

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Policy Advisory Council**

April 12, 2023

Agenda Item 10

Staff Liaison Report

Subject:

Overview of recent MTC policy decisions and other activities.

Issues:

None identified.

Recommendations:

Information

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Staff Liaison Report – April 2023

Staff Liaison Report – April 2022

Follow up from March 8, 2023 Policy Advisory Council Meeting

- Please share the [Norman Mineta Bay Area High School Summer Academy](#) opportunity with your networks. A flyer is attached at the bottom of this document. The deadline to [apply](#) is April 17, 2023.

Executive Director's Report:

The following items are excerpts from the March 2023, 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:

- Add [items when available](#)

Items to Note:

- MTC's sister agency, the Bay Area Infrastructure Finance Authority (BAIFA), launched the Express Lanes START Pilot program on Friday, April 7 to advance equity on express lanes. Nationally, this first-of-its-kind 18-month pilot will provide qualified low-income drivers who enroll in the program at least a 50% discount on I-880 Express Lanes tolls. This program only applies to the I-880 Express Lanes while staff evaluate the Pilot's impact. The Policy Advisory Council's Equity and Access Subcommittee influenced the program significantly, engaging with BAIFA staff seven times on project planning, design and delivery dating back June 2020. Staff would like to Anne Olivia Eldred's contributions, through her service as a member of both the Equity and Access Subcommittee as well as a separate Advisory Group for the project. Project staff will return with a progress update on progress in the fall. In the meantime, please encourage potential Express Lanes START customers to learn more and apply for Express Lanes START at the website: www.ExpressLanesSTART.org

News Headlines from [The Bay Link Blog](#):

- [A million transit trips every day: Are you onboard?](#) Nearly a million trips are being taken on public transit each weekday right now in the Bay Area – are you one of the travel-savvy who know about the many benefits of riding transit?
- [Statewide coalition urges legislators to approve multi-year transit funding](#): MTC this week joined dozens of organizations from around California as signatories to a [letter seeking multi-year transit funding](#) from the Legislature to address financial shortfalls facing operators across the state.
- [Caltrans awards \\$225 million for roadway safety projects across the Bay Area](#): Caltrans is awarding more than \$225 million for local projects designed to reduce traffic deaths and serious injuries on city and county roads. Funding is provided through the Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP).
- [Feds: check your vehicle for safety recalls](#): As daylight saving time approaches, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is raising awareness about the dangers of ignoring vehicle safety recalls and is calling on drivers to get the free repairs done as soon as possible.
- [Wanted: transit operators. Lack of workers leading to cancelations](#): As many Bay Area transit agencies deal with financial concerns, there is another issue: a dearth of drivers.
- [Bay Trail interactive map is now easier to use](#): The MTC website features a [Bay Trail interactive map](#) (formerly called the Bay Trail navigational map), which is now easier to use on desktop computers and mobile devices.
- [Study: Homeowners in Bay Area hold onto homes longer](#): Homeowners in several larger Bay Area cities hold onto their homes longer than in other parts of the state, [according to a new study by Point2Homes.com](#).

Further News Updates:

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](#).

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For MTC and Plan Bay Area Glossaries:

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

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