



Metropolitan Transportation Commission

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

Meeting Agenda

Policy Advisory Council

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

1:30 PM

Board Room - 1st Floor

This meeting is scheduled to be webcast live on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Website: <http://mtc.ca.gov/whats-happening/meetings>.

1. [17-2926](#) Welcome

Action: Information
Presenter: Randy Rentschler, Director, Legislation and Public Affairs

2. Roll Call / Confirm Quorum

Quorum: A quorum of this council shall be a majority of its regular voting members (15).

3. [17-2927](#) Approval of October 11, 2017 Meeting Minutes
(5 minutes)

Action: Approval
Presenter: Randi Kinman, Council Chair

Attachments: [03_Minutes_Oct 2017.pdf](#)

4. Council Orientation

- 4a. [17-2930](#) Electronic Payments Section
(20 minutes)

Briefing on the role and responsibilities of the Electronic Payments Section.

Action: Information
Presenter: Carol Kuester, Director, Electronic Payments

Attachments: [04a_Electronic_Payments_Orientation.pdf](#)

- 4b. [17-2958](#) Programming and Allocations Section
(20 minutes)
- Briefing on the role and responsibilities of the Programming and Allocations Section.
- Action:** Information
- Presenter:** Anne Richman, Director, Programming and Allocations
- Attachments:** [04b_ WhatPADoes.pdf](#)
- 4c. [17-2931](#) Legislation and Public Affairs Section
(20 minutes)
- Briefing on the role and responsibilities of the Legislation and Public Affairs Section.
- Action:** Information
- Presenter:** Randy Rentschler, Director, Legislation and Public Affairs
- Attachments:** [04c LPA Orientation Nov2017.pdf](#)
5. [17-2979](#) 2018 Draft MTC/ABAG Joint Advocacy Program
(30 minutes)
- Review of 2018 Draft Legislative Advocacy Program.
- Action:** Information and Discussion
- Presenter:** Randy Rentschler, Director, Legislation and Public Affairs
- Attachments:** [05 2018 Draft MTC-ABAG Joint Advocacy Program.pdf](#)
6. [17-2932](#) Staff Liaison Report
(5 minutes)
- Relevant MTC policy decisions and other activities.
- Action:** Information
- Presenter:** Halimah Anderson, Staff Liaison
- Attachments:** [06 Staff Liaison Report.pdf](#)

7. [17-2933](#) Council Member Reports
(5 minutes)

Members of the Council may report on locally relevant issues or events.

Action: Information

Presenter: Randi Kinman, Council Chair

8. [17-2934](#) New Business
(5 minutes)

Members of the Council may bring up new business for discussion or addition to a future agenda.

Action: Discussion

Presenter: Randi Kinman, Council Chair

9. Public Comments / Other Business

10. Adjournment / Next Meeting

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Welcome

Presenter:
Randy Rentschler, Director, Legislation and Public Affairs

Recommended Action:
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Recommended Action:
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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Policy Advisory Council

Agenda Item 3

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Board Room - 1st Floor

1. [17-2841](#) Welcome

Action: Information

Presenter: Randi Kinman, Council Chair

2. Roll Call / Confirm Quorum

Present: 16 - Chair Kinman, Vice Chair Castellanos, Baker, Blacksten, Burnett, Din, Fearn, Florez, Glover, Hedges, Lane, Lee, Levine, Malekafzali, Pechner and Talansky

Excused: 7 - Armenta, Fang, Chaudhary, Hernandez, Kaufman, Murray and Wolf

Absent: 3 - Clary, Nicholson and Schweng

3. [17-2842](#) Approval of September 13, 2017 Meeting Minutes
(5 minutes)

Action: Approval

Presenter: Randi Kinman, Council Chair

Upon motion by Baker and second by Vice Chair Castellanos, the September 13, 2017 meeting minutes were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 13 - Vice Chair Castellanos, Baker, Blacksten, Burnett, Din, Fearn, Glover, Hedges, Lane, Lee, Levine, Malekafzali and Talansky

Absent: 12 - Armenta, Clary, Fang, Florez, Chaudhary, Hernandez, Kaufman, Murray, Nicholson, Pechner, Schweng and Wolf

Abstain: 1 - Chair Kinman

Veda Florez and Mike Pechner arrived after the approval of the September 13, 2017 meeting minutes.

4. [17-2843](#) Subcommittee Reports
(5 minutes)

The subcommittee may refer an item from its agenda to the full Council for action at its next meeting if needed.

Action: Information

Presenter: Jim Blacksten, Subcommittee Chair

5. [17-2844](#) Update on 2017 State Legislative Session and Discussion of 2018 Advocacy Priorities (30 minutes)

Presentation on the outcome of MTC priority bills in Sacramento and share preliminary ideas about MTC's 2018 Advocacy Program for feedback from the Council.

Action: Information, Discussion and Input

Presenter: Rebecca Long

David Pilpel was called to speak.

Aleta Dupree was called to speak.

6. [17-2845](#) 2017 Update of the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan - Status Report (30 minutes)

Overview of the update to MTC's Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan for information and discussion.

Action: Information

Presenter: Drennen Shelton

David Pilpel was called to speak.

7. [17-2846](#) 2018 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) Policies and Procedures (MTC Resolution No. 4308) (20 minutes)

Presentation on the proposed policies for the 2018 RTIP, which provides about \$290 million in new programming capacity to the Bay Area.

Action: Information, Discussion and Input

Presenter: Anne Richman

Upon motion by Hedges and second by Blacksten, the Policy Advisory Council took a support position on the direction taken by the Programming and Allocations Committee members at their October 11, 2017 meeting. Additionally, the Council recommends adding a note regarding the displacement issue. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 16 - Chair Kinman, Vice Chair Castellanos, Baker, Blacksten, Burnett, Din, Fearn, Florez, Glover, Hedges, Lane, Lee, Levine, Malekafzali, Pechner and Talansky

Absent: 10 - Armenta, Clary, Fang, Chaudhary, Hernandez, Kaufman, Murray, Nicholson, Schweng and Wolf

8. [17-2847](#) Staff Liaison Report
(5 minutes)

Relevant MTC policy decisions and other activities.

Action: Information

Presenter: Halimah Anderson, MTC Acting Staff Liaison

David Pilpel was called to speak.

Jerry Grace was called to speak.

9. [17-2848](#) Council Member Reports
(5 minutes)

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Action: Information

Presenter: Randi Kinman, Council Chair

10. [17-2849](#) New Business
(5 minutes)

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Action: Discussion

Presenter: Randi Kinman, Council Chair

11. Public Comments / Other Business

Aleta Dupree was called to speak.

Pam Grove was called to speak.

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Briefing on the role and responsibilities of the Electronic Payments Section.

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Subject:

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Presenter:

Carol Kuester, Director, Electronic Payments

Recommended Action:

Information

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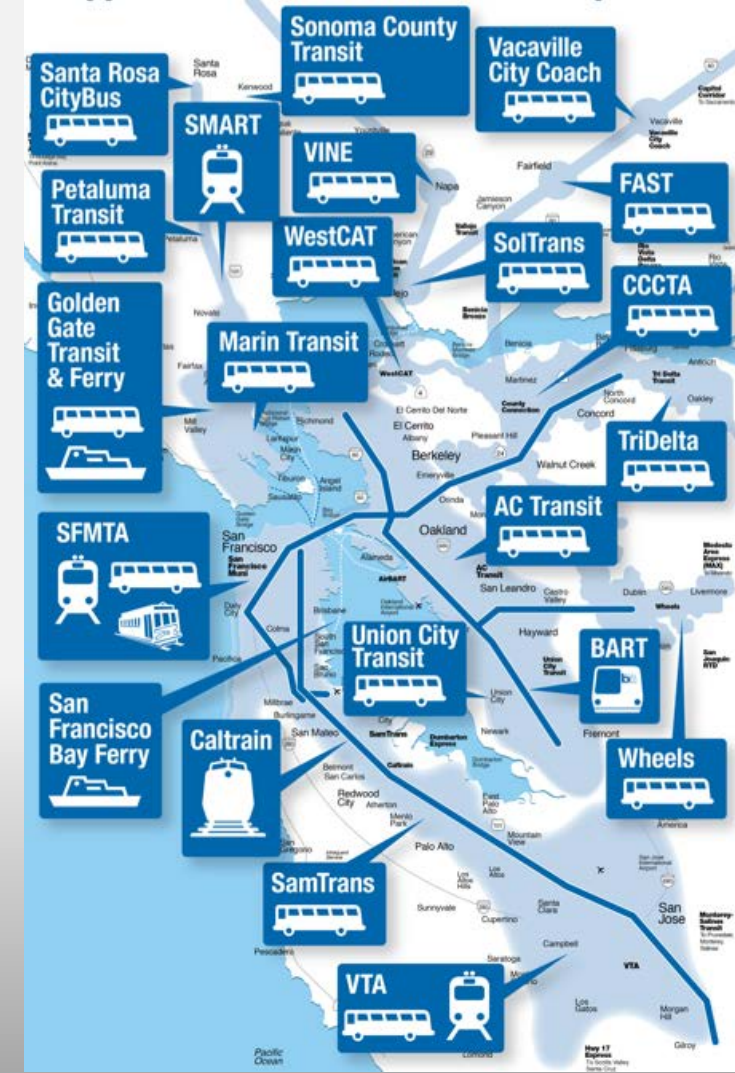
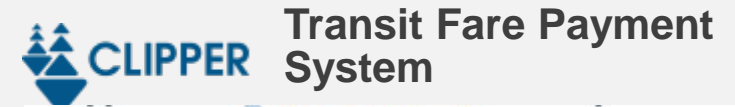
Policy Advisory Council Orientation

Electronic Payments Section

Carol Kuester, Director
November 2017



Electronic Payment Responsibilities



Clipper Overview

- **Bay Area transit fare payment system**
 - Available to virtually all Bay Area transit riders
 - Accepted on 22 transit agencies
 - Includes buses, street cars, light and heavy rail, cable cars and ferries
 - Clipper card stores passes and cash value
 - System automatically calculates discounts and transfers



Clipper Today



952,000

Unique Cards Used Each Month

50%

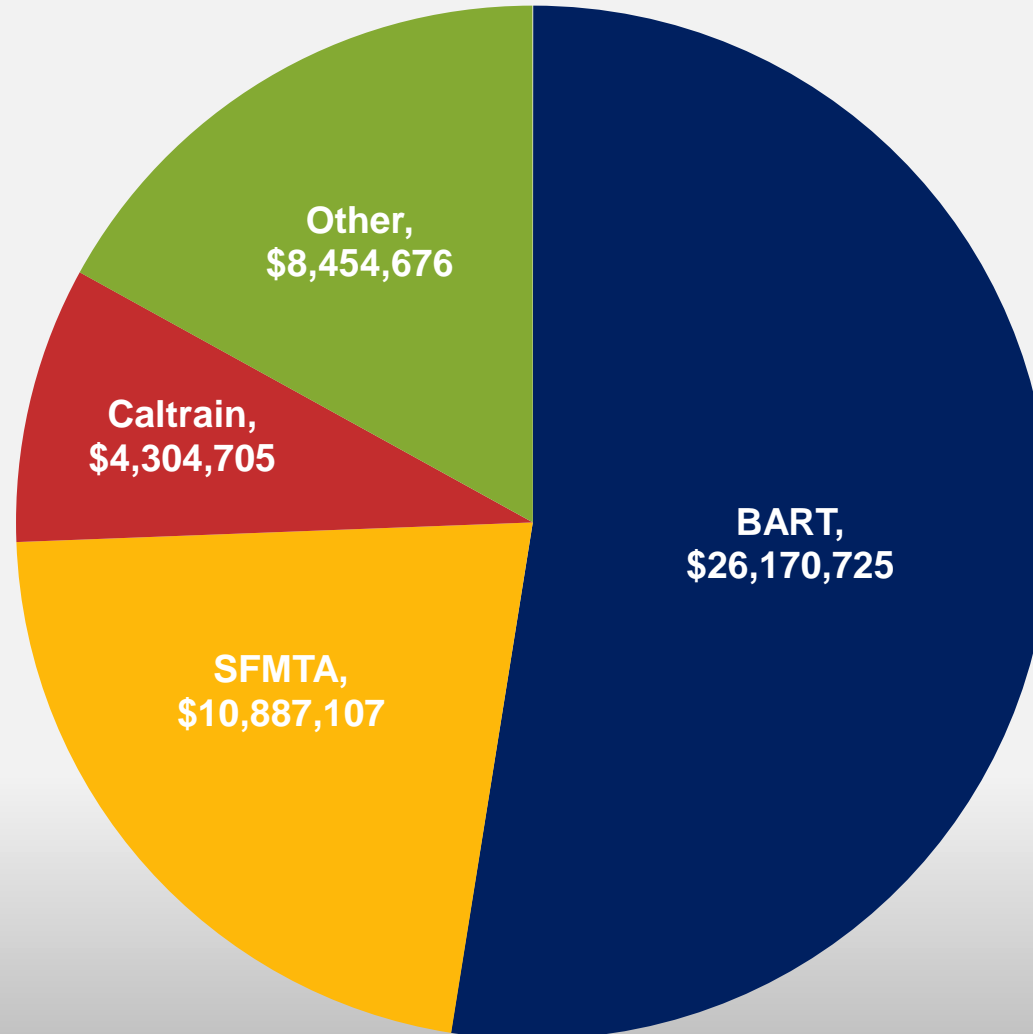
Market Share

\$46M

Monthly Transit Operator Revenue

Monthly average August 2016 to August 2017

Monthly Revenue by Transit Agency



Data from August 2017

FasTrak[®] Toll Collection System



Bridge Tolls



Express Lanes



SFO Parking

FasTrak Today



1.2 million

Toll Tags Used Each Month

69%

Market Share

\$51M

Monthly Toll Revenue Collected

Monthly average August 2016 to August 2017

State Bridge FasTrak Usage

Bridge	Peak Period % FasTrak*	Annual Traffic**
SF-Oakland Bay	78%	44,200,000
Carquinez	62%	20,000,000
Benicia-Martinez	68%	18,200,000
San Mateo-Hayward	73%	16,200,000
Richmond-San Rafael	67%	12,500,000
Dumbarton	75%	9,900,000
Antioch	51%	2,200,000
TOTAL	75%	123,200,000

* July 18, 2017

** FY 2016-17



Golden Gate Bridge All Electronic Tolling (AET)

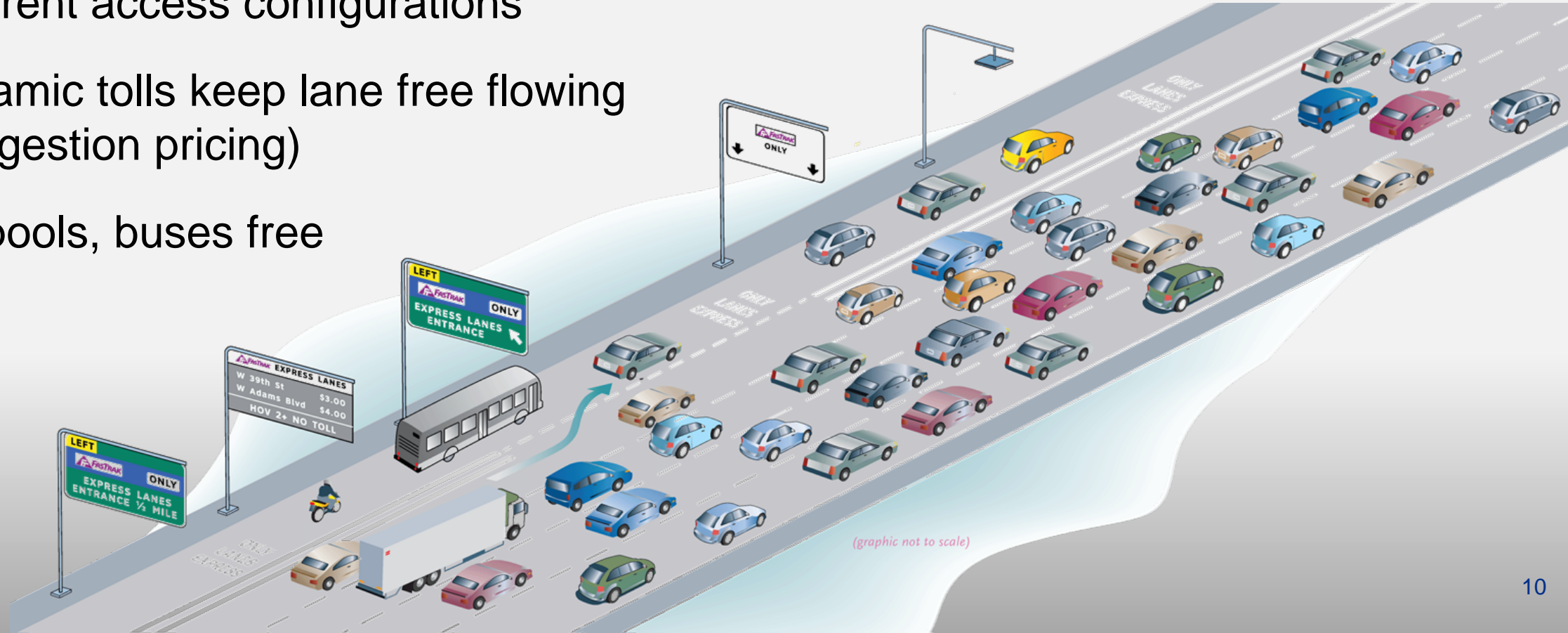
Cash collection removed from toll plaza in March 2013



- **Toll collection methods**
 - License plate image used to bill the registered vehicle owner
 - FasTrak tag
- **Introduced new payment options**
 - Image based license plate accounts
 - Cash payment kiosks at retail locations

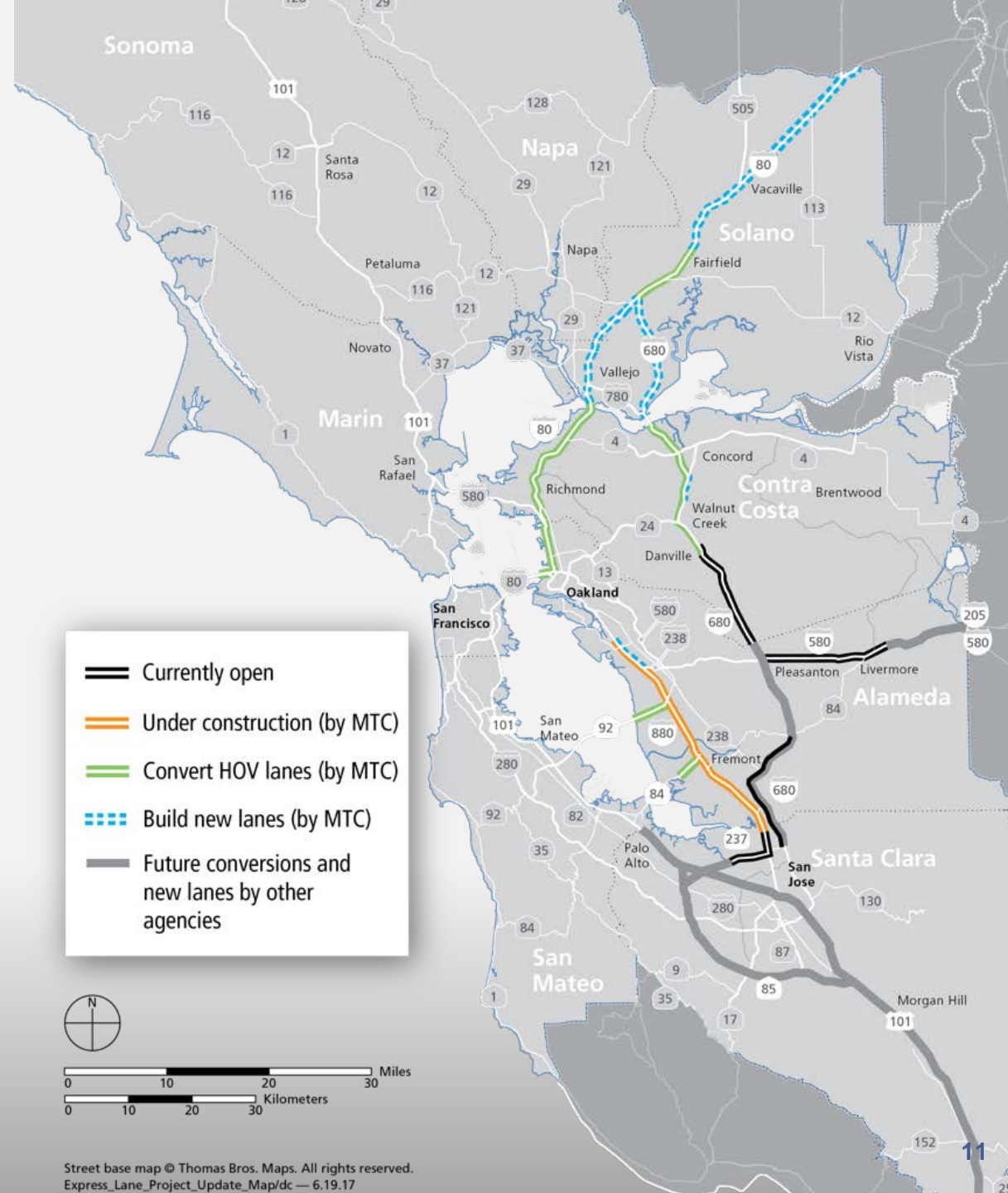
Bay Area Express Lanes

- Single lane, not reversible
- Different access configurations
- Dynamic tolls keep lane free flowing (congestion pricing)
- Carpools, buses free



Express Lane Network

- **550-Mile Network Planned**
 - 75 miles existing express lanes
 - 265 miles converted HOV lanes
 - 210 miles new lanes



Challenge: More People, Fewer Cars

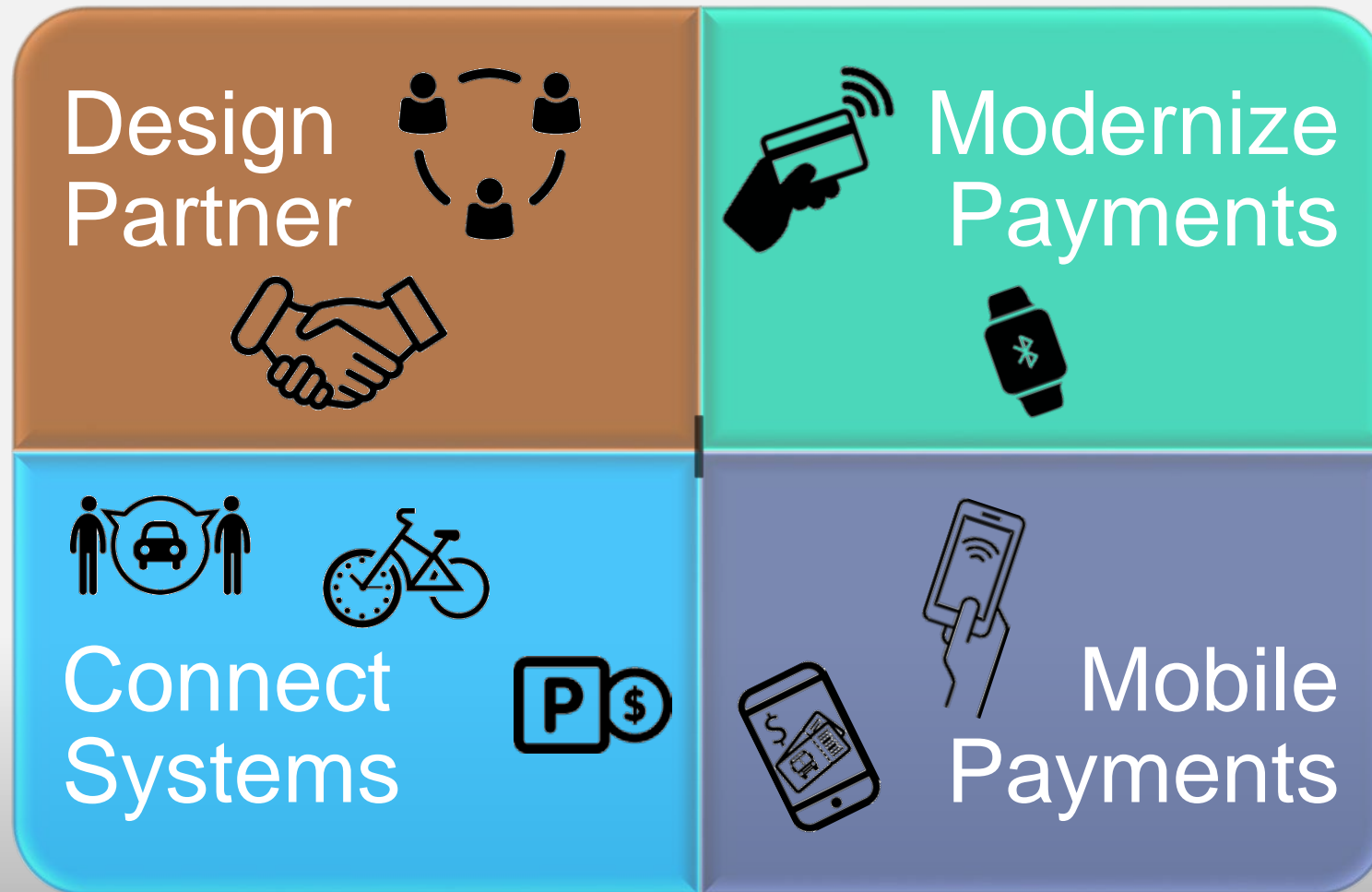
- The more people use shared modes, the more likely they are to use public transit, own fewer cars and spend less on transportation overall.

Question:

- To what extent would an integrated payment platform motivate people to use shared modes?



A Solution Ready for the Future





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Briefing on the role and responsibilities of the Programming and Allocations Section.

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Programming and Allocations Section
(20 minutes)

Briefing on the role and responsibilities of the Programming and Allocations Section.

Presenter:

Anne Richman, Director, Programming and Allocations

Recommended Action:

Information

Attachments:

Transportation Funding Overview



Programming & Allocations Section

November 2017

Programming & Allocations

Main Functions

- Fund Programming, Monitoring, Forecasting
- Project Oversight
- Policy Analysis and Specialized Studies
- Asset Management
- Stakeholder Outreach/working groups



The Revenue Picture

- What are the various revenue programs?
- Where does the revenue come from?
- How much comes to MTC?



Key Transportation Funding Decision — Makers

Federal Funds

- FHWA & FTA
- Caltrans
- MTC

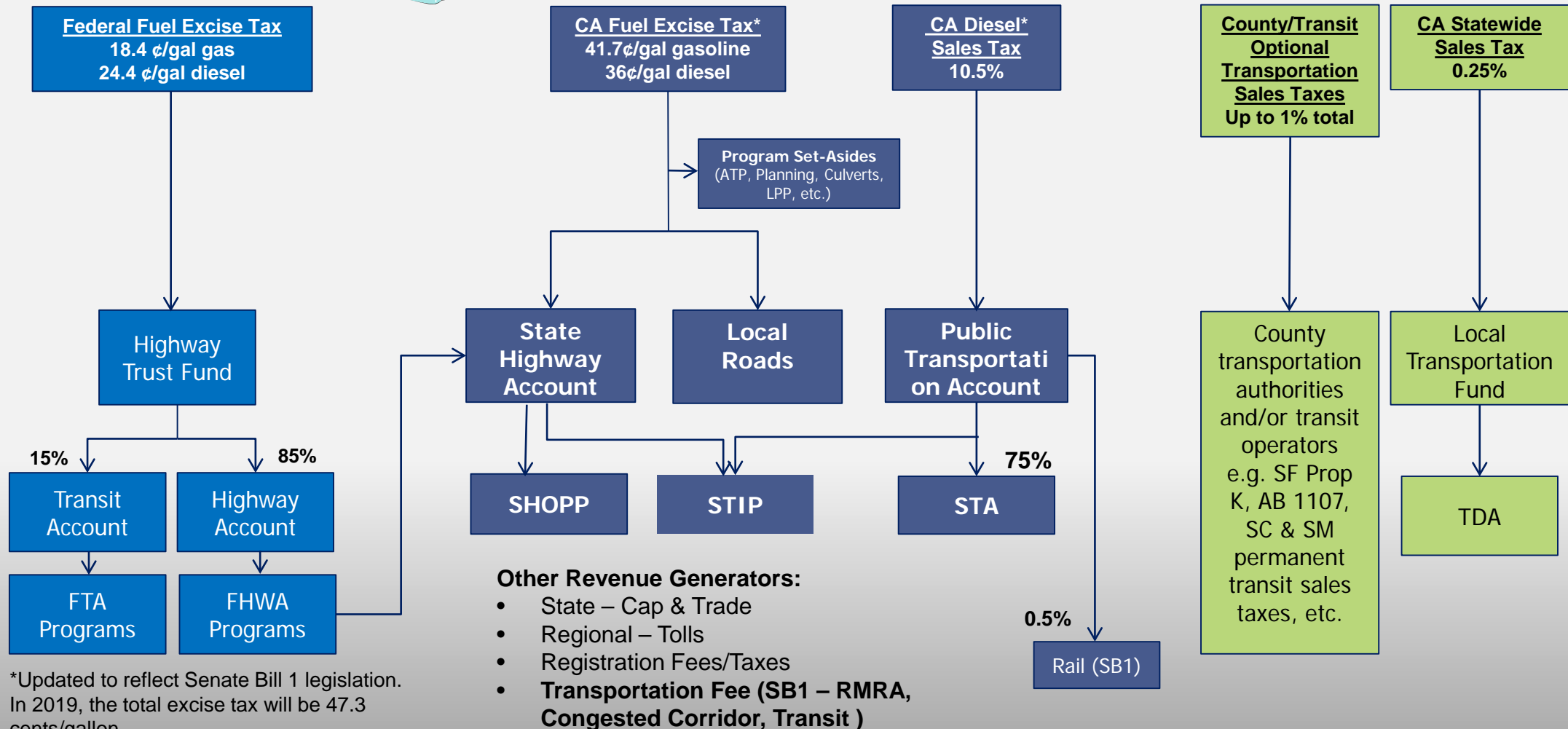
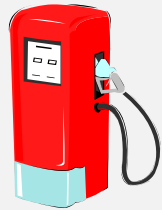
State Funds

- CA Legislature
- CTC
- CARB / SGC / Other
- Caltrans
- CalSTA
- MTC

Regional & Local Funds

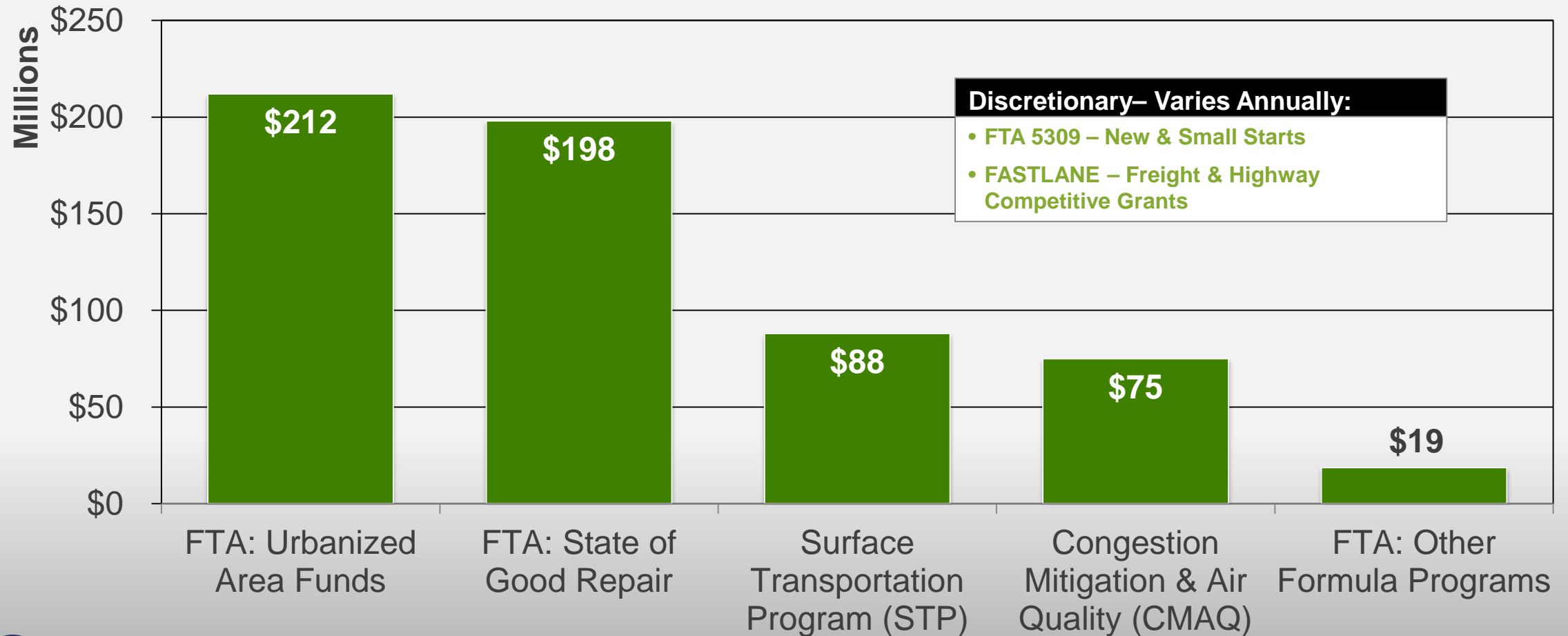
- MTC/BATA
- CMAs
- Transit Agencies
- Cities/Public Works Departments

Revenue Generation — Simplified



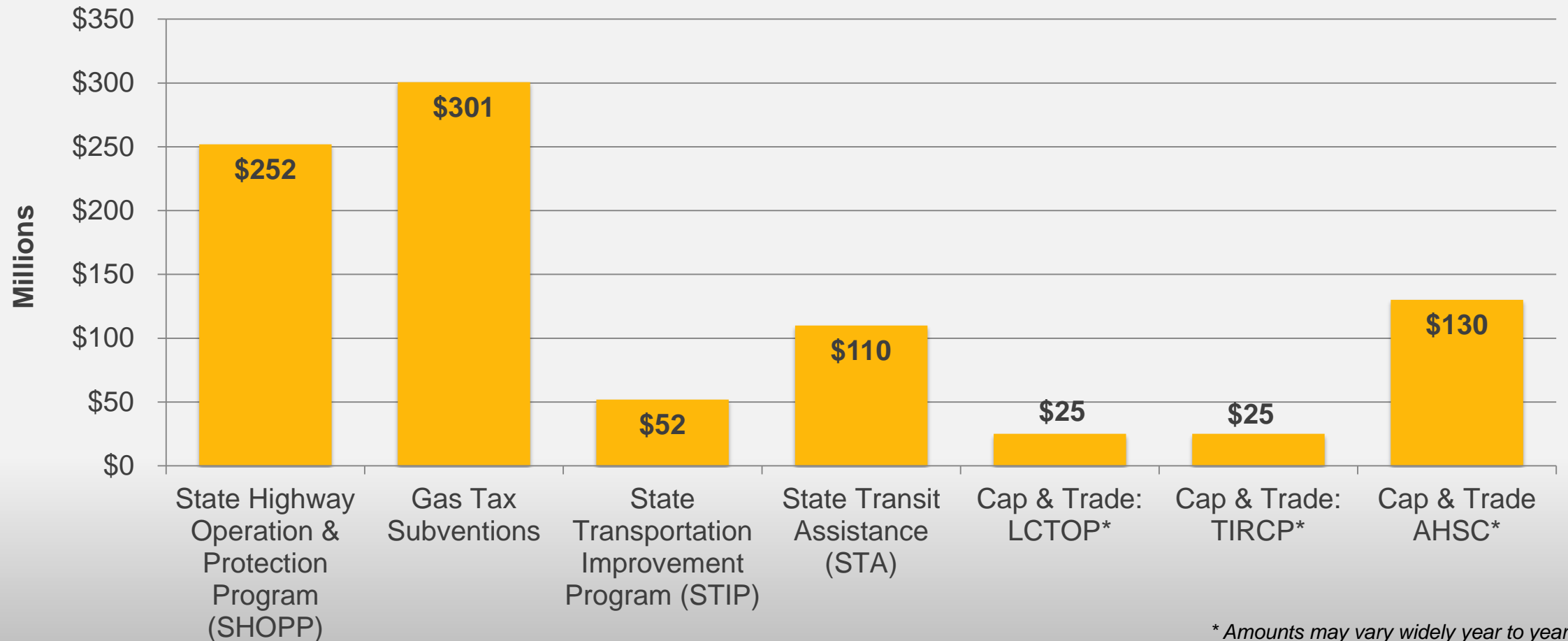
Funding Sources: Federal

Annual Revenue Amounts — 2016



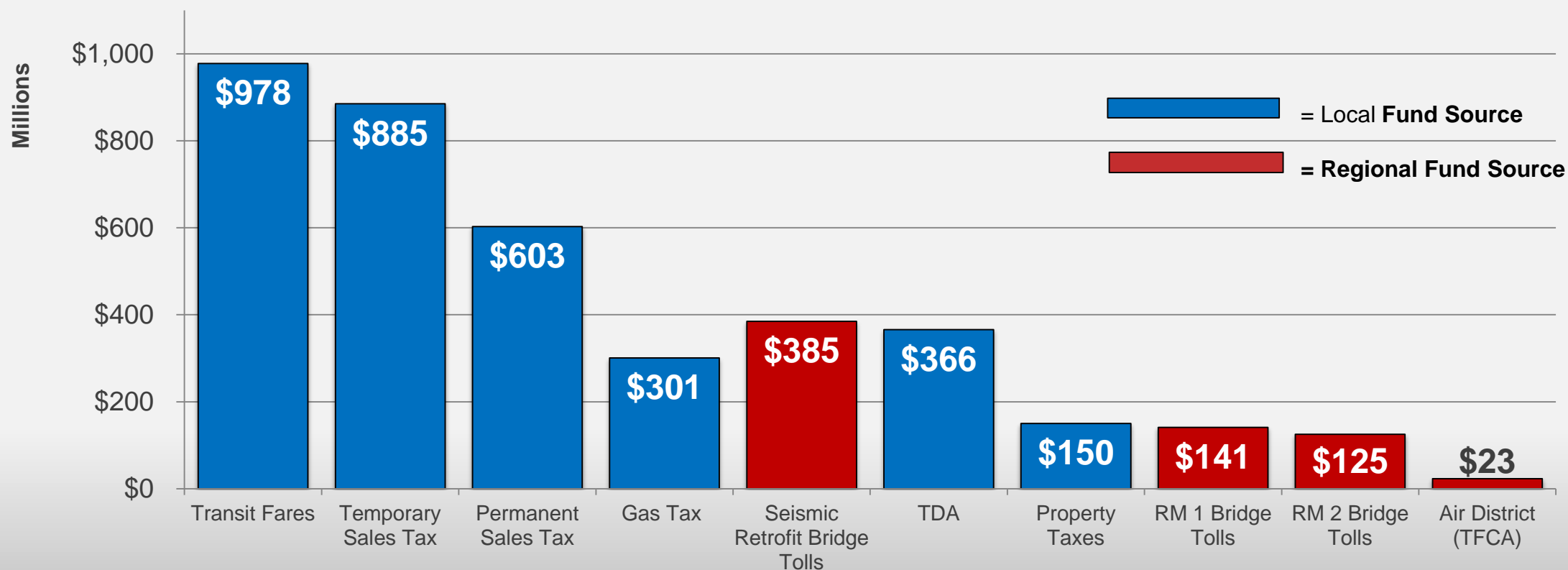
Funding Sources: State

Annual Revenue Amounts



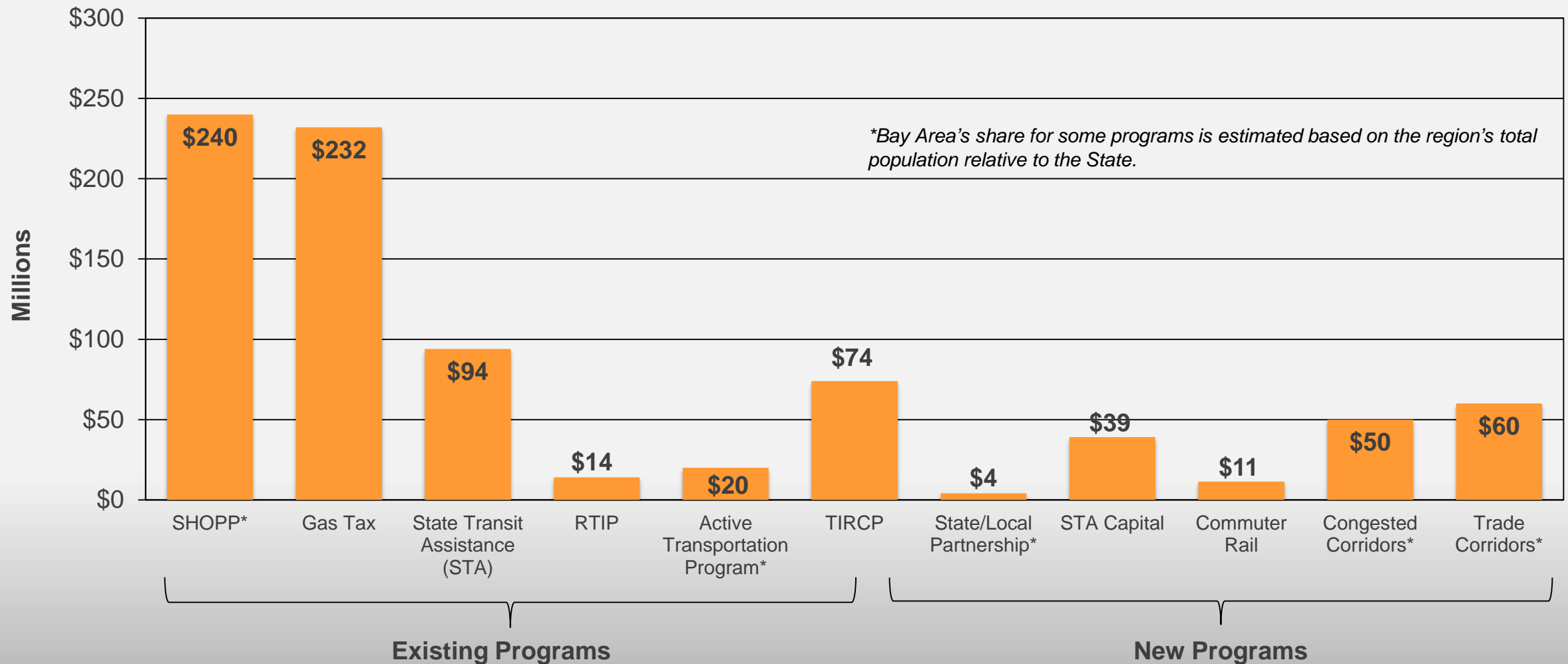
Funding Sources: Local & Regional

Annual Revenue Amounts — 2016



Estimated SB1 Program Revenue Increases

Annual Revenue Increase Anticipated in FY 2018-19



Major Funding Programs

- How does MTC assign funds?
- Which revenue sources support which MTC programs?
- Who gets how much?
- What are the program cycles / timing?



General Process for Programming Funds

1. Prepare program guidelines, typically approved by Commission
2. Conduct project selection or fund assignment process
3. Funding recommendations considered at Commission
4. Implement program/projects – varies by program (file grant applications, allocate funds, enter into agreements, etc.)
5. Monitor, assess, adjust/amend
6. For state/federal competitive programs, MTC may endorse projects
7. Stakeholder outreach happens throughout process

Program Funding by Mode / Purpose

	TDA	STA	RM2	OBAG	TCP	ATP	C&T	STIP
Transit Operating	X	X	X		X		X	
Transit Capital	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
Streets & Roads				X				X
Hwys & Regional Operations			X	X				X
Bike/Ped	X			X		X	X	
Local Planning				X				
Climate				X			X	
Low-income, senior, disabled populations	X	X			X	X	X	
Housing				X			X	

Federal Programs

Transit Capital Priorities: \$475 M

- FTA formula funds apportioned by Urbanized Areas (UA)
- Based on operators' highest scoring needs (capped)
- Replacement of buses, trains, ferries and fixed guideway are highest priority

Specialized Programs – with Caltrans

- **FTA 5310** – senior, disabled, elderly transportation services and coordination
 - Approx. every two years, **\$4 M/yr**
- **FTA 5311** – Rural transit services
 - Annual program, **\$2 M**

One Bay Area Grant:

Funding: STP & CMAQ (Five years, FY 2018 – 22):

- Support the Sustainable Communities Strategy
 - Promote investment in Priority Development Areas (PDAs) and Priority Conservation Areas (PCAs)
- **County Program: \$386 M**
 - Provides flexibility to spend on local priorities
 - Incentivizes Housing
- **Regional Program: \$476 M**
 - Support regional initiatives and key programs

State Programs

Active Transportation Program:

- State program for bicycle/pedestrian focused projects
 - 50% Statewide Competitive Program
 - MTC region awarded \$32M out of \$132M (FY 2017)
 - 10% Small Urban and Rural Program
 - 40% Large Urbanized Areas (Regional) Program
 - MTC guidelines and scoring mirror state's, plus regional considerations
 - Regional program = approx. **\$20 M**

State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP):

- State's five-year spending plan for State and Federal funding retained by the State
- 75% Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) – Programmed by regions / counties
- 25% Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP) – Programmed by state
- Approximately **\$52 M** annually – Has been highly volatile; expected to stabilize and increase with SB1

Major Funding Programs: Local / Regional

Fund Estimate: **\$654 M**

- Adopted Annually
- Fund Sources = TDA, STA, AB1107, Bridge Tolls, LCTOP
- Basis for transit providers' budgets

STA Population-Based: **\$29M**

- Part of Annual Fund Estimate
- Supports small operators, paratransit, Lifeline program, Clipper/511

Regional Measure 2:

- Funds transit and highway projects in bridge corridors
- Capital program = 39 projects totaling \$1.5B (nearly complete)
- Operating program = 13 projects ranging from express and late night bus service to ferry service to metro service; **\$43 M/yr**

Other Bridge Toll Programs: **\$16M**

- AB664, 2%-5% – Transit capital, ferries, Bay Trail

Examples of Special Studies and Policy Analysis

- **Transit Sustainability Project**
 - Analysis of transit operator cost effectiveness and efficiency, and service
 - Requires transit operators to meet one of three performance targets related to cost containment
- **Asset Management**
 - Manage StreetSaver software – used by every Bay Area city/town to inventory road assets and conditions – annual Pavement Condition Index (PCI) report for best and worst roads
 - Inventory of all transit assets in region – required by FTA and used to assess maintenance needs/costs
- **TIP Investment Analysis**
 - TIP is a federally-required document, listing major regional projects (approx. 900)
 - Every two years, analyze how region's investments are distributed including to minority and low income communities
- **Transit Coordination**
 - SMART – Bus coordination study
 - BART-AC Transit fare coordination study

Upcoming Initiative Related to Housing Crisis

- Per Commission direction, and consistent with CASA:
 - Staff to develop potential criteria to link housing performance (including production, preservation, and protection) with funding decisions, that would consider all funding sources
 - Complete by July 1, 2018 for public/stakeholder and Commission review
- Past housing-related actions have included:
 - Direct investment (modest) – example: TOAH program
 - Funding conditions (significant) – example: OBAG county program
 - Rewards (in the middle) – example: “80k x 2020” program





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Presenter:

Randy Rentschler, Director, Legislation and Public Affairs

Recommended Action:

Information

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Policy Advisory Council Orientation



Legislation and Public Affairs

Randy Rentschler, Director

November 2017

Legislation

MTC Legislative Advocacy

- Advocate at the federal, state and local level to advance our transportation and land-use goals
- Ensure the Bay Area benefits from new opportunities
- Defend against proposals that may reduce funding for Bay Area transportation



MTC Advocacy Efforts in Washington

- A national leader in strengthening metropolitan planning organizations' role in federal transportation policy
- Seek funding for high priority projects through the Federal Transit Administration's New Starts Program
- Current projects with Full Funding Grant Agreements:
 - SF Central Subway
 - BART to Silicon Valley
 - Caltrain Electrification Project



MTC Advocacy Efforts in Sacramento

- Key Policy Outcomes in 2017:
 - Securing cap-and-trade funds for transportation
 - Senate Bill 1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017
 - Regional Measure 3 (SB 595)
 - 15-Bill Affordable Housing Package – funding, streamlining, reforms



Public Involvement

Policy Advisory Council

- Created in 2009 to advise the Commission on transportation policies
- Incorporates diverse perspectives relating to the environment, the economy and social equity



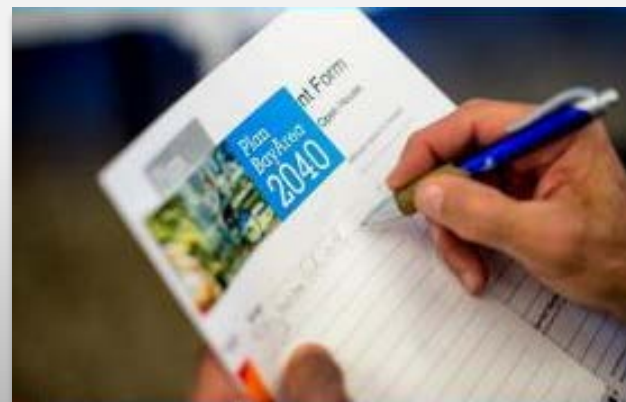
Public Involvement

- Public engagement on planning studies and other MTC programs
- Maintain the MTC Web site
- Respond to inquiries from the public and the media



Other Public Involvement

- Social Media
- Public Records Requests
- Public Hearings
- Awards Program
- Special Events



Spare the Air Youth

- Part of MTC's Climate Initiatives Program
- Implemented in partnership with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District
- Goal is to educate, inspire and empower youth and their families to make healthy transportation choices



Bike-to-Work Day

- Nationally recognized event
- Held annually in May
- Sponsored by MTC and county bicycle organizations



Publications and Graphics

Reports

- Annual Report to Congress
- Annual Report to the State Legislature
- Plan Bay Area 2040
- Statistical Summary of Bay Area Transit Operators
- Maps

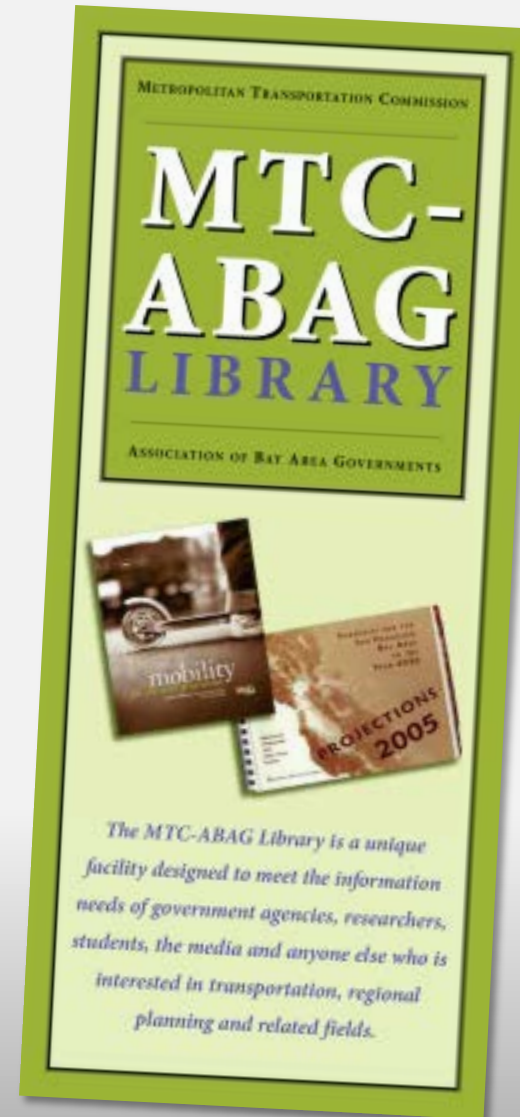




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Presenter:

Randy Rentschler, Director, Legislation and Public Affairs

Recommended Action:

Information and Discussion

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**METROPOLITAN
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Agenda Item 5

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TO: Policy Advisory Council

DATE: November 1, 2017

FR: Randy Rentschler, MTC

RE: 2018 Draft MTC/ABAG Joint Advocacy Program

Policy Advisory Council Agenda Item 5 2018 Draft MTC/ABAG Joint Advocacy Program is attached as presented to this month's MTC Legislation Committee, which will meet on November 3, 2017.

MTC staff will be at your November 8 meeting to discuss the 2018 Draft MTC/ABAG Joint Advocacy Program.

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Memorandum

TO: Joint MTC Legislation Committee and
ABAG Legislation Committee

DATE: October 27, 2017

FR: Deputy Executive Director, Policy

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RE: 2018 Draft MTC/ABAG Joint Advocacy Program

At the direction of the MTC and ABAG Legislation Committees' leadership, staff has developed the region's first joint advocacy program for the two agencies. Given that 2017 was such a banner year for transportation funding and affordable housing legislation, there's a good chance the Legislature and Administration may turn their attention to other matters in 2018. Nonetheless, with respect to housing, many of the legislators who authored bills that were enacted as part of the housing package indicated their intent to carry further legislation next year. In preparation for this, the draft program includes a number of housing policy items relevant to the addressing the region's housing shortage.

In addition to carrying forward longstanding goals from prior advocacy programs of the respective agencies, this draft seeks to help advance the underlying goals and action plan of *Plan Bay Area 2040*. The advocacy program serves as a public statement of the agencies' core legislative goals for the upcoming year, as well as a work plan to guide advocacy efforts in Sacramento and Washington, D.C. As bills are introduced, staff will return to the respective agencies' legislation committees to seek approval on specific bill positions that will subsequently be presented for approval to the Commission and Executive Board.

As part of our consultation and advisory process, staff will consult with various stakeholders over the next month. To date, staff has informally sought input for the 2018 Advocacy Program from the Housing Subcommittee of the ABAG Regional Planning Committee (RPC) and the MTC Policy Advisory Council. We also hosted a meeting of MTC's Partnership Legislative Committee to discuss MTC's ideas and hear about what staff from other transportation agencies, local jurisdictions and advocacy organizations are planning for next year. Staff also plans to formally present this document to the RPC and Policy Advisory Council over the next month. Based on discussion at your meeting and additional feedback received, staff will prepare a final 2018 Advocacy Program for your consideration at another joint meeting in December or January, depending on schedule availability, prior to final approval by the Commission and Executive Board.

We look forward to hearing your feedback and developing a more comprehensive Bay Area regional advocacy agenda for 2018.


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- Attachment A: 2018 Draft Advocacy Program



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MTC/ABAG Draft 2018 Joint Advocacy Program

Attachment A



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Issue	Goal	Strategy
1. Transportation Funding	A. Defend Senate Bill 1 (Beall)	Oppose any statewide ballot measure that proposes to repeal the new fuel taxes and registration fees enacted by Senate Bill 1 (Beall, 2017). Collaborate with local, regional, and statewide organizations to highlight the benefits SB 1 is providing to improve the condition of local streets and roads and the state highway system, support public transit systems and implement bicycle and pedestrian improvement projects across the region.
	B. Secure passage of Regional Measure 3	Assuming placement of Regional Measure 3 on the ballot in 2018, staff will develop public information materials to help inform the public about the benefits of the proposed toll increase and how the expenditure plan will improve mobility within the Bay Area's seven state-owned bridge corridors.
	C. Cap and Trade Funding	In collaboration with other statewide organizations, defend the existing transportation and housing programs funded by cap and trade and seek opportunities to direct additional cap and trade funds towards these purposes. Support administrative and/or legislative efforts to streamline funding applications and simplify program administration.
	D. Definition of Disadvantaged Communities	Monitor legislation related to the definition of disadvantaged communities (DACs) as it relates to a local jurisdiction being able to qualify for certain cap and trade funding and other relevant funding programs. Seek opportunities to broaden the definition so that it includes all socio-economically disadvantaged communities. Monitor and engage in any administrative efforts related to updating the CalEnviroScreen, the state's current DAC screening tool developed by the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA).

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2. Housing Supply/ Affordability	A. CASA implementation	Consistent with <i>Plan Bay Area 2040's (Plan)</i> Action Plan, work with Bay Area regional partners to evaluate, and where appropriate, help implement CASA's state legislative recommendations to advance the <i>Plan's</i> housing performance targets. CASA recommendations are expected to address increasing housing supply, improving housing affordability, and strengthening preservation and anti-displacement measures.
	B. Housing funding	Support and pursue efforts to augment state funding for housing and related infrastructure, including resources to help local jurisdictions plan for new housing. Collaborate with local, regional and state partners to highlight the potential benefits of the \$4 billion housing bond authorized by SB 3 (Beall, 2017). Monitor and engage in legislative or administrative efforts related to allocating state housing resources to maximize funding to Bay Area communities.
	C. Incentivize production	Pursue opportunities to reward local jurisdictions that produce new housing and preserve the existing affordable housing stock with additional state funds. Incentives could include augmented resources for parks, infrastructure, schools or other investments that support complete, sustainable communities in growing jurisdictions.
	D. Reform state housing law	Engage in efforts anticipated to be led by Senator Wiener regarding ways to update the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) process. Potential areas for legislative action include changing the types of units that the State Housing & Community Development Department deems eligible to be counted as part of its RHNA review and modifying the methodology by which the state develops its overall estimate of total housing units for each region so that it incorporates economic factors that fuel demand for housing, as well as demographic data.
	E. Lower housing construction costs and facilitate greater housing production	Partner with Bay Area and statewide affordable housing organizations, the Bay Area Council, Silicon Valley Leadership Group, and other interested parties to pursue opportunities to lower the cost of housing construction and facilitate increased production of market-rate and affordable housing units.

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	F. North Bay Wildfires	Work with local partners to advocate for state funding, resources, and other emergency relief measures to aid and support rebuilding and recovery efforts following the devastating 2017 North Bay wildfires.
3. Climate Change & Energy	A. Accelerate the transition to a low carbon future	Support legislation to accelerate the transition to a low carbon future through changes to the vehicle fleet as well as incentives for low carbon buildings.
	B. Improve energy and water efficiency	Support legislation designed to enhance the energy and water efficiency of buildings, including commercial, multifamily and single-family homes. Also support proposals to boost the use of renewable energy and electrification of energy.
4. Resilience	A. Protect existing and future housing stock from natural hazards, such as earthquake and fire	Support efforts to expand the retrofit of existing residential housing, with a focus on multifamily developments, while also strengthening standards for new construction beyond “life safety” to “shelter in place” so that new housing can better withstand a major earthquake. Focus on opportunities to retrofit affordable housing through preservation projects funded from newly-augmented state housing revenues. Engage in efforts at a state and regional/local level to pursue additional funding to support the retrofit of existing properties.
	B. Relieve congestion and mitigate the effects of sea level rise on S.R. 37	In partnership with the State Route 37 Policy Committee and its representative agencies, support legislation and other efforts to address sea level rise, reduce congestion and improve safety on State Route 37.
5. HOV Lanes	Improve HOV lane performance	Pursue legislation to improve the performance of high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes by ensuring greater compliance with passenger occupancy requirements. Explore various options, including but not limited to securing additional state funding for dedicated HOV-lane enforcement units, whether staffed by California Highway Patrol or local law enforcement; a citizen reporting line, similar to the HERO program established over 30 years ago in the State of Washington; and pilot programs to test the benefits of technology-based enforcement. Ensure MTC

		and other regional transportation agencies have a decision-making role in the selection of HOV segments to prioritize for additional enforcement efforts to ensure cost-effectiveness. Explore and pursue other creative options to improve compliance and performance of the lanes.
6. Bus Service	Authorize “bus-on-shoulder”	Support efforts to authorize buses to use the highway shoulder, known as “bus-on-shoulder” during periods of heavy traffic. This is currently allowed in 13 metropolitan areas in the U.S. (including Seattle, San Diego, Miami, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Atlanta, and the Washington, D.C. area) to help speed up bus service in highly-congested corridors. Require collaboration with the California Highway Patrol in the development of guidelines to determine which roadways qualify for the access to ensure public safety.
7. Active Transportation	Improve roadway safety for all users	In partnership with the City and County of San Francisco, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, the City of San Jose and others, continue to support legislation to help achieve Vision Zero — aimed at eliminating all traffic-related serious injuries and fatalities. Support proposals to increase enforcement of traffic laws protecting pedestrians and bicyclists, including proposals to authorize automated speed enforcement on a pilot program basis, such as provided for in AB 342 (Chiu, 2017).
8. Shared Mobility	Support policies that enable technological innovations to improve mobility, while protecting the public’s interest	Monitor legislation and regulations related to shared mobility, such as transportation network companies and real-time carpooling, to ensure that mobility benefits are maximized, and access to critical data for transportation and land-use planning and operational purposes is assured.
9. Connected and Autonomous Vehicles	Monitor and engage in legislation and regulations to facilitate deployment of connected vehicles and autonomous vehicles	In partnership with Bay Area cities and counties, transit agencies, the business community, and other transportation organizations, engage in regulatory and legislative efforts related to connected and autonomous vehicles with the goal of accelerating their safety, mobility, environmental, equity and economic benefits. Similar to the “shared mobility” strategy, support access to critical data for transportation and land use planning and operational purposes.

10 Project Delivery	A. Speed up the design and construction of transportation projects	Support legislation to expedite transportation project delivery by increasing contracting and financing options, including increased flexibility in the Caltrans design review process and broad authority for the use of design-build and public-private partnerships by Caltrans and regional transportation agencies. Support opportunities to establish requirements that would provide greater certainty and oversight of Caltrans reimbursement expenses for locally-sponsored projects on the state highway system.
	B. Update CEQA to curb its abuse by project opponents and speed up the environmental review process	Monitor legislation related to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to seek opportunities to expedite transportation and multifamily housing projects and avoid litigation and delay for key regional priorities, such as projects to expand public transit and build affordable housing.

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Issue	Goal	Strategy
1. Transportation and Housing Funding	A. Defend fiscal year 2018 and 2019 appropriations	Partner with local, regional and statewide transportation agencies as well as national stakeholders to ensure that Congress appropriates funding in fiscal year 2018 and fiscal year 2019 consistent with amounts authorized in the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. Likewise, work to defend federal affordable housing funds and programs, such as Section 8 housing vouchers, the HOME Investment Partnership Program and the Community Development Block Grant Program.
	B. Advocate for Capital Investment Grant funding for Resolution 3434/ <i>Plan Bay Area 2040</i> Projects	Work with regional, state and national partners to advocate for both funding and implementation of the Capital Investment Grant (CIG) Program as authorized by the FAST Act. Support federal appropriations consistent with the full funding grant agreements approved for the San Francisco Third Street Light Rail/Central Subway project, BART to Berryessa extension and Caltrain Peninsula Corridor Electrification project. Seek to advance through the CIG process the Bay Area's next generation of transit expansion projects, namely: San Francisco Transbay Transit Center (Phase 2)/Downtown Extension (DTX), BART to Silicon Valley: Phase 2, and the Transbay Corridor Core Capacity project. Support transit operator requests for Small Starts funding for projects consistent with <i>Plan Bay Area 2040</i> .
	C. Protect federal transportation and housing investments in the Bay Area	Oppose efforts to withhold federal transportation or housing funds from jurisdictions not in compliance with federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement law, or from "sanctuary" jurisdictions. Withholding these funds would be extremely harmful to Bay Area residents and businesses, as well as the state's ability to achieve its air quality and climate change goals.
	D. Disaster recovery	With local and state partners to advocate for emergency relief appropriations and federal agency resources to support rebuilding and recovery efforts following the devastating 2017 North Bay wildfires.

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2. Infrastructure Initiative	Increase federal transportation and housing investment in metropolitan regions under any new infrastructure funding initiative	Urge Congress and the Administration to make transportation and housing infrastructure in the nation's metropolitan regions a national funding priority. Work with partners across the country to support an investment package with funding and financing tools that work for metropolitan regions, including Build America Bonds. Support new revenues for major transit, congestion relief and goods movement projects, a new metro-mobility formula program and increased funding for existing authorized programs, including the Surface Transportation Block Grant and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement programs. In conjunction, support growing federal resources for affordable housing, including the Low Income Housing Tax Credit program.
3. Tax Reform	Support housing affordability	Support state and national partners' efforts to protect and strengthen federal tax tools that help make housing affordable for households across the income spectrum, including the Low Income Housing Tax Credit program.
	Protect and expand transportation fringe benefits	Work with regional and national partners to defend the commuter benefit under any tax reform proposal. In addition, advocate for expanding pre-tax transportation fringe benefit eligibility to include shared mobility options, such as bike-share and shared ride carpool services. This change would support the now-permanent Bay Area Commuter Benefits program by expanding federal tax incentives to carpool and bike to work, in addition to taking transit and vanpooling.
	Marketplace Fairness Act	Support any renewed efforts to advance in tax reform the Marketplace Fairness Act (MFA), which seeks to apply state and local sales tax rates to e-commerce transactions. The MFA has the prospect of increasing infrastructure funding in the Bay Area as a result of increased revenue from local sales taxes that fund transportation and housing, the Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds — a key source of transit operating funding — and AB 1107, the permanent ½ cent sales tax for BART (applicable in Alameda, San Francisco and Contra Costa counties).

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4. Climate Change and Resiliency	Strengthen federal partnership to support resiliency and climate change preparedness	Support regional agency partners in efforts to protect existing federal resources that support the Bay Area's efforts to plan for and combat climate change. Monitor legislative proposals related to climate change adaptation and mitigation. Engage on efforts that could support the region in improving resiliency, responding to new or worsening environmental hazards and meeting the <i>Plan Bay Area 2040</i> climate goal.
5. Connected Vehicles and Autonomous Vehicles	Monitor and engage in legislation and regulations to facilitate deployment of connected vehicles and autonomous vehicles	In partnership with Bay Area cities and counties, the business community, state and national transportation organizations, engage in regulatory and legislative efforts with the goal of accelerating safety, mobility, environmental, equity and economic benefits. Support strong federal vehicle safety standards while also preserving the ability of state and local agencies to continue to set policies governing the operation of vehicles on highways and local roads, regardless of whether they are driven autonomously or manually.



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Policy Advisory Council Appointments

Policy Advisory Council appointments for the 2017-2021 term were confirmed at the Metropolitan Transportation Commission meeting on October 25, 2017. There will be an orientation for new members at 11:30 a.m. on November 8, 2017 and returning members are welcome to attend if they would like a refresher and an early opportunity to meet new members.

Resources for Bay Area Cities and Counties in Response to the North Bay Fires

MTC and ABAG have developed a webpage containing links to information that elected officials and staff may find helpful in the aftermath of the North Bay fires, including tools for recovery and rebuilding, funding opportunities and other support. While many of these tools are not wildfire specific, the lessons learned can be applied across different disaster types. View the resources at <http://resilience.abag.ca.gov/uncategorized/north-bay-fire-resources/>.

To read the full story, go to: <https://mtc.ca.gov/whats-happening/news/resources-bay-area-cities-and-counties-response-october-2017-north-bay-fires>.

New Bay Area Vital Signs: Emissions Fall Even as Economy Soars

As the Bay Area economy recovered from 2010 to 2015, data shows the region also turned greener, with total greenhouse gas emissions holding steady during this period and per-capita emissions falling by 6 percent. These findings are among dozens on the state of the Bay Area environment as part of the regional Vital Signs initiative at www.vitalsigns.mtc.ca.gov. The website provides Bay Area residents an interactive tool for tracking the region's progress toward reaching key environmental, transportation, land-use and economic policy goals.

To read the full story go to: <https://mtc.ca.gov/whats-happening/news/new-bay-area-vital-signs-emissions-fall-even-economy-soars>.

Bay Trail Summit: Envisioning a Complete Bay Trail

Bay Area planners, advocates and decision-makers gathered in late September to discuss a vision they all share for a completed Bay Trail — 500 continuous miles of shoreline paths ringing the entirety of San Francisco Bay and serving as both a recreation and transportation corridor for bicyclists and pedestrians and as a strong economic generator for the region.

To read the full story go to: <https://mtc.ca.gov/whats-happening/news/bay-trail-summit-envisioning-complete-bay-trail>.

Ford GoBike on Fast Track for Equity, Inclusion as "Bike Share For All" Hits 500-Member Mark

Ford GoBike announced it has attracted 500 low-income members so far thanks to its ambitious social equity initiative, called “Bike Share For All.” The program is designed to help both eliminate financial barriers to bike sharing for low-income riders and expand availability.

To read the full story go to: <https://mtc.ca.gov/whats-happening/news/ford-gobike-fast-track-equity-inclusion-bike-share-all-hits-500-member-mark>.

Executive Director’s Report

The following items are excerpts from the October 2017 Executive Director’s Report to the Commission. Read the report in its entirety at:

<http://www.mtc.ca.gov/whats-happening/news/executive-directors-report>.

CASA Steering Committee – September 27, San Francisco

We hosted the first meeting of the policy-level CASA Steering Committee here at the Bay Area Metro Center. While mostly an introductory session, I was pleased with the significant turnout of members, including dual MTC/ABAG board members Cortese, Mackenzie, and Pierce, MTC Commissioner Schaaf, and ABAG Board Member Julie Combs. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the committee will be in January 2018.

Polling on Gas Tax Repeal – October 2, Newport Beach

A statewide poll has found that 54% of California voters would vote against a possible ballot measure to repeal the taxes and fees contained in the Senate Bill 1 transportation funding package approved by the Legislature earlier this year. The cross-tabs reveal that the level of opposition among regions of the state is highest in the Bay Area at 60%.

State of the Estuary Conference – October 10-11, Oakland

Kudos to the San Francisco Estuary Program for another stellar conference that drew hundreds of participants to the Scottish Rite Temple in Oakland. I attended a provocative panel discussion involving Resources Agency Secretary John Laird, Assemblyman Rob Bonta of Alameda, and ABAG Board Member Dave Pine.

Bay Area Partnership – October 20, San Francisco

The latest meeting of the multi-agency Bay Area Partnership was focused on two programs that will see dramatically augmented funding levels from the passage of SB 1: the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and the State Transit Assistance (STA) program. You have a committee recommendation before you today on our proposal to link STIP funding to housing production. The STA policy issues will be arriving at your doorstep by the end of the calendar year.



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