



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Metropolitan Transportation Commission  
May 25, 2022

### New Appointments

**Erik Chang**– Erik started with MTC on May 16<sup>th</sup> as an Associate Project Engineer in the Design and Project Delivery section.

**Lemar Karimi**– Lemar started with MTC on May 31<sup>st</sup> as a 511 and Express Lanes Operations Project Manager in the Technology Services section.

### Key Updates

#### **COVID-Related Activities**

A reminder that all Covid-19 related reporting items can be found on our MTC webpage. We provide monthly updates on all related activities, and statistics that are affecting the region. The website address is below:

<https://www.mtc.ca.gov/covid>

#### **Clipper Update**

For a limited time, Clipper customers can set up a new Clipper card on their phones for free (normally \$3). This free Clipper card promotion does not include new plastic cards and will be automatically applied for all new cards that are added to mobile devices (iOS or Android).

#### **OBAG update**

Earlier this month, MTC released a call for project priorities for **One Bay Area Grant program** focused on local transportation projects. Over the next several months, County transportation agencies (CTAs) will manage the call for projects within their counties, and provide a prioritized list of project nominations to MTC this fall. The Commission is anticipated to approve projects in January 2023 and will select projects throughout the region that are best aligned with the environmental and equity targets of Plan Bay Area 2050. If needed, here are a few anticipated project types: bicycle and pedestrian projects, Complete Streets improvements, safety projects and SRTS programs, transit access improvements, and other multimodal transportation system improvements.

#### **Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force**

Another round of the **All Aboard Bay Area Transit campaign** kicked off May 15 and will run through June 15 on local television, connected TV, YouTube and social media. MTC and more than two dozen transit agencies have joined forces to launch the second phase of a multi-lingual advertising campaign in English, Spanish, Mandarin, Cantonese and Vietnamese, encouraging Bay Area residents of all ages to move forward together on the region's buses, trains, ferries and light-rail vehicles. The All Aboard Bay Area Transit campaign was initiated by the Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force.

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**Regional Housing Measure Framework**

As you know, AB 1487 (Chiu, 2019) authorized the Bay Area Housing Finance Authority (BAHFA) to place a regional housing measure on the ballot across the nine counties, in collaboration with the ABAG Executive Board. On May 11, MTC and ABAG leadership received a request from the Bay Area Housing for All Coalition requesting that the agencies provide formal direction to staff to begin the preparations for placement of a regional housing bond of \$10-\$20 billion on the November 2024 ballot. In response to this request and given the need to simultaneously map out a strategy to address funding needs for transportation—with respect to transit operations in particular—we will have an item on the June 10<sup>th</sup> Joint Legislation Committee agenda seeking direction on how to prepare for future regional revenue considerations; committee direction will be forwarded as appropriate to the June 16 ABAG Executive Board meeting, and the June 22 meetings of the Commission and BAHFA.

**Items to Note**

- The **2022 Bay Area Summer Academy** as noted previously in the Chair's report, will be officially renamed as the **Norman Y. Mineta Summer Academy** in his honor. Norm Mineta represented the very best of the Bay Area and we hope to instill those values, that inclusionary spirit in the young people who participate in our academy. We received 109 applicants, compared to around 50 last year. MTC, ABAG, the Air District, and BCDC will put on a paid remote learning experience to encourage youth, particularly those from underrepresented backgrounds, to learn about regional governments and consider a career in public service. We will provide updates as the program progresses.



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