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Chair Pedroza and MTC Commissioners:

Last Thursday, September 22nd marked the 1 year anniversary since MTC adopted the ambitious Transformation Action Plan. That day, Bay Area civic groups including Seamless Bay Area, SPUR, Bay Area Council, TransForm, Silicon Valley Leadership Group, and Joint Venture Silicon Valley, Choice in Aging, and Silicon Valley Independent Living Center, jointly released a [Transit Transformation 1-Year Report Card](#) tracking the region's progress toward integrating the region's 27 transit systems.

Attached is the 1-page summary of the Report Card, showing mixed progress. Here is a link to the full report:

www.seamlessbayarea.org/report-card

We commend MTC, staff, and transit agencies for the exciting and meaningful progress on several of the initiatives, including fare integration and wayfinding actions, thanks to close collaboration over the past several years. We also wish to call attention to those initiatives that appear to be at risk of serious delays, or of being significantly scaled back in ambition.

The report card offers **five recommendations** for MTC to get the region back on track to transformation:

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3. Upon completion of the Network Management Business Case, set up a unified, balanced, and transparent
4. policy-making board for the Transformation Action Plan
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8. Regularize reporting of TAP Initiatives to MTC
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12. Prioritize funding and incentives for transit priority roadway treatments that get transit vehicles
13. out of traffic improving transit speed and reliability
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17. Prioritize the Connected Network Plan
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21. Exercise MTC's full capability to lead the region, including using its existing authority to keep
22. transit agencies aligned on transit transformation.
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Thank you for your leadership to date on Transit Transformation, and we urge you to consider our recommendations to ensure all aspects of the TAP move forward expeditiously and transparently.

Sincerely

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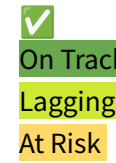
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Transformation Action Plan 1-Year Anniversary Report Card

Detailed Assessment of all Actions - September, 22 2022

This is an assessment of the status of the Actions of the Transformation Action Plan one year since the plan was adopted by MTC. This is based on public materials and conversations with staff at numerous agencies, compiled by eight advocacy groups that have been deeply engaged in Bay Area transit advocacy. It is not an official status report from MTC or any other public body.

Legend



Complete
 On Track
 Minor Delays but otherwise proceeding smoothly / as planned
 Delayed with concerns of getting off track

Category	Category Assessment	Actions	TAP Target	Revised Timeline*	Action Assessment	Notes <i>Based on a combination of staff discussions and public presentations</i>
Fares and Payment	On Track	1. Act on the Fare Coordination and Integration Study (FCIS) recommendations	Late 2021	Late 2021	On Track	Fare Policy Vision Statement was adopted in late 2021; BayPass Pilot launched in 2022, free & reduced cost transfers will launch in 2023.
		2. Determine whether existing authority is sufficient for FCIS implementation	Late 2021	TBD	Lagging	MTC supported SB 917; Now MTC is waiting for Network Management Business Case to assess authority.
		3. Seek state legislation for additional authority, if needed	Mid-2022	TBD	Lagging	MTC supported SB 917; Now MTC is waiting for Network Management Business Case to assess authority or seek legislation if needed.
Mapping & Wayfinding	On Track	4. Fund and finalize regional mapping and wayfinding standards	Mid-2023	Mid-2023	On Track	Consultant has been hired and the project has kicked off.
		5. Fund and complete 1-3 subregional mapping & wayfinding pilot projects	Late 2024	TBD	On Track	Project coordinated with sub regional integration work in Sonoma County; first pilot will be in Sonoma in 2024; other pilots will follow.
		6. Fund and develop a regional mapping data services digital platform	Late 2023	TBD	On Track	Procurement in process. Consultant firm anticipated to be selected in Late 2022.
Transit Priority	At Risk	7. Request a Caltrans Deputy Directive on Design Exceptions	Late 2021	None	At Risk	Staff is considering whether this is the right strategy. Commission has not addressed this since approving the TAP.
		8. Sponsor legislation to remove barriers to implementation of Transit Priority	Early 2022	TBD based on 2023 priorities	At Risk	MTC supported, but did not sponsor SB 917, which supported transit priority action broadly. MTC did not sponsor action in 2022, and there is nothing yet proposed for 2023.
		9. Fund design and delivery of prioritized transit corridor projects	Mid 2022	TBD	Lagging	\$30 million in new funding has been programmed + \$15 million in existing funds. A call for projects process is in the works.
		10. Select near-term HOV lane operating policies to advance to the State	Mid 2022	TBD	Lagging	Under discussion with partners.
		11. Define a Cooperative Agreement process	Late 2022	TBD	At Risk	Process has not meaningfully begun.
		12. Fund, develop & adopt a Transit Priority Policy and Corridor Assessment	Mid 2022	2025	At Risk	Integrated with connected network plan development. Some funding dedicated but work just beginning.
Bus/ Rail Network Management	At Risk	13. Fund and complete a Network Management Business Case analysis	Mid 2022	Early 2023	At Risk	Project completion delayed. The project has been rescoped to focus initially on specific near-term changes instead of long-term structural reforms, raising some questions about the timeline for long-term structural reforms.
		14. Establish and support an advisory group to guide business case	Mid 2021	Late 2021	On Track	Complete.
		15. Provide financial incentives for Integration Efficiencies initiatives	Late 2021	Early 2022	On Track	Complete.
		16. Deliver Rail Partnership and Governance Assessment	Late 2021 (Ph 1) / Mid 2023 (Ph 2)	Spring 2022 (Ph 1) / Late 2022 (Ph 2)	On Track	Original dates were very conservative due to Caltrans grant. Phase 1 was later than expected but Phase 2 is expected to be complete much earlier.
		17. Adopt Transit Equity Principles and a process for applying them	Mid 2022	No timeline	At Risk	There is a lack of definition of what this action entails, and there has been little public discussion.
Connected Network Planning	Lagging	18. Fund, develop and adopt a Bay Area Connected Network Plan	Late 2023	Start Early 2023, end Late 2025	Lagging	Hiring and procurement needs have pushed project to begin in early 2023; capacity constraints and uncertainty of budget beyond first year limit pace of study. Via SB 917, MTC indicated it could not commit to completion of anything prior to late 2025. Ongoing risk of this project lacking clarity of objectives among different stakeholders.
		19. Adopt a transit hub toolkit to optimize station design and connectivity	Late 2023	No timeline	At Risk	Project's objectives / purpose has not been well defined; seeks to build off 2006-7 work.
Data Coll. & Coordination	On Track	20. Establish protocols and implement uniform Realtime and transit pathway data collection	Mid 2023	Mid 2023	On Track	Project appears to be proceeding and is staffed, though minimal info has been shared.
Accessibility	Lagging	21. Designate a Mobility Manager in each county	Mid 2022	Fall 2023	At Risk	MTC is advancing work, however there isn't agreement on the concept of or need for a mobility manager from all operators/counties.
		22. Fund one-seat paratransit ride pilot projects	Late 2022	Summer 2023	Lagging	Anticipated to award project funding for 3 pilot projects in Summer of 2023.
		23. Identify steps for ADA-paratransit integration on Clipper Next Generation	Late 2022	Ongoing	Lagging	Project is staffed and appears to be occurring - by 2023 expected to have at least one operator piloting Clipper.
		24. Identify paratransit challenges and recommend reforms	Early 2023	Early 2024	Lagging	Ambitious work, MTC approaching it very deliberately, taking longer than expected
		25. Adopt standardized eligibility practices for disability programs	Late 2022	Late 2022	On Track	MTC has met with all agencies and will recommend changes on eligibility practices in Fall 2022.
Funding	On Track, Evolving	26. Identify efficiencies and network management funding needs	Early 2022	TBD	Lagging	Part of Network Management business case, whose timeline has been pushed out.
		27. Convene stakeholders to guide transportation funding ballot measure	Late 2023	Convening will begin early 2023	On Track, Evolving	Major stakeholder engagement on a regional funding measure is expected to begin in early 2023. In parallel, MTC is advancing statewide strategy to advocate for additional operations funding to sustain the region to a future year ballot measure.

* Revised timeline is not official. Revised timeline based public reports and conversations with staff. Compiled by Seamless Bay Area, Bay Area Council, Silicon Valley Leadership Group, Joint Venture Silicon Valley, SPUR, TransForm, Choice in Aging, Silicon Valley Independent Living Center.