

Metropolitan Transportation Commission Workshop Day 2

April 27, 2023

Agenda Item 1 - 23-0638

Ensuring Transit Sustainability – “Survive and Thrive”

Subject:

Staff will outline recent efforts to secure state funding to address the fiscal cliff as well as provide a snapshot of how various funding sources support the transit system today. Provide progress updates on efforts to make the system better for the rider and discuss opportunities to accelerate customer-facing improvements. Highlights on public sentiment from recent polling will also be shared.

Background:

Bay Area transit agencies face an approximately \$2.5 billion fiscal cliff over the next five years as they struggle to recover their ridership from before the COVID-19 pandemic and face costs that are far outpacing revenue. Transit agencies rely on fare revenue, among other funding sources – such as sales taxes – to pay for their operating costs, including staffing, fuel/electricity, and maintenance.

While almost a million trips are taken every day on transit in the Bay Area, overall recovery is currently around 54 percent of 2019 levels. Yet transit is vital to the Bay Area’s transportation system, serving a critical mobility function in key congested corridors and providing a lifeline for low-income residents, essential workers, students, seniors, those without a vehicle and Bay Area residents with disabilities that make driving impossible.

In July 2021, the Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force approved the Bay Area Transit Transformation Action Plan, which identified specific near-term actions to re-shape the region’s transit system into a more connected, more efficient, and more user-focused mobility network, resulting in increased ridership and reduced growth in vehicle miles traveled. Staff will provide an update on the Action Plan and ongoing regional initiatives that were well underway prior to 2021 (including Next Generation Clipper and Clipper START). Combined, these initiatives strive to continually improve the customer experience on transit in the Bay Area.

Issues:

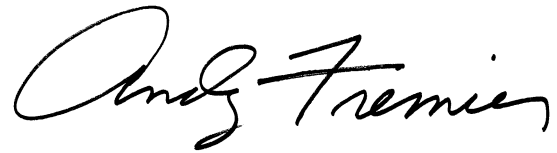
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Recommendations:

Information item.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Presentation

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Andrew B. Fremier