

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Policy Advisory Council**

June 8, 2022

Agenda Item 12

Staff Liaison Report

Subject:

Overview of recent MTC policy decisions and other activities.

Issues:

None identified.

Recommendations:

Information

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Attachment A: Staff Liaison Report – June 2022

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Legislative Updates:

State budget negotiations are in full swing and are looking promising for transportation, housing and climate adaptation—three core MTC/ABAG priorities. A final budget bill must be passed by the Legislature and sent to the Governor by June 15. On June 1, a joint budget agreement was released by the Assembly and Senate leadership proposing a \$10.9 billion transportation augmentation for public transit, active transportation, climate adaptation, freight and more over a four-year timeframe with \$5.5 billion available in FY 2022-23. No further details were released regarding how the funds would be divvied up by program.

Last month, many bills that MTC supports moved out of the house of origin, a key step in the legislative process, including SB 917 (Becker) related to seamless transit in the Bay Area, SB 1050 (Dodd), authorizing tolling on State Route 37, SB 1049 (Dodd) establishing a new transportation resilience program funded by federal highway funds, AB 1944 (Lee) related to facilitating remote meetings under the Brown Act outside of public health emergencies, and SB 922 (Wiener) related to exempting certain sustainable transportation projects from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). For a list of the status of all bills MTC/ABAG are tracking see this [link](#) to our legislative monthly, updated monthly.

Executive Director's Report

The following items are excerpts from the May 2022 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 [MTCs Legistar webpage](#)).

Key Updates from Executive Director McMillan:

[COVID-Related Activities](#)

A reminder that all Covid-19 related reporting items can be found on our [MTC's COVID-19 Response webpage](#). We provide monthly updates on all related activities, and statistics that are affecting the region.

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.

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 10th 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.

Other News Updates:

- **Extended: Input from senior, disabled and low-income communities sought for MTC transit planning:** Seniors, people with disabilities and those with low incomes now have until **Friday, May 27** [to provide input on the transportation challenges they face in the region](#). Residents who identify with these categories are invited to share their thoughts via a survey (links below). Respondents can win one of three \$100 gift cards. The MTC is preparing the next update to the [Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan](#), which coordinates transit agencies and other transportation providers so that all Bay Area residents can get to where they need to go. The public's input will help prioritize funding and align services to better meet the needs of these communities. View the current [Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan](#) and learn more about the plan.

- **MTC-led All Aboard Bay Area Transit effort continues with new video.** [A new video has been posted](#) as the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and more than two dozen transit agencies continue with a multi-lingual advertising campaign encouraging Bay Area residents to hop aboard the region's buses, trains, ferries and light-rail vehicles.

MTC and the transit agencies also have established a website, [AllAboardBayArea.com](#), as a source for more information, including information about all participating transit agencies.

The "All Aboard Bay Area Transit" campaign was initiated by the [Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force](#) organized by MTC in May 2020 to help guide the future of the Bay Area's public transit network in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The campaign includes messaging in various languages to reach as many Bay Area residents as possible. The latest featured video can also be seen in:

- Spanish: <https://youtu.be/TLrIDw8VFUA>
- Vietnamese: <https://youtu.be/2eS-PvJ5gHk>
- Mandarin: https://youtu.be/P_mv4Pbuo
- Cantonese: <https://youtu.be/eXptHenDnx8>

- **Caltrans spotlights top six pollutants degrading California’s water quality.** As part of its “Let’s Change This to That” public education campaign, Caltrans is sharing the top sources of stormwater pollution and ways to prevent them from contaminating California’s waterways.

As stormwater travels into storm drains, it captures pollutants from highways, streets, sidewalks and yards that flow into waterways. The top six pollutants have an outsized impact on the water quality of lakes, rivers, streams and the ocean, Caltrans notes.

The [San Francisco Estuary Partnership](#) is also looking at stormwater. Its [Green Streets, Stormwater Spine, Urban Greening and other projects](#) address the issue.

The following lists the top six pollutants and actions to stop them at the source:

- **Trash and litter:** Properly secure items in truck beds and put trash and recycling in the correct bin.
- **Sediments:** Prevent soil erosion by using mulch in the garden, planting trees and shrubs, and sweeping driveways instead of hosing them off.
- **Nutrients:** Avoid overfertilizing lawns and plants and limit vegetation waste by keeping fallen leaves out of storm drains.
- **Bacteria:** Limit pet and RV waste by picking up after pets and using appropriate RV dumping stations.
- **Metals:** Regularly check tire pressure, change oil and fluids, and use commercial car washes to prevent metals generated from vehicle, tire, and brake wear from ending up on highways.
- **Pesticides:** Use organic pesticides and properly dispose of unused portions.

Caltrans is tasked with managing stormwater runoff and mitigating pollution within its 350,000 acres of right of way, which includes more than 15,000 centerline miles of highways. This effort involves picking up roadside litter and clearing out storm drains to preserve roadway safety and drivability during all types of weather conditions.

- **[2022 Bike Champion of the Year Winners Announced: Bay Area Bike to Wherever Days \(BTWD\) organizers have named the winners of the 2022 Bike Champion of the Year \(BCOY\) awards.](#)** Given to individuals for inspiring bicycling in their Bay Area communities, this award recognizes individuals in the nine San Francisco Bay Area counties for their commitment to bicycling as the primary mode of transport. The 2022 winners include Marin County's Marty Albion, who at the age of 85 still mountain and road bikes, keeping up with riders 20 years younger than him. Even an accident last year could not keep this inspiring rider from getting back on his bike. Alameda County's winner is Kellie Scott who is the founder and president of Major Taylor East Bay, a cycling club aimed at growing the community of competitive cyclists of color in the East Bay Area. [Here is the complete list of 2022 Bike Champion of the Year award winners.](#)

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. You can find more newsletters to subscribe to at this [link](#).

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. 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](#)

Follow Up Notes:

- Below please find links to the follow up notes that included written staff responses to Council Member questions from previous Council Meetings:
 - January 2022 Policy Advisory Council follow up note
 - February 2022 Policy Advisory Council follow up note
 - March 2022 Policy Advisory Council follow up note
 - April 2022 Policy Advisory Council follow up note
 - May 2022 Policy Advisory Council follow up note

January 2022 Policy Advisory Council follow up note

Greetings all,

Thanks to everyone for showing up and rolling with the punches with our delayed start and extended session with all the introductions. Below please find follow up items from the meeting (with my apologies for the lengthy note!).

Logistics:

- There is a [Zoom memorial](#) being planned for Dr. Michelle Hernandez by the Domestic Employers Alliance (you can sign up to find out the time and date when those are determined [here](#))
- All the orientation materials were shared to you via the thumb drive in the package mailed to you, and you can also find them in this [Box folder](#). The folder includes the [Council Roster](#), which has contact info shared by your peers.
- Don't forget to check out each other's [profiles](#) on the Council website!
- A reminder that if you would like to nominate yourself or others to be Chair or Vice-Chair of the Council, **simply let Martha and/or I know at or before the Council's next meeting on February 9.**
- Council Members can submit their names to be considered by the newly elected Chair for membership on the Equity & Access ("E&A") Subcommittee. Here is a [link](#) to past E&A meetings and materials to familiarize yourself with that body.
- In addition to the E&A Subcommittee, here are the ad-hoc and standing projects you may be invited to serve on:
 - Fare Coordination and Integration Subcommittee (ad-hoc)
 - Next Generation Freeway Advisory Group (TBD)
 - Discount Express Lanes Pilot Advisory group
 - Internship Programs Working group
 - Signage and Wayfinding Working Group
 - Clipper START Working Group (TBD)
 - Community Engagement (TBD)
 - Regional Equity Working Group (Plan Bay Area-related; TBD)

- To email any MTC staff member, use the following formula: first initial plus last name (no space or punctuation) @bayareametro.gov. Please be sure to cc Ky-Nam Miller at kmiller@bayareametro.gov and Martha Silver at MSilver@bayareametro.gov
- For those of you unfamiliar with the Brown Act, the First Amendment Coalition put together this [helpful primer](#).
- Zoom has a [feature](#) to set your pronouns on your Zoom profile once so you don't need to manually change it.
- To qualify for attending a remote MTC meeting, you must log-in via the Zoom link provided on the first page of the publicly noticed meeting. When/if we resume in-person meetings, roll call attendance will be sufficient. If you must depart for some portion of the meeting, you will still be credited with attending after the initial roll call.

Policy Items:

- Council Member Walter Wilson asked about the \$1.4 trillion in planned investments under [Plan Bay Area 2050](#). MTC Staffer Rebecca Long pointed out that this number represents an aggregate vision for investments spread out over a quarter century. The 35 strategies contained in Plan Bay Area 2050 have varying degrees of feasibility. The [Implementation Plan](#) is a good report to understand the investment strategies more likely to result in near term projects (within the next 1-5 years).
- Council Member Wilson also inquired about MTC's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) practices. A DBE report is shared every three years. The [last report](#) was from 2019, and staff is currently drafting the next report due this summer. Here is MTC's [website](#) on its DBE program.
- Council Member Benjamin Edokpayi asked about any collaboration that happens between MTC and other public agencies on achieving climate goals and clean air. MTC regularly consults with the [Air Quality Conformity Task Force](#) to determine if transportation projects or investment plans meet state and federal air quality regulations. The Task Force includes other regional, state, and federal entities including the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, the California Air Resources Board, and the Federal

Transit Administration. The Task Force typically meets on the 4th Thursday of the month, with the [next meeting](#) taking place on January 27, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

- Council Members Dwayne Hankerson and Christine Fitzgerald each asked about MTC's work in housing, with Christine asking whether an entity like the Equity and Access Subcommittee would have oversight over the new housing element. Note that Housing Elements are completed by local jurisdictions as part of fulfilling the Bay Area's Regional Housing Needs Allocation, a process conducted by the Association of Bay Area Governments. Housing *is* one of the four key issues that Plan Bay Area 2050 [focuses on](#). Plan Bay Area's housing strategies aim to protect and preserve affordable housing, spur housing production for residents at all income levels, and create inclusive communities. MTC's newest agency, the [Bay Area Housing Finance Authority](#) (BAHFA), is squarely focused on addressing housing affordability in the region. [The BAHFA Oversight Committee](#) is charged with overseeing the new agency, which recently hired its first director. The BAHFA Oversight committee meets quarterly, with the next meeting coming up on January 24, 2022 at 1 p.m. In coordination with the Council's leadership and work planning, staff will schedule a time for BAHFA leadership to brief the Council and answer questions.
- Council Members Michael Baldini & Hans Korve asked about the total passenger vs. commercial registered vehicles in the region. We need to do further analysis on this since DMV's and the [US Department of Transportation](#) data sources don't make this easy to decipher. In the past Council Member Baldini has asked about commercial freight and goods movement across the broader Mega-region, and further information in that area can be found in MTC's [Shared Goods Movement Report](#).

Thanks for reading this long follow-up, and please let me know if you have any questions ahead of our next meeting on February 9!

February 2022 Policy Advisory Council follow up note

Greetings all,

Below, please find follow up items from the Council's February 9, 2022 meeting.

Thank you in advance for getting through this somewhat lengthy note, and please let me know if you have any questions.

Time Sensitive Reminders:

- A reminder to send in your W-9 + Form 700 to Martha at your soonest convenience (both attached).
- Please fill out this 3-minute Survey to indicate which subcommittees and advisory groups you are interested in serving on.
- You may nominate anyone (including yourself) for Council leadership up to and through the next Council meeting (March 9), by emailing Martha and/or myself directly, or:
 - Nominees may write a brief outline of qualifications that Martha can distribute ahead of the next meeting; and may give a one-minute stump speech at the meeting.
 - Note that at the February 9 meeting, Randi Kinman was nominated to be Chair; Anne Olivia Eldred and Ilaf Esuf were nominated to be Vice Chair.
 - All who are nominated by others will be verified for acceptance (those who withdraw will also be noted)
 - You are encouraged to review the "Meet the Council Members" webpage to gain more familiarity with the 26 members of the Council, as well as the Council Roster, which includes contact information and LinkedIn pages for many members.
 - Nominees may write a brief outline of qualifications that Martha can distribute ahead of the next meeting;
 - The brief bio of Members nominated by March 1, 2022 will be included in the items summary sheet.

- At the March 9 meeting, candidates for Council Chair will be invited to make a brief (one minute) statement before the Council take a roll call vote to elect the Chair.
- Following that vote, candidates for the Vice Chair will similarly have the option to make a brief (one minute) statement before the Council take a roll call vote elect the Vice Chair.
- Next Friday, February 18 from 1-2 p.m. PST a Zoom-based memorial is being held for former Policy Advisory Council Member and disability advocate Dr. Michelle Hernandez. You may register and request accommodations via this link: bit.ly/CelebrateDrMichelle)
- Bob Planthold, a longtime disability advocate and former member of a previous version of the MTC Policy Advisory Council, died last week.
- MTC Chair Alfredo Pedroza and Vice-Chair Nick Josefowitz invited Council Members to keep in touch, here is their contact info:
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 - Nick Josefowitz
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- Other MTC staff who presented to the Council on February 9, 2022:
 - Matt Maloney (Regional Planning Program (RPP) overview)
mmaloney@bayareametro.gov
 - Kara Oberg (Active Transportation Plan) koberg@bayareametro.gov
 - Raleigh McCoy (Community-Based Transportation Planning)
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 - Anup Tapase (NextGen Freeway Study) atapase@bayareametro.gov

- Here's a helpful transportation terminology glossary MTC maintains

Policy Questions:

- Council Member Frank Welte asked for explicit language in Plan Bay Area 2050 to address accessibility concerns for people with disabilities. As a preliminary response, staff highlights that Plan Bay Area 2050 is aligned with the MTC Coordinated Transportation-Human Services Plan, a plan that addresses the mobility needs of people with disabilities, low incomes, older adults and veterans. Staff also noted that the concentration of people with disabilities is one of eight factors used to identify Equity Priority Communities. In response to a detailed comment letter from Lighthouse for the Blind on the Draft Plan Bay Area 2050 last fall, the final version had additional strategy description language explicitly incorporating accessibility for people with disabilities, including adding wheelchair users or rollers in all mentions of active transportation for bikes and pedestrians, and new photos to represent people with disabilities. Staff is working with the Planning team on following up with Frank and the Council further on the important equity issues he raised.
- Council Members Walter Wilson and Rodney Nickens requested further information on MTC's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise goals. A DBE report is shared every three years. The last report was from 2019, and MTC Staff will be presenting on the next report to the Equity & Access Subcommittee in April before the report is finalized this summer. Here is MTC's website on its DBE program.
- Council Member Carina Lieu asked about Youth Engagement for Plan Bay Area. In addition to Plan Bay Area 2050's partnership with UC Berkeley's Y-PLAN, here are notable youth engagement efforts at MTC:
 - [Spare the Air Youth Program](#) (estb. 2011), includes BikeMobile and free bike repair workshops in Equity Priority Communities;
 - [Youth for Environment and Sustainability](#) (YES) conference;
 - [Technical Advisory Committee](#) for the Safe Routes to School Program has youth representatives;

- The Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) offers the [Green House Calls](#) program + [Climate Careers Program](#) for low-income youth and those that are disconnected from school and employment.
- The [Bay Area Summer Academy](#) is a paid program for Bay Area high school students to learn about our regional public agencies - applications opening soon.
- In addition, the San Jose State University Mineta Transportation Institute is hosting a [nationwide competition](#) for middle school students. Students can win up to \$1000 for a project focused on finding a sustainable solution to a transit related topic (deadline extended to February 17, 2022)
- Council Member Dwayne Hankerson asked about how equity is woven in throughout MTC and in implementing Plan Bay Area. Matt Maloney referenced MTC’s Equity Platform as well as the Plan Bay Area 2050 Equity Analysis Report.
- Council Member Anne Olivia Eldred emphasized the importance of having early discussions to ensure that cars are not diverted into overburdened corridor adjacent neighborhoods, which tend to be Equity Priority Communities. Relatedly, Council Member Walter Wilson emphasized that carpooling should not be abandoned (Plan Bay Area 2050 encourages carpooling devoting \$9 billion to a regional express lane network accessible by carpools, buses, and toll-paying solo drivers – see strategy T-12 of Plan Bay Area 2050).
- Council Member Frank Welte pointed out that “Scramble” crosswalks (allowing for pedestrians to walk diagonally across an intersection) are not safer or more convenient for disabled people. This post from UCLA points to the drawbacks of Scrambles being designed without accessibility features.
- Council Member Genay Markham asked for further information about residents in Equity Priority Communities being disproportionately harmed by accidents along the regional “High Injury Network” (HIN). While still in draft form and slated for release early this year, other Bay Area jurisdictions have developed HINs reflecting disproportionate impacts in Equity Priority Communities:

- [San Francisco](#) (you can add the Equity Priority Communities layer to see how the HIN compares - labeled as MTC Communities of Concern)
 - Per [this presentation](#), half of the HIN segments are located in Equity Priority Communities, compared to only a third of city streets in the same communities.
- [Oakland](#) – While Oakland does not report the percentage of HIN segments located in Equity Priority Communities, the vast majority of segments appear to be in such communities.
- [San Jose](#) – While this map unfortunately does not show Equity Priority Communities, cross referencing with MTC’s EPC map shows a similar trend.
- Kara Oberg will share the following material as soon as it is available: the draft Active Transportation Plan resolution; the State of Safety in the Region Report; and the Memo that will be going to the Planning Committee in March. As a leaping off point, Kara recommends reviewing the AT Network Explainer document that provides good background.
- Council Member Benjamin Edokpayi raised a question about the impact of waste disposal vehicles on the health and safety of residents in Solano County. Staff will research what materials and information are available that may shed light on these issues.

March 2022 Policy Advisory Council follow up note

Greetings all,

Here are the follow up items from the March 9, 2022, Council meeting:

Please remember to fill out the [Survey](#) indicating your preferences for subcommittee and advisory group appointments for the term. Chair Kinman will be placing members based on your responses on **March 16**, so if you have yet to fill it out or seek to make an updated response, please do so before then.

Councilmember Gerry Glaser shared a list of acronyms he tracks, and staff will incorporate the items not included in [MTC Transportation Glossary](#) into that online resource, as well as the “ABCs of MTC” update due to be shared with the Council in the coming weeks.

Councilmember Walter Wilson emphasized the importance of creating a transparent, accessible database of contracting to ensure that Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goals are being met. MTC’s lead staffer on DBE contracting, Michael Brinton, will be providing the Equity and Access Subcommittee with an overview of MTC’s DBE Program, SBE Program, Outreach and Title VI at the first meeting of that body in April.

From the One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) Presentation, here are specific follow up notes compiled by MTC Staff:

- OBAG 3 Call for Projects Guidelines can be accessed at this link: [OBAG 3 memo and guidelines](#) and at this link: [presentation slides from 3.9.22 Programming & Allocations meeting](#). Included in the guidelines are the detailed outreach requirements for the CTAs and MTC. Staff appreciated Randi’s comment about the duty to ensure that meaningful engagement is carried out at the county level.
- In response to the question about our ability to track or report on how the projects we select for funding line up with our various equity provisions, staff will track and report this information at a summary level (including the number of projects funded that came from an adopted Community-Based Transportation Plan, and/or the money invested in an Equity Priority Community).
- There was a great suggestion to share the list of Community Based Organizations (CBOs) with our County Transportation Agencies to incorporate into their outreach for the

OBAG call for projects, and for their other planning and programming activities. MTC is currently reforming its contracting practices to enable this type of cross-agency list of available CBOs to be developed.

- The Safe Routes to School (SRTS) funds provided through the call for projects is available for both non-infrastructure (NI) and infrastructure programs. In past cycles, most counties have used these funds to support their ongoing SRTS NI programs. There are no dedicated funds for climate change or resilience in the County & Local program call for projects, but we do anticipate piloting a resilience program on the Regional Programs side of OBAG 3.
- In response to a request for sources for best practices in design guidelines for bicycle and pedestrian projects, MTC staffer Kara Oberg offered the following resources:
 - National Association of City Transportation Officials' (NACTO) [Urban Street Design Guide](#)
 - NACTO's [Urban Bikeway Design Guide](#)
 - In addition, here is NACTO's [definition of "sharrow"](#), or "Shared Lane Markings (SLMs), which are road markings used to indicate a shared lane environment for bicycles and automobiles. Among other benefits shared lane markings reinforce the legitimacy of bicycle traffic on the street, recommend proper bicyclist positioning, and may be configured to offer directional and wayfinding guidance. The shared lane marking is a pavement marking with a variety of uses to support a complete bikeway network; it is not a facility type and should not be considered a substitute for bike lanes, cycle tracks, or other separation treatments where these types of facilities are otherwise warranted or space permits.
- Funding Policy and Programs (FPP) Director Theresa Romell wanted to relay from a programming standpoint that all sponsors requesting funds from MTC's regional discretionary funding pots (OBAG, Active Transportation Program, etc.) are required to fill out a Complete Streets checklist for their project and have that checklist reviewed by their county or local [Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee](#) (BPAC) prior to receiving funding. That review process is intended to identify and address such concerns about

projects inadequately meeting the needs of the users of their facility or using outdated/less safe design interventions.

- There was also a request for a list of MTC's Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP -pronounced "Terr-Sipp") endorsements. Here is a link to a [summary of the TIRCP endorsements](#) that went to Commission on this topic with attachments showing the projects endorsed.
- Finally, here is a link to [MTC's StreetSaver® program](#), which is designed to help cities and counties in the Bay Area and around the country make maintenance decisions that stretch their pavement budgets further.

Other items:

- Councilmember Howard Wong asked if there is any effort to maintain seating for seniors, who have lost out on forward-facing seats due to SFMTA reconfigurations and struggle to safely sit. MTC staff suggested getting directly in touch with SFMTA staffer [Annette Williams](#), who has directed accessibility services at MUNI since 1990. Her email is annette.williams@sfmta.com.
- Councilmember Adina Levin made a request for MTC to provide an updated schedule of transit board meetings where the agencies discuss Fare Integration Task Force and Transformation Action Plan/Network Management items. Chair Kinman further requested information regarding any upcoming briefing meetings or workshops MTC will be holding for transit agencies. Both these related requests have been noted and relayed to MTC executives.
- Councilmember Christina Gotuaco requested information on which agency is responsible for building light rail in the East Bay. No agency is currently proposing light rail in the East Bay - the only counties with light rail in the Bay Area are San Francisco and Santa Clara counties. AC Transit does have several Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) projects in the implementation and planning stages in the East Bay. AC Transit's predecessor was the privately owned Key System, which ran local streetcars and bus lines across the East Bay and even had rail service on the lower deck of the Bay Bridge. However, with the dissolution of the Key System and its rail network in the mid-20th century, light rail

ceased to exist in the East Bay. Here is an [interesting read](#) on the specific planners and decision makers who pushed to favor automobiles over rail lines in the Bay Area (and eventually across the country), taking a deep dive into the question of why there is no BART service to Marin.

- Councilmember Michael Baldini asked for further information and guidance on how remote, in-person, and hybrid meetings will be addressed in the future. In November 2021 the Policy Advisory Council shared with the Commission its strong support for Brown Act reforms that would:
 - allow for Council members to continue to meet virtually once hybrid meetings are implemented and/or in-person meetings resume;
 - allow for virtual public participation;
 - Continue exploring innovative meeting techniques that would allow for new ways to conduct transparent and accessible breakout groups and other practices facilitated by remote meetings.
 - [Remote public meetings have been extended under California state law until January 1, 2024](#). Until further notice, MTC's Policy Advisory Council meetings and all public meetings will remain remote. Staff will proactively share guidance from on any return to in-person and hybrid meetings as it becomes available.
- Councilmember Hedges flagged [this article about BART shutting down a major line](#) from Richmond to San Francisco for several days due to power issues. Also, there was a [significant accident on Caltrain](#) Thursday where over a dozen people were injured when a train struck a parked maintenance vehicle.

That's all for now. Please let me know if you have any questions on the above or in general as we swing into spring. MTC staff who presented this month are CC'd on this note.

April 2022 Policy Advisory Council follow up note

Good morning all – one quick correction courtesy of Councilmember Rachel Zack regarding the congestion pricing outreach and study conducted by the SF County Transportation Authority: Rachel was referring to SFCTA's [congestion pricing outreach work](#) which explored similar questions about equity & pricing. About 35% of the text and online survey respondents live in the greater Bay Area region. Full study [here](#).

Thanks all,

-Ky-Nam

From: Ky-Nam Miller <kmiller@bayareametro.gov>

Greetings Policy Advisory Council Members,

Below you'll find the follow up items from the April 13, 2022 Council meeting.

Top line reminder: Please don't share your screen during the Council sessions. As Zoom panelists, you have the ability to share your screen, and a couple Councilmember inadvertently shared their screens on April 13 (nothing too risqué, but still disruptive).

Acronym of the month: "**TLDR**" = **Too Long Didn't Read**" which is used to summarize lengthy content that would otherwise take too much time to read.

Acknowledging that these follow up notes run long, please treat them as optional reads to save in your inbox folders for later review as needed. For those of you who have found them helpful, enjoy!

Immediate follow up items:

- **Chair Kinman** requested that there be a webpage listing members of the various subcommittees. The [Council webpage](#) has been updated accordingly.
- **Councilmember Terry Scott** requested updated onboarding materials. Here are links to the "[ABCs of MTC](#)" as well as the most up-to-date [Council Roster](#).

Presentation follow up items:

- **Kara Vuicich on Transportation Oriented Communities (TOC).** (email: kvuicich@bayareametro.gov)

- **Councilmember Rachel Zack** asked if MTC would return once the density target goals are established to explain the pathway to achieving those goals. Chair Kinman also asked Kara to return when the report is drafted. Kara is coordinating with her team to return to the Council either in May or June.
- **Councilmember Pamela Campos** asked to include childcare facilities within TOC projects due to shortages, particularly for low-income, essential workers who lack childcare options.
- **Councilmembers Howard Wong** and **Christina Gotuaco** each suggested that future TOC presentations include successful examples of where density is working elsewhere. The World Bank published [this piece detailing Transit Oriented Community/Development efforts globally](#). A [2021 study](#) out of the University of Washington did a cross comparison between TOC efforts in China and the United States.
- **Vice Chair Esuf** emphasized the need to strengthen affordable housing requirements within TOC projects.
- **Councilmember Deutsch-Gross** agreed with housing affordability concerns and also asked that the protection and preservation measures developed by MTC's housing team be included in the May 6 packet ahead of the [May 13 presentation to the Planning Committee](#).
- **Councilmember Terry Scott** commented that affordable housing was also needed for hospitality works in Napa County, which lacks concentrated transit hubs that qualify as TOC areas.
- **Chair Kinman** emphasized that transit dependent people don't fit the traditional 9-5 transit peak operating hours and that using that time window undercuts service for this vulnerable population who still need to get around. Also lifted up concern that MTC goals not undercut min/max units per acre in jurisdiction's existing general plans.
- **Anup Tapase on NextGen Freeway Study (email: atapase@bavareametro.gov)**
 - **Councilmember Anne Olivia Eldred** (who serves on the advisory committee) raised strong concerns about the equity components of the group. In particular,

inadequate public access to comment on the formative period of the study. Anup committed to bringing the study to the Equity & Access Subcommittee soon.

Eldred also suggested further thought on how term "equity" fit into freeway study; she suggested changing the word "pricing" to "charging," recommended a holistic look at VMT on freeways AND side streets (looking to environmental and health impacts on adjacent communities), as well as commute times for people who can no longer use freeways.

- **Councilmember Rachel Zack** recommended looking at the SF County Transportation Authority's outreach efforts and studies on getting people off freeways. Here is a link to a 2018 SFCTA "[Freeway Corridor Management Study](#)."
- **Councilmember Christina Gotuaco** asked that population subgroups who are not super-commuters and low-income be given special focus and representation during the study. Anup said that those strongly impacted subgroups will be included in the focused discussions with a consultant.
- **Councilmember Baldini** recommended that revenues generated from congestion charges be used to subsidize transit lines along the same corridors.
- **Councilmember Genay Markham** lifted up the needs of working parents and particularly single parents of color given their economic vulnerability and support for whole households. The impact of additional cost burdens should be considered, and the study would benefit from hearing directly from these folks.
- **Chair Kinman** emphasized need to think through impacts on adjacent neighborhoods. Also raised concerns about a lack of transparency, the robust public concern and relatively small advisory group. At some point wider audiences will need to vet and provide feedback on the study. She advised on being very explicit about this being a **feasibility study**, and not a done deal.

- **MTC Staffer Dave Vautin** provided brief responses acknowledging impacts on adjacent neighborhoods and arterials as certainly being an area of real interest for the study. He also commented that beyond the advisory group, the engagement plan will include deep community dialogues, small groups talking with people, pop-up conversations in community later in the process as we have core concepts developed.
- **Raleigh McCoy: Community Based Transportation Planning Program - while there were no actionable follow up items, Raleigh can be reached via email:**
RMcCov@bayareametro.gov
- **Staff Liaison Update: Ky-Nam Miller - kmiller@bayareametro.gov**
 - **Councilmember Frank Welte** requested a specific update to understand how MTC's planning and procedures more closely integrate planning for people with disabilities.
 - **Councilmember Adina Levin** remarked that the legislative update should include an analysis of SB 1410, which she said would have a negative impact on how environmental impacts are accounted for. MTC Staffer Georgia Gann Dohrmann took in her comments and will review the bill further.
 - **Councilmember Christina Gotuaco** asked to learn more about this [regional carpooling program](#). MTC Staffer Barbara Laursen (BLaursen@bayareametro.gov) is the agency lead on this effort and is available to speak with Christina and any others who wish to learn more.

May 2022 Policy Advisory Council follow up note

Greetings Policy Advisory Council Members,

Below you'll find the follow up items from the May 11, 2022 Council meeting. A reminder that nominations are still open for the Equity and Access Subcommittee leadership positions. So far Dwayne Hankerson and Ilaf Esuf are the nominees for Chair, and there are no Vice Chair nominees. Please share any nomination (self or otherwise) with Martha and Ky-Nam ahead of the upcoming May 20, 2022 subcommittee meeting.

Presentation follow up items:

Work Plan Session:

- Council Chair Randi Kinman and Vice Chair Ilaf Esuf provided a summary of the work plan session held with MTC Chair Pedroza and Vice Chair Josefowitz. They are drafting a comment letter from the Council to the Commission memorializing the action items from the work planning session. Here is a [link to the Mural whiteboard](#) used in that session, which includes a list of the following Action Items:
 - Short Term:
 - Institutionalize Council Feedback
 - Chairs to request that Policy Advisory Council feedback be incorporated into summary sheets
 - Facilitate direct communications with MTC staff
 - Long Term
 - Invest in additional outreach (more staff and resources to fully support array of advisory bodies)
 - Equity Office:
 - to do meaningful outreach as it's stood up to hear from diverse stakeholders
 - particularly close communications crucial with E&A Subcommittee
- In addition, during subcommittee reports there was consensus that certain items related to fares be moved from the Transformation Action Plan to a proposed updated Fare Coordination & Integration Subcommittee.

Network Management Business Case Study:

- **Councilmember Adina Levin** and others requested further information on the Network Management Business Case Study and upcoming meetings. Staff will relay such information as it becomes available.

Major Project Advancement Policy (MAP) Development and Outreach: (Kenneth Folan (kfolan@bayareametro.gov) & Anne Spevack (aspevack@bayareametro.gov))

- **Council Chair Randi Kinman** requested that workshop materials, particularly related to accessible housing policy be shared with the Council ahead of time.
- **Chair Kinman** further requested that accessible affordable housing be added to the Equity and Access subcommittee work plan.

Brown Act Training: (Kathleen Kane, General Counsel - kkane@bayareametro.gov)

- As a reminder, here is a link to “[Open and Public V: A Guide to the Ralph M. Brown Act](#)” from the League of California Cities, a resource referenced and shared by Kathleen Kane.

Public Hearing on proposed Amendments to Express Lane Toll Policies:

- At the [April 22, 2022 Equity and Access Subcommittee meeting](#) Pierce Gould presented on the [Bay Area Infrastructure Finance Authority \(BAIFA's\) proposed toll ordinance and the related equity pilot program](#). On Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at 9:05 a.m. there will be a [Public Hearing on Proposed Amendments to Express Lane Toll Policies](#) as part of the Bay Area Infrastructure Finance Authority (BAIFA) meeting.

Council Member Announcements:

- Councilmember Adina Levin shared the opportunity to join [Seamless Bay Area's at the Bay to Breakers](#) on Sunday, May 15. They are one transit agency short ([Union City Transit](#)) of having all 27 major Bay Area transit operators represented at the iconic and joyous San Francisco event.

- Councilmember Zach Deutsch-Gross encouraged his colleagues in San Francisco to track [Proposition A](#), "The Muni Reliability and Street Safety Bond" measure in the upcoming June 7 primary elections. [Voters Edge](#) is a nonpartisan resource guide to elections covering federal, state, and local races in the state of California.