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RE: Staff Liaison Report – June 2018

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MTC Commission Approves Pilot Program Offering Fare Discounts for Low-Income Transit Riders

At its May 23, 2018 meeting, the Commission voted to approve a revised program framework for a Regional Means-Based Fare Program. The program will provide a discount of 20 percent to eligible low-income adults on transit rides for four large Bay Area transit operators — BART, Caltrain, Golden Gate Transit and SFMTA — during a pilot period. Additional details are in [the item attachment](#).

MTC Commission Adopts \$53.2 Million RM2 Program

At its May meeting, the Commission also voted to adopt the \$53.2 million FY 2018-19 [Regional Measure 2](#) operating and marketing program and provide updates on programming, route changes and recommendations for three routes at risk of losing funding. Read more details in [the item attachment](#).

Grants Available for Students and Organizations Willing to Lead Green Transportation Projects

MTC and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District are again joining together to initiate the 2018 call for projects for the Spare the Air Youth grant program. Applications are due on Monday, June 18 at 5 p.m. The Spare the Air Youth grant program is offering \$6,000 to \$10,000 grants for high school student-led activities for the 2018-19 school year that have the potential to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from transportation sources. The grant program aims to increase peer-to-peer encouragement among a diverse group of students for active and shared transportation options around the nine-county Bay Area.

The Spare the Air Youth grant program will select award recipients from Bay Area high schools to support activities that encourage students' use of active and shared transportation options including walking, biking, carpooling, and transit. Selected projects will be paired with a technical assistance vendor, which will receive funding to coordinate education and outreach activities and to buy materials on behalf of the students. Vendors interested in being matched with high school teams to provide technical assistance should submit the Statement of Interest form available on the Spare the Air Youth website.

Students or student groups interested in the grant program should go to www.sparetheairyouth.org for more information. Here are key grant program dates:

- **June 18, 2018:** Closing date for vendors' statements of interest.
- **July 2, 2018:** Grant awards announced via email; vendors matched with grant awardees.
- **August 2018:** Kick-off event or conference call to clarify funding and reporting requirements.

Spare the Air Youth, a partnership between MTC and the Air District, is a regional program that aims to educate, inspire and empower youth and families in the San Francisco Bay Area to walk, bicycle, carpool, and take transit.

Resilient by Design Final Design Presentations

The evidence is everywhere: sea levels are on the rise and countries around the world must adapt before disaster strikes. The San Francisco Bay Area is at the forefront of this nascent adaptation effort with the [Resilient by Design Bay Area Challenge](#), which in May 2017 selected nine high-powered teams from across the globe to come up with innovative design ideas that address sea level rise and resilience to climate change around the region.

Now, a year later, Resilient by Design has shared the final design concepts developed by local residents, community organizations, public officials and local, national, and international experts. These concepts are “meant to inspire, catalyze action, and push us along the path to a more resilient future.” On May 17, a 2 day summit was held to celebrate the work that has been done and to lay the groundwork for the work needed to make resiliency a reality. To see the final design presentations, go to www.resilientbayarea.org.

New Online Resources from the MTC-ABAG Library

What's new with bike sharing, housing development fees and high speed rail? Settle in for some in-depth reading on these and other topics of interest to regional government. Housing, transportation, the environment and the latest MTC publications are all included in this month's library link round-up. <https://blog.bayareametro.gov/posts/new-online-resources-mtc-abag-library>

Executive Director's Report

The following items are excerpts from the May 2018 Executive Director's Report to the Commission. To read the report in its entirety go to: <http://www.mtc.ca.gov/whats-happening/news/executive-directors-report>.

SB 1 Competitive Programs, April 26, Sacramento

The California Transportation Commission (CTC) and California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) released their recommendations for spending some \$5.3 billion worth of gas tax and cap & trade revenue, and the Bay Area fared quite well. The tale of the tape is that the region is slated to receive nearly 30% of the funds statewide in four different funding pots: congestion relief, goods movement, local partnership, and transit/intercity rail investment.

Future Interstate Committee, May 8-9, Washington DC

I attended the last in-person meeting of the steering committee overseeing a major study of the future of the Interstate Highway System. We must deliver our report to the Congress by December 2018.

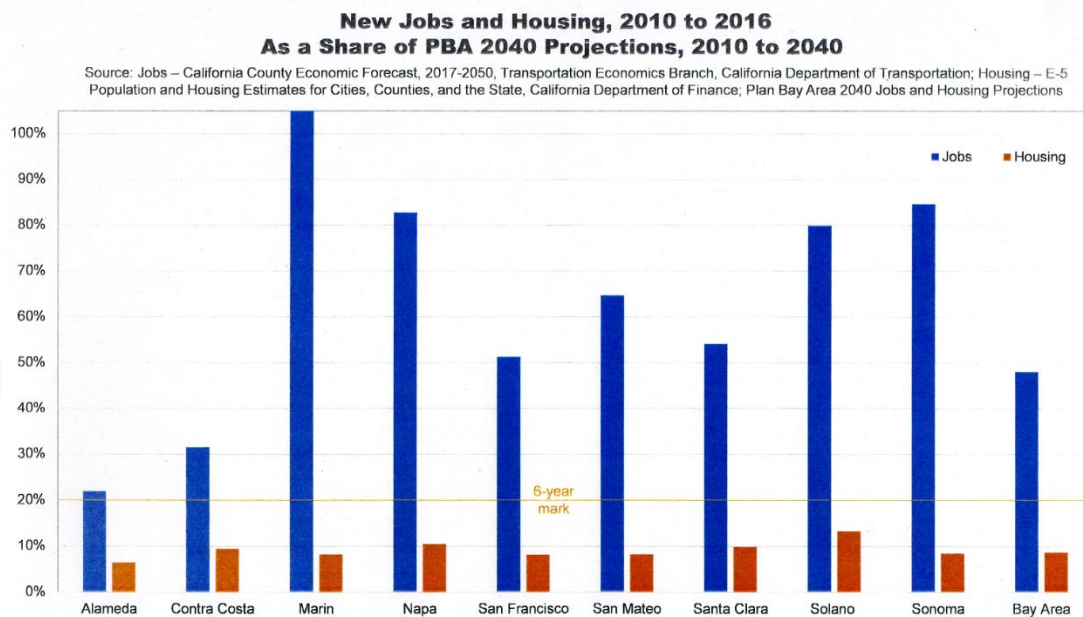
Bike to Work Day, May 10

Thanks to the record number of MTC Commissioners and ABAG Directors who participated in this annual event. There is plenty of [photographic evidence](#) on the MTC website. I rode for the second time this year, but for the first time on one of those snazzy Ford electric bikes. For those

of you who haven't tried one, it really feels like cheating. Early estimates are that nearly 100,000 Bay Area residents cycled on Bike to Work Day.

Chart of the Month

We've talked ad nauseam about the mismatch between the region's job creation and housing production during this lengthy recovery from the Great Recession, but I think [this chart](#) tells the story better than 1,000 more words. At the six-year milestone of the Plan Bay Area 30-year time period, every single county is over-performing its job forecast (some by massive amounts) and every single county is under-performing its housing forecast (almost all by a wide margin). It's a sobering reminder of how far we have to go to get the Bay Area's red-hot economy and its anemic residential sector into better balance.



Map of the Month: [When Will Bay Area Cities Reach Plan Bay Area 2040 Housing Targets?](#)

Each month Executive Director Steve Heminger presents a new map to the Commission to help explain important trends in the Bay Area, across the nation, and around the world. May's Map of the Month highlights the continued housing production challenges in the Bay Area, comparing Department of Finance housing production data between January 2010 and December 2017 with the Plan Bay Area 2040 housing forecasts by jurisdiction. This map shows the year that each city or town would meet its Plan Bay Area 2040 housing growth forecast if it continues on its recent production trajectory, during this lengthy economic expansion. Not surprisingly, most jurisdictions are lagging the Plan's housing goals – meaning that the region won't reach its 2040 housing goal until 2072 at the current pace. Notable bright spots for housing production include: Dublin, Pleasanton, and San Ramon in the Tri-Valley; Pittsburg and Brentwood in eastern Contra Costa County; Fairfield in Solano County; and Gilroy and Morgan Hill in southern Santa Clara County. Of the big three cities, San Francisco and San Jose are somewhat behind where they need to be, while Oakland would not reach its 2040 housing goal until 2295 given its pace of development since 2010. Additional analyses on housing trends through 2017 will be publicly released on the Vital Signs performance monitoring website next month.

Visit our Map of the Month page at <http://gis.mtc.ca.gov/home/motm.html> to review not just our current map, but those presented at previous Commission meetings as well.

