

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Policy Advisory Council**

June 12, 2019

Agenda Item 7

Staff Liaison Report – June 2019

Subject: Relevant MTC policy decisions and other activities.

Recommendation: Information

Attachments: Attachment A: Staff Liaison Report – June 2019



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Memorandum

TO: Policy Advisory Council
FR: Marti Paschal, Staff Liaison
RE: Staff Liaison Report – June 2019

DATE: June 12, 2019

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Policy Advisory Council Draft Calendar for July – December 2019

The following items are currently scheduled to be presented to the Policy Advisory Council during the remaining meetings of the calendar year:

July 10, 2019

- Plan Bay Area 2050: Outreach

September 11, 2019

- Horizon: Futures Final Report*
- Horizon: Perspective Paper 5 (Crossings)
- Horizon/Plan Bay Area 2050: Draft Project Performance Results*

October 9, 2019

- Plan Bay Area 2050: Adoption of Guiding Principles/Goals & Targets*

November 13, 2019

- Plan Bay Area 2050: Action on Project Performance
- Plan Bay Area 2050: Summary & Discussion of Element Workshops/Strategies (Transportation, Land Use, Economic Development, Resilience)

December 11, 2019

- Plan Bay Area 2050: Proposed Strategies for Draft Preferred Plan

May 20 Perspective Paper Event

The **Expand Your Horizon: Talks on the Future of the Bay Area** series continued with a Perspective Paper event on May 20, at the San Mateo Main Library. The presentation was based on the fourth Perspective Paper, [*The Future of Jobs*](#).

As part of the Horizon initiative, the Perspective Papers and corresponding Expand Your Horizon events are intended to identify high-impact strategies related to specific topics that support [Horizon's Guiding Principles](#).

***Presentation dates subject to change.**

Richmond-San Rafael Bridge Joint Replacement Project Hits Home Stretch

Caltrans and the Bay Area Toll Authority are issuing a weekly series of updates on the work underway to replace 31 joints on the westbound upper deck of the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. Construction crews have now replaced 22 of the 31 deck joints, with the entire project on track for completion this July. Each of the original 1950-era joints is being replaced by a new joint that features a rubberized seal designed to shrink and expand with changing temperatures. This will prevent cracking of the surrounding concrete road deck.

To minimize impacts to commute traffic, joint replacement work is being done at night. Drivers can expect one lane of traffic to be closed most nights from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. New steel plates have been installed at work locations. Drivers can pass over these plates at posted speeds and there is no need to slow down.

Light Rain Didn't Dampen Bay Area Bike to Work Day 2019 Enthusiasm

Participants in the 25th annual Bike to Work Day traversed the nine counties of the San Francisco Bay Area on Thursday, May 9. Misty, windy and cool conditions did not stop tens of thousands of riders from pedaling to work and school, stopping to get treats and commemorative 25th anniversary canvas tote bags at one of 400 energizer stations staffed by volunteers from bike coalitions, local companies and governments across the region. Nearly 100,000 strong, the bicyclists turned a typical May Thursday morning commute into a huge boost to the environment and their own good health.

Presented by MTC, the Commission's 511.org travel-information service and Alaska Airlines, Bike to Work Day encourages Bay Area residents to leave their cars at home or skip the bus, train or ferry for the day and commute on two wheels. Bike to Work Day is the largest event in the Bay Area's celebration of May's National Bike Month, but there are many other events and activities held during the month. Running May 1 to 31, the month-long Bay Area Bike Challenge is a friendly competition that encourages participants and companies to ride individually and as teams to get more people to commute by bicycle. Close to 3,000 riders from across the nine counties of the Bay Area pedaled and racked up miles and virtual prizes every day. More information is available at lovetoride.net/bayarea.

Youth Art Contest Winners Selected

Winners of the "Art on the Horizon: Youth Confronting Climate Change" contest sponsored by MTC and ABAG were announced in April at the Y-Plan Policy Summit at UC Berkeley. As part of [the agencies' Horizon planning initiative](#), MTC and ABAG sought digital art submissions that demonstrate what can be done to combat climate change. The Art on the Horizon contest was open to artists age 13 to 23, and asked the question: "What can you do to stop climate change?"

Winners were selected by a jury that included James Choe and David Cooper of ABAG and MTC staff; Sam Cooper, senior photo editor for WIRED; Kÿ-Nam Miller of MTC's Policy Advisory Council; Christine Nguyen of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District staff; and Shaun Tai, executive director for Oakland Digital. The winning entries can be viewed [here](#).

Executive Director's Report

The following items are excerpts from the May 2019 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>.

California Academy for Regional Leaders-April 30, 2019:

Dave Vautin, Principal Planner/Analyst and Project Manager for Horizon/Plan Bay Area 2050, and Kenny Kao, Principal Planner, Programming & Allocations, were selected to participate in the first Academy for Regional Leaders this past year, and were honored on April 30th among other program graduates.

Housing Activities: May 1st and May 10th

On May 1, the Housing Legislative Working Group wrapped up its five week assignment providing information on a slate of housing related bills targeted to come before the Legislation Committees of ABAG and MTC. On May 10th, those groups met in a joint session, and forwarded consistent recommendations to both governing boards. Coupled with a joint meeting of the MTC Planning and ABAG Administration Committees, May 10th was an 8 hour session, speaking to the importance of the topics addressed, and the commitment of the respective committee members to tackle them.

State Legislative Visits: May 3rd and May 15th

I and several staff members visited Senator Wiener in his San Francisco District office on May 3rd. With MTC Chair and ABAG Executive Board member Scott Haggerty, we had a daylong visit in Sacramento May 15, meeting with 12 other Bay Area delegation members, and hosting a reception where several other members and their staff were in attendance.

San Francisco Foundation Reception: May 8th

The SFF hosted a reception for me to meet with key social equity and environmental justice stakeholders from around the region. It was a great chance to meet personally with important partners that will play a key role in our Plan Bay Area 2050 and other related efforts.

East Bay Leadership Council: May 16th

I was invited to a discussion with the EBLC Transportation Task Force, representing business and local government interests in Contra Costa and Alameda Counties. It was a timely opportunity to share perspectives on mobility, housing and employment challenges and opportunities in this area of the region.

MTC Operational Statistics

The monthly report on the performance of MTC's operating programs is attached.

Upcoming Events:

UC Berkeley College of Environmental Design - Commencement Address: May 19th

Mineta Transportation Institute: San Jose State University:

- MTI/Commonwealth Club Keynote Panel: June 21st
- MTI Commencement Address: June 22nd