

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission  
Policy Advisory Council Equity & Access Subcommittee**

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Agenda Item 3

**Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan  
Implementation Activities Update**

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**Subject:** Update on the implementation of the Bay Area’s Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan.

**Background:** A coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan (“Coordinated Plan”) is a federal requirement under the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act to address mobility barriers for transportation disadvantaged populations and to establish funding priorities and coordination strategies eligible for the FTA Section 5310 Formula Grants for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310).

Last year, the Commission adopted an update to the Bay Area’s Coordinated Plan, which can be found at:  
[https://mtc.ca.gov/sites/default/files/MTC\\_Coordinated\\_Plan.pdf](https://mtc.ca.gov/sites/default/files/MTC_Coordinated_Plan.pdf)

MTC’s 2018 Coordinated Plan focuses on the needs of a broad range of transportation-disadvantaged populations in order to maximize opportunities to improve service coordination among public transit and human service transportation providers. These populations include seniors, low-income people, veterans, and individuals with disabilities. Strategies included in the Coordinated Plan seek to increase mobility options and address transportation gaps of the target populations, and to improve service coordination among public transit and human service transportation providers.

**Coordinated Plan Implementation Activities**

The 2018 Coordinated Plan recommended that MTC conduct region wide summits on mobility management topics, with the goal of moving towards full countywide implementation across the region. In order to implement this, MTC convened a cabinet of advisors with representatives from county transportation agencies, transit agencies, county/city mobility management programs, and non-profit organizations. This cabinet of advisors identified travel training as the first topic for a region wide mobility management summit.

Travel training is the method of teaching individuals or groups how to travel safely and independently on fixed-route public transportation, as well as other travel modes and transportation services. Travel training can help low-income populations, seniors, and people with disabilities access new and more affordable ways of traveling. Travel training in the Bay Area is provided by transit operators, non-profit organizations, cities, counties, and county transportation agencies. Much of what is provided in the Bay Area today is not coordinated on a countywide basis, nor is it coordinated through mobility management programs or connected to information and referral services or paratransit programs.

In order to create an effective travel training summit that will fit the needs of all the providers across the region, MTC is engaging Easterseals Project Action Consulting (ESPA) to provide curriculum and training for the summit. ESPA is a national non-profit that provides customized training and technical expertise on travel training and accessible transportation. Working with MTC, ESPA understands the complexities of travel training programs operating in the Bay Area, and how to help MTC and our partners move these programs closer to current mobility management efforts, information and referral services and in conjunction with our paratransit programs.

MTC will be hosting the travel training summit in October. Staff will include Equity and Access Subcommittee members to the summit invitation list.

**Issues:** None

**Recommendation:** None

**Attachments:** None