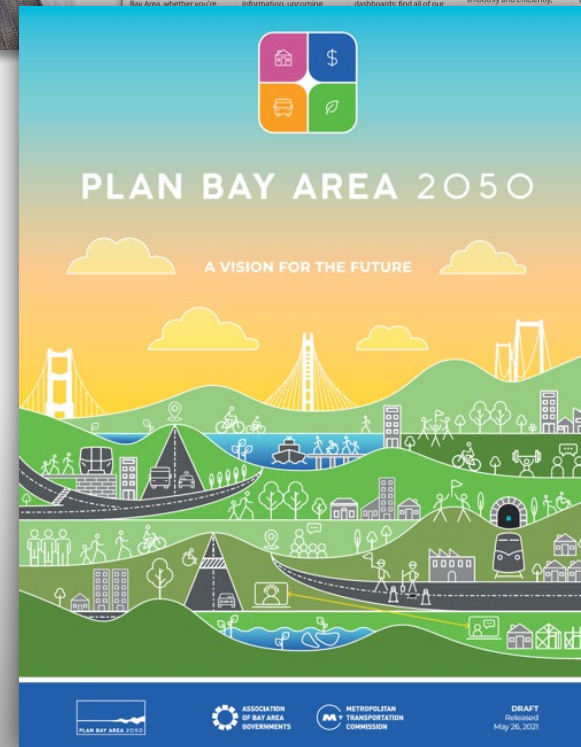
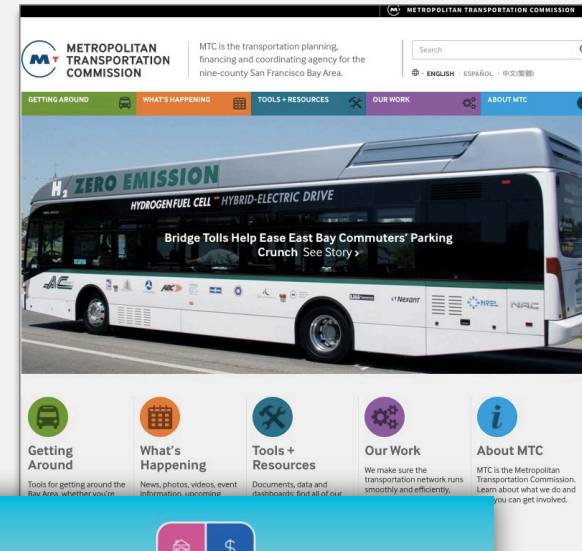


MTC Has Role in Customer-Facing Mobility Programs



Key Information Resources

- **Plan Bay Area**
<https://www.planbayarea.org/>
- **MTC's Web Site**
www.mtc.ca.gov
- **MTC-ABAG Library**
library@bayareametro.gov
- **Headlines**
MTC's transportation news subscription
www.mtc.ca.gov/news/headlines.htm
- **The Bay Link Blog**
<https://blog.bayareametro.gov/>





**For More Information
Go To:**

www.mtc.ca.gov

MTC Staff for the Policy Advisory Council

- **Martha Silver (she/her)**
- **Ky-Nam Miller (he/him)**



Getting to Know Each Other

Round of Brief Intros



Getting to know you

- Please (briefly) share:
 - Your name + preferred pronouns
 - Where you're from
 - Why you're serving on the Council
 - One interesting fact about you

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Agenda Item 5

Staff Liaison Report

Subject:

Relevant MTC policy decisions and other activities.

Issues:

None identified

Recommendations:

Information

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Staff Liaison Report – January 2022

Staff Liaison Report – January 2022

Former Policy Advisory Council Member Michelle Hernandez Passes

Staff received the sad news that former Policy Advisory Council Member Dr. Michelle Hernandez [passed away](#) on December 26, 2021. Dr. Hernandez, a tireless disability advocate, served on MTC's Policy Advisory Council and was a fixture of the Council and the Equity and Access subcommittee. She passed away due to complications while receiving cancer treatment. Dr. Hernandez demonstrated the commitment that the Commission and staff are privileged to experience and receive from our Policy Advisory Council, and the agency is better for her efforts. Staff will relay to the Council information about any memorial services and directed donations by her family and loved ones.

BATA Lowers Violation Penalties at Bay Area Toll Bridges

The Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA) announced a sharp reduction in the penalties associated with toll violation notices sent by the FasTrak® customer service center to customers with unpaid invoices for toll bridge crossings. Effective now — and retroactive to all violation notices since Jan. 1, 2021, for outstanding tolls at the San Francisco-Oakland Bay, Antioch, Benicia-Martinez, Carquinez, Dumbarton, Richmond-San Rafael and San Mateo-Hayward bridges — the penalty for first violation notices drops to \$5 from the previous \$25 and the penalty for second violation notices falls to \$15 from the previous \$70.

Start of New Year Brings Toll Hike at Seven Bay Area Bridges

The Bay Area Toll Authority (BATA) reminds drivers that tolls at the region's seven state-owned toll bridges went up \$1 at 12 a.m. on Jan. 1, 2022. This is the second of the three \$1 toll increases approved by the Legislature in 2017 through state Senate Bill 595 and by voters through Regional Measure 3 in June 2018. The first of these toll hikes went into effect on Jan. 1, 2019. The last of the Regional Measure 3 toll increases will go into effect on Jan. 1, 2025.

Transportation, Housing News Right to Your Inbox

MTC offers a convenient [Daily News Headlines](#) subscription, delivering a curated list of stories about transportation, housing, development, the environment and more directly to your email inbox. The headlines are sent each weekday, arriving just in time to enjoy with your morning coffee.

The [Bay Link blog](#) offers a more in-depth look at these topics, often in the context of the work that the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and MTC are doing, along with other stories of interest to Bay Area residents and professionals. The Bay Link Blog E-Newsletter, with the top Bay Link features of the week, is distributed every Tuesday.

[Sign up for each of these newsletters](#), along with others from the MTC-ABAG family, including the Plan Bay Area 2050 E-Newsletter and updates about MTC Express Lanes.

Have a Question? Ask a Librarian

If you need assistance locating information or are having difficulty navigating the MTC-ABAG websites, please feel free to contact the MTC-ABAG head librarian, Julie Tunnell. Reference assistance is available by telephone (415-778-5236), or email library@bayareametro.gov. Information can also be found on the [MTC-ABAG library webpage](#).

For MTC and Plan Bay Area glossaries:

- [Glossary of Transportation Planning Acronyms & Terms](#)
- [Plan Bay Area Glossary](#)

Executive Director's Report

The following items are excerpts from the December 2021 Executive Director's Report to the Commission. To read this and past reports in their entirety check the agenda from a given Commission meeting (search for past meetings on [Legistar](#)).

Key Updates:

Youth Internship for Summer 2022

Agency staff are beginning the planning and recruitment process for the 2022 college and high school internship programs. Last summer's remote programs were an overall success, with 6 and 29 students participating in the respective college and high school programs, recruited predominantly from Equity Priority Communities. While it is unclear whether public health protocols will allow for a return to an in-person internship experience for the students, the Commission can provide greater clarity by dedicating budget and staff resources to grow this key facet of the Equity Platform.

Transportation Listening Session

On Monday, December 13th, MTC held a listening session on a potential regional revenue measure with a focus on transportation. MTC Chair Pedroza led the meeting, which was structured as a webinar and included a wide range of speakers and perspectives. The session can be viewed via this [link](#) using the passcode **BNr1QJ9!** and we will provide a summary of what we heard at the January Legislation Committee meeting.

Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force Implementation

On December 15, the Executive Committee will hold a special meeting to discuss the next steps related to implementation of the Blue-Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force's Transit Transformation Action Plan. This includes a fare integration policy and vision statement, a timeline for near-term funding requests associated with the early action items (fare integration, mapping and wayfinding, and transit priority), a high-level preview of items to consider including in an update to Resolution 3866 (MTC's Transit Coordination Implementation Plan), and an update on the Network Management Business Case.

Recent Executive Director Invitations

- On November 22, 2021, KQED aired the documentary “[Moving San Francisco](#)”, examining the City’s transportation history from “its unique cable cars that conquered impossible hills to the current wave of ride-sharing companies and autonomous vehicles”—with an eye to the many challenges seen today that will shape its transportation future. I was one of several interviewees for the documentary.
- On December 9, 2021, I served as a panelist for the Bay Area Council webinar: “[Bay Area Impact: How Will Federal Infrastructure Funding Change the Bay Area?](#)”; along with Congressman Mark DeSaulnier and Darlene Gee, Senior Vice President HNTB. The large attendee list spoke to the intense interest in the federal program, and how we can best use the funds to advance much needed investment and change in the region.