

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Policy Advisory Council**

June 28, 2022

Agenda Item 6b

Transportation Revenue Measure

Subject:

Update on regional transportation revenue measure and select committee to develop consensus for 2025 legislation.

Background:

On May 30, 2024, Senator Wiener and Senator Wahab — jointly with Chair Pedroza and Commission Vice Chair Josefowitz — announced a decision not to advance Senate Bill 1031 (Wiener and Wahab) (SB 1031) this year and instead introduce legislation in the next session to address the Bay Area’s transit funding challenges. In a joint statement, the senators acknowledged the need for more time to work through various regional differences and a request for MTC to convene key parties starting this summer to create regional consensus for 2025 legislation (see Attachment B). This summary sheet provides a high-level overview of this effort, which will be further developed with input from a Select Committee of Commissioners that will convene shortly.

Select Committee Purpose and Considerations:

The role of the Select Committee is to develop and reach an agreement on the core goals and the detailed policy components of a future transportation measure — for consideration and approval by the full Commission.

One of the core concerns during discussions about SB 1031 was the expenditure plan’s structure, duration, and funding sources, including concerns about how a regional measure could jeopardize the renewal of existing local sales tax measures dedicated to transportation. This concern was especially acute in the North Bay and the South Bay. Similarly, there were concerns about the extent and distribution of transit operating funding in the measure since those needs are both large and uneven across the nine counties.

To help achieve regional consensus on a transportation revenue measure that can be supported across the region, Chair Pedroza has established a Select Committee that includes commissioners from across the region while also being mindful of the need to be tight and focused. Meetings will be open to the public in accordance with the Brown Act. Chair Pedroza has asked Commissioner Sperring to chair the new Select Committee, given his strong track record of building regional consensus on complex topics, most recently as Chair of the Blue Ribbon Transit Transformation Task Force. The non-commissioner participants in the Select Committee and the organizations they represent are anticipated to play an essential role in the success of enabling legislation and an eventual ballot measure. Attachment A includes the Select Committee members.

Next Steps:

The Select Committee's work will begin on June 24th and conclude by mid-October, with an estimated five to six meetings total. This timeline will allow the Select Committee to develop and ideally endorse the critical provisions of the legislation this fall. Under this timeline, should there be robust agreement, the full Commission (and other key parties) would have an opportunity to endorse the legislation before the bill is heard in its first policy committee. Staff will provide an update at your meeting on this effort.

Issues:

None identified.

Recommendations:

Information

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Roster of Select Committee Members
- Attachment B: Joint Statement on Bay Area Public Transit Funding Authorizing Legislation (SB 1031)

Roster of Select Committee Members

MTC Commissioners (9)	Representing
David Canepa	San Mateo County
Cindy Chavez	Santa Clara County
Nick Josefowitz, MTC Vice Chair	City and County of San Francisco
Matt Mahan	Mayor, City of San Jose
Nate Miley	Alameda County
Sue Noack	Contra Costa County Cities
Stephanie Moulton-Peters	Marin County
Alfredo Pedroza, MTC Chair	Napa County
Jim Spering (Select Committee Chair)	Solano County

Interested Organizations (7)	Representing
John Arantes	SEIU
Alicia John-Baptiste	SPUR
Manny Leon	CA Alliance for Jobs
Adina Levin	Seamless Bay Area
James Lindsay	Amalgamated Transit Union
Ellen Wu	Urban Habitat
Jim Wunderman	Bay Area Council

Legislative Representatives (2)	Representing
Senator Wiener Office (Raayan Mohtashemi)*	Senate District 11
Senator Wahab Office (Alicia Lawrence)*	Senate District 10

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