

# Policy Advisory Council Orientation



## Legislation and Public Affairs

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# Legislation

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# MTC Legislative Advocacy

- Advocate at the federal, state and local level to advance our transportation and land-use goals
- Ensure the Bay Area benefits from new opportunities
- Defend against proposals that may reduce funding for Bay Area transportation



# MTC Advocacy Efforts in Washington

- A national leader in strengthening metropolitan planning organizations' role in federal transportation policy
- Seek funding for high priority projects through the Federal Transit Administration's New Starts Program
- Current projects with Full Funding Grant Agreements:
  - SF Central Subway
  - BART to Silicon Valley
  - Caltrain Electrification Project



# MTC Advocacy Efforts in Sacramento

- Key Policy Outcomes in 2017:
  - Securing cap-and-trade funds for transportation
  - Senate Bill 1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017
  - Regional Measure 3 (SB 595)
  - 15-Bill Affordable Housing Package – funding, streamlining, reforms



# Public Involvement

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# Policy Advisory Council

- Created in 2009 to advise the Commission on transportation policies
- Incorporates diverse perspectives relating to the environment, the economy and social equity



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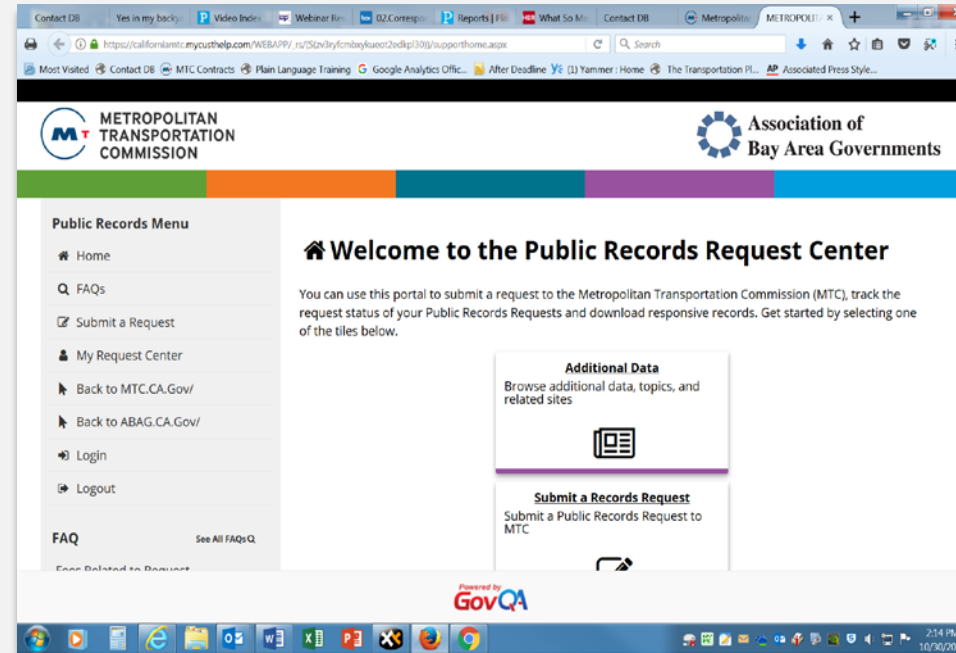
- Public engagement on planning studies and other MTC programs
- Maintain the MTC Web site
- Respond to inquiries from the public and the media





# Other Public Involvement

- Social Media
- Public Records Requests
- Public Hearings
- Awards Program
- Special Events



# Spare the Air Youth

- Part of MTC's Climate Initiatives Program
- Implemented in partnership with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District
- Goal is to educate, inspire and empower youth and their families to make healthy transportation choices



# Bike-to-Work Day

- Nationally recognized event
- Held annually in May
- Sponsored by MTC and county bicycle organizations



# Publications and Graphics

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# Reports

- Annual Report to Congress
- Annual Report to the State Legislature
- Plan Bay Area 2040
- Statistical Summary of Bay Area Transit Operators
- Maps



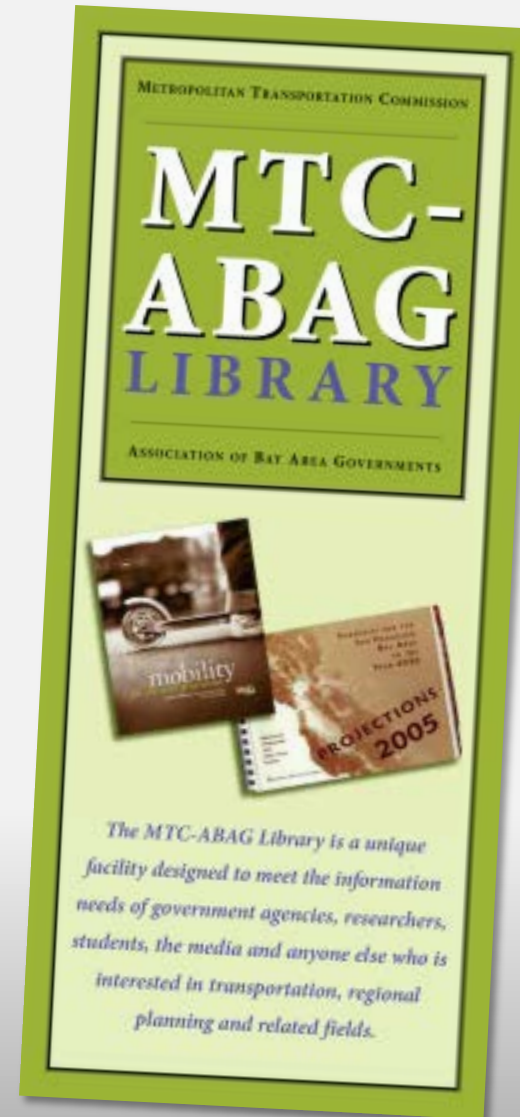




# Library Services

# MTC-ABAG Library

- Repository for MTC-ABAG Publications
- Online Library Catalog
- Census Data and Statistics
- Transportation Headlines  
<http://www.mtc.ca.gov/news/headlines.htm>
- Reference Assistance





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