

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission and Association of Bay Area Governments
Joint MTC Executive Committee and ABAG Administrative Committee**

March 13, 2020

Agenda Item 3

Commission Business Procedures for Declared Emergencies

Subject: A proposal to establish Commission business procedures for declared emergencies.

As you know, the emergent and changing environment surrounding the Corona Virus has raised numerous questions for the greater Bay Area community, including employers and their staffs. For public agencies like MTC, it is important to consider as well how the business of serving the public is maintained.

MTC seeks to conduct its on-going business in a consistent and transparent fashion. That said, given the fluid nature of public health driven responses to the Corona virus (COVID-19) MTC needs to be prepared for extraordinary circumstances in an emergency situation—this one and others that may present themselves in the future.

Attachment A outlines the protocol that we are asking the Executive Committee to approve, that would assign the Chair of the Commission the capacity to temporarily permit remote participation by Commissioners to conduct essential Commission business during times of a declared emergency. Upon approval by the Executive Committee of this protocol, the Commission will amend an amendment to the Commission Procedures Manual, to be considered at the end of this month, incorporating this protocol as an Appendix F. Between March 13 and the date of the next full Commission meeting the protocol if approved by the Executive Committee, will apply if circumstances necessitate its implementation during such interim period.

Attachments: Attachment A – Protocol Governing Amendments to Commission Procedure During Declared Emergencies


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Attachment A

Protocol Governing Amendments to Commission Procedure During Declared Emergencies

- a) Should the Governor impose any emergency order related to a natural or man-made disaster (e.g. earthquake, terrorist attack, pandemic or other health related event), that would impact the Bay Area Region, and by extension impact the ability to conduct the regular business of the Commission, the Executive Committee extends to the Chair the ability to accommodate remote enabled Commissioner participation in Committee and Commission meetings:
- Only on an interim basis;
 - Only for purposes to accommodate the declared emergency order; and
 - Only for limited and essential actions, as deemed by the Chair.
- b) Any subsequent directives or guidance issued by the Governor related to the declared emergency will be considered, implemented into process and procedures covered in paragraph a) above, and responded to accordingly.
- b)c) _____ Under such circumstances the Executive Director is directed to work with staff to put procedural steps in place, as soon as possible, to accommodate the Chair's directive, if and when that may occur, consistent with this protocol.

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

EXECUTIVE ORDER N-25-20

WHEREAS on March 4, 2020, I proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS despite sustained efforts, the virus remains a threat, and further efforts to control the spread of the virus to reduce and minimize the risk of infection are needed; and

WHEREAS state and local public health officials may, as they deem necessary in the interest of public health, issue guidance limiting or recommending limitations upon attendance at public assemblies, conferences, or other mass events, which could cause the cancellation of such gatherings through no fault or responsibility of the parties involved, thereby constituting a force majeure; and

WHEREAS the Department of Public Health is maintaining up-to-date guidance relating to COVID-19, available to the public at <http://cdph.ca.gov/covid19>; and

WHEREAS the State of California and local governments, in collaboration with the Federal government, continue sustained efforts to minimize the spread and mitigate the effects of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS there is a need to secure numerous facilities to accommodate quarantine, isolation, or medical treatment of individuals testing positive for or exposed to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, many individuals who have developmental disabilities and receive services through regional centers funded by the Department of Developmental Services also have chronic medical conditions that make them more susceptible to serious symptoms of COVID-19, and it is critical that they continue to receive their services while also protecting their own health and the general public health; and

WHEREAS individuals exposed to COVID-19 may be temporarily unable to report to work due to illness caused by COVID-19 or quarantines related to COVID-19 and individuals directly affected by COVID-19 may experience potential loss of income, health care and medical coverage, and ability to pay for housing and basic needs, thereby placing increased demands on already strained regional and local health and safety resources such as shelters and food banks; and

WHEREAS in the interest of public health and safety, it is necessary to exercise my authority under the Emergency Services Act, specifically Government Code section 8572, to ensure adequate facilities exist to address the impacts of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8571, I find that strict compliance with various statutes and regulations specified in this order would prevent, hinder, or delay appropriate actions to prevent and mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the State Constitution and statutes of the State of California, and in particular, Government Code sections 8567, 8571 and 8572, do hereby issue the following order to become effective immediately:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. All residents are to heed any orders and guidance of state and local public health officials, including but not limited to the imposition of social distancing measures, to control the spread of COVID-19.
2. For the period that began January 24, 2020 through the duration of this emergency, the Employment Development Department shall have the discretion to waive the one-week waiting period in Unemployment Insurance Code section 2627(b)(1) for disability insurance applicants who are unemployed and disabled as a result of the COVID-19, and who are otherwise eligible for disability insurance benefits.
3. For the period that began January 24, 2020 through the duration of this emergency, the Employment Development Department shall have the discretion to waive the one-week waiting period in Unemployment Insurance Code section 1253(d) for unemployment insurance applicants who are unemployed as a result of the COVID-19, and who are otherwise eligible for unemployment insurance benefits.
4. Notwithstanding Health and Safety Code section 1797.172(b), during the course of this emergency, the Director of the Emergency Medical Services Authority shall have the authority to implement additions to local optional scopes of practice without first consulting with a committee of local EMS medical directors named by the EMS Medical Directors Association of California.
5. In order to quickly provide relief from interest and penalties, the provisions of the Revenue and Taxation Code that apply to the taxes and fees administered by the Department of Tax and Fee Administration, requiring the filing of a statement under penalty of perjury setting forth the facts for a claim for relief, are suspended for a period of 60 days after the date of this Order for any individuals or businesses who are unable to file a timely tax return or make a timely payment as a result of complying with a state or local public health official's imposition or recommendation of social distancing measures related to COVID-19.
6. The Franchise Tax Board, the Board of Equalization, the Department of Tax and Fee Administration, and the Office of Tax Appeals shall use their administrative powers where appropriate to provide those individuals and businesses impacted by complying with a state or local public health official's imposition or recommendation of social

distancing measures related to COVID-19 with the extensions for filing, payment, audits, billing, notices, assessments, claims for refund, and relief from subsequent penalties and interest.

7. The Governor's Office of Emergency Services shall ensure adequate state staffing during this emergency. Consistent with applicable federal law, work hour limitations for retired annuitants, permanent and intermittent personnel, and state management and senior supervisors, are suspended. Furthermore, reinstatement and work hour limitations in Government Code sections 21220, 21224(a), and 7522.56(b), (d), (f), and (g), and the time limitations in Government Code section 19888.1 and California Code of Regulations, title 2, sections 300-303 are suspended. The Director of the California Department of Human Resources must be notified of any individual employed pursuant to these waivers.
8. The California Health and Human Services Agency and the Office of Emergency Services shall identify, and shall otherwise be prepared to make available—including through the execution of any necessary contracts or other agreements and, if necessary, through the exercise of the State's power to commandeer property – hotels and other places of temporary residence, medical facilities, and other facilities that are suitable for use as places of temporary residence or medical facilities as necessary for quarantining, isolating, or treating individuals who test positive for COVID-19 or who have had a high-risk exposure and are thought to be in the incubation period.
9. The certification and licensure requirements of California Code of Regulations, Title 17, section 1079 and Business and Professions Code section 1206.5 are suspended as to all persons who meet the requirements under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of section 353 of the Public Health Service Act for high complexity testing and who are performing analysis of samples to test for SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, in any certified public health laboratory or licensed clinical laboratory.
10. To ensure that individuals with developmental disabilities continue to receive the services and supports mandated by their individual program plans threatened by disruptions caused by COVID-19, the Director of the Department of Developmental Services may issue directives waiving any provision or requirement of the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act, the California Early Intervention Services Act, and the accompanying regulations of Title 17, Division 2 of the California Code of Regulations. A directive may delegate to the regional centers any authority granted to the Department by law where the Director believes such delegation is necessary to ensure services to individuals with developmental disabilities. The Director shall describe the need justifying the waiver granted in each directive and articulate how the waiver is necessary to protect the public health or safety from the threat of COVID-19 or necessary to ensure that services to individuals with developmental disabilities are not disrupted. Any waiver granted by a directive shall expire 30 days from the date of its issuance. The Director may grant one or more 30-day extensions if the waiver continues to be necessary

to protect health or safety or to ensure delivery of services. The Director shall rescind a waiver once it is no longer necessary to protect public health or safety or ensure delivery of services. Any waivers and extensions granted pursuant to this paragraph shall be posted on the Department's website.

11. Notwithstanding any other provision of state or local law, including the Bagley-Keene Act or the Brown Act, a local legislative body or state body is authorized to hold public meetings via teleconferencing and to make public meetings accessible telephonically or otherwise electronically to all members of the public seeking to attend and to address the local legislative body or state body, during the period in which state or local public officials impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing, including but not limited to limitations on public events. All requirements in both the Bagley-Keene Act and the Brown Act expressly or impliedly requiring the physical presence of members, the clerk or other personnel of the body, or of the public as a condition of participation in or quorum for a public meeting are hereby waived.

In particular, any otherwise-applicable requirements that

- (i) state and local bodies notice each teleconference location from which a member will be participating in a public meeting;
- (ii) each teleconference location be accessible to the public;
- (iii) members of the public may address the body at each teleconference conference location;
- (iv) state and local bodies post agendas at all teleconference locations;
- (v) at least one member of the state body be physically present at the location specified in the notice of the meeting; and
- (vi) during teleconference meetings, at least a quorum of the members of the local body participate from locations within the boundaries of the territory over which the local body exercises jurisdiction

are hereby suspended, on the conditions that:

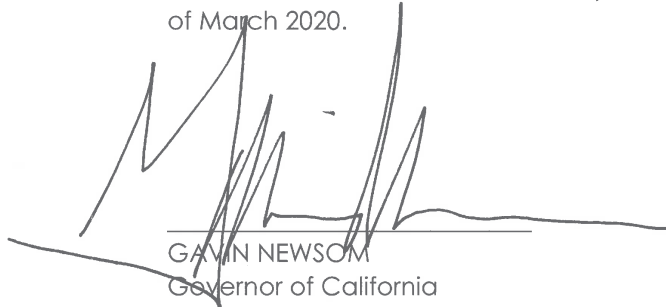
- (i) each state or local body must give advance notice of each public meeting, according to the timeframe otherwise prescribed by the Bagley-Keene Act or the Brown Act, and using the means otherwise prescribed by the Bagley-Keene Act or the Brown Act, as applicable; and
- (ii) consistent with the notice requirement in paragraph (i), each state or local body must notice at least one publicly accessible location from which members of the public shall have the right to observe and offer public comment at the public meeting, consistent with the public's rights of access and public comment otherwise provided for by the Bagley-Keene Act and the Brown Act, as applicable (including, but not limited to, the requirement that such rights of access and public comment be made available in a manner consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act).

In addition to the mandatory conditions set forth above, all state and local bodies are urged to use sound discretion and to make reasonable efforts to adhere as closely as reasonably possible to the provisions of the Bagley-Keene Act and the Brown Act, and other applicable local laws regulating the conduct of public meetings, in order to maximize transparency and provide the public access to their meetings.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that as soon as hereafter possible, this Order be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this Order.

This Order is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the State of California, its agencies, departments, entities, officers, employees, or any other person.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have
hereunto set my hand and caused
the Great Seal of the State of
California to be affixed this 12th day
of March 2020.



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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ABSTRACT

Resolution No. 1058, Revised

This resolution adopts the Commission Procedures Manual as revised and dated November 25, 1981. Resolution No. 1058 supersedes Resolution No. 745. Resolution No. 745 previously superseded Resolution No. 358.

Appendix A to the Commission Procedures Manual (MTC's Conflict of Interest Code) was revised by the Commission on October 27, 1982.

The Commission Procedures Manual was revised by the Commission on November 24, 1982 to amend the election of the Commission Chair and Vice-Chair to terms that begin in February of odd-numbered years.

The Commission Procedures Manual was revised by the Commission on November 27, 1985 to clarify some minor parliamentary procedures, to update information, and to revise Appendices B, D, and E so that those appendices supersede MTC Resolution Nos. 208, 348, 291, and 1057.

The Commission Procedures Manual was revised on February 25, 1987 to require all agendas to be posted at least 72 hours prior to meetings, special meeting agendas to be posted at least 24 hours prior to the meeting, to provide additional information on public comment, to clarify the approval authority of GR&AC and WPPRC Committees, and to allow flexibility in selection of the first meeting date of each new Commission term.

The Commission Procedures Manual was revised on September 23, 1987 to state that items on Commission and committee agendas are all subject to action.

The Commission Procedures Manual was revised on April 26, 1989 to revise the membership of standing committees, to add the Vice-Chair as an ex-officio member of all standing committees, and to allow per diem payments to any Commissioner attending any committee meeting.

The Commission Procedures Manual was revised on September 18, 1989 to clarify certain expense provisions in Appendix B.

Appendix E to the Commission Procedures Manual was revised by the Commission on September 26, 1990 to clarify certain delegations between the Grant Review and Allocations Committee and the Work Program and Plan Revision Committee.

The Commission Procedures Manual was revised on June 26, 1991 to change the membership of standing committees; to eliminate the Transportation Finance standing committee and change the name of the Work Program and Plan Revision Committee to the Work Program Committee; to update and clarify standing committee delegations and descriptions of special and advisory committees; and to update references.

Appendix D to the Commission Procedures Manual was revised on November 25, 1992 to add the Blue Ribbon Advisory Council to the list of Citizen Advisory Committees eligible for expense reimbursement.

The Commission Procedures Manual was revised on January 27, 1993 to delete provisions for reimbursement for meals of citizen advisors.

The Commission Procedures Manual was revised on December 15, 1993 to amend Section 3.08 to include further guidance regarding public comment at MTC meetings.

The Commission Procedures Manual was revised on May 24, 1995 to incorporate new MTC responsibilities, update references and committee information, make editorial changes, and delete Appendices F, G, H, and I. The revisions are summarized in the General Counsel's memorandum to the A&O Committee dated May 3, 1995.

The Commission Procedures Manual was revised on February 26, 1997 to amend the regular meeting date and times of MTC's standing committees.

The Commission Procedures Manual was revised on December 16, 1998 to update references, update special and advisory committees, add language regarding the designation of ad hoc committee members, and revise MTC's Conflict of Interest Code (Attachment A).

Appendix E to the Commission Procedures Manual was revised by the Commission on July 28, 1999 to rename: the Administration and Oversight Committee to the Administration Committee; the Grant Review and Allocations Committee to the Programming and Allocations Committee; the Legislation and Public Affairs Committee to the Legislation Committee; and the Work Program and Plan Revision Committee to the Planning and Operations Committee; and to restructure and clarify certain delegations among and between them.

Section 1.07 of the Commission Procedures Manual was revised on November 17, 1999 to allow commissioners to be reimbursed for up to five meetings in one day.

Appendix D to the Commission Procedures Manual was revised on February 26, 2003, to revise the reimbursement policy for advisors appointed by the Commission serving on the Advisory Council, the Minority Citizens Advisory Committee, and the Elderly and Disabled Advisory Committee.

The Commission Procedures Manual was revised on July 23, 2003 to update references, update committees, and incorporate MTC's revised Conflict of Interest Code (Attachment A).

Appendix D to the Commission Procedures Manual was revised on April 28, 2004, to clarify that members of the Advisory Council, the Minority Citizens Advisory Committee, and the Elderly and Disabled Advisory Committee may seek reimbursement for attending meetings of working groups with MTC staff formed at the direction of the Commission to provide input into Commission decisions.

Section 4.14 Commission Committees, and Appendix E to the Commission Procedures Manual were revised on January 25, 2006, to rename the Planning and Operations Committee as the Planning Committee and to add the Operations Committee to replace the SAFE Committee.

The Commission Procedures Manual was revised on April 26, 2006 to revise Appendix E to delegate specific contract, personal services agreement, and purchase order approval authority to the Operations Committee.

The Commission Procedures Manual was revised on December 19, 2012 to update provisions relating to AB57, SB375, MAP 21, the development of the Commission's Public Participation Plan, the creation of the Policy Advisory Council, the creation of the Bay Area Infrastructure Financing Authority and the Bay Area Headquarters Authority, clarify ex-officio voting capacity, incorporate MTC's revised Conflict of Interest Code, and to update provisions to conform to current practice (Attachment A, Appendices A, B, D and E).

The Commission Procedures Manual was revised on May 22, 2013 to incorporate MTC's revised Conflict of Interest Code as approved by the California Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) on April 17, 2013 to more accurately reflect the most current designated positions and assigned disclosure categories in MTC's organizational structure (Attachment A).

The Commission Procedures Manual was revised on January 28, 2015 to update and revise the Travel Policy contained in Appendix B.

The Commission Procedures Manual was revised on March 25, 2015 to incorporate MTC's revised Conflict of Interest Code, as approved by the California Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) on February 2, 2015, to more accurately reflect the most current designated positions and assigned disclosure categories in MTC's organizational structure (Attachment A).

The Commission Procedures Manual was revised on September 28, 2016 to provide for the appointment of one or more public transportation representatives in accordance with provisions contained in MAP 21 as amended by the FAST Act and to incorporate MTC's revised Conflict of Interest Code, as approved by the California Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) on June 30, 2016, to more accurately reflect the most current designated positions and assigned disclosure categories in MTC's organizational structure (Appendix A to Attachment A), and to add a MTC special committee.

Appendix E to the Commission Procedures Manual was revised on September 27, 2017 to change the composition of the MTC Executive Committee to add the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Representative.

The Commission Procedures Manual was revised on June 27, 2018 to incorporate MTC's revised Conflict of Interest Code, as approved by the California Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) on March 29, 2018, to revise the designated positions to reflect the MTC-Association of Bay Area Governments staff consolidation, MTC's staffing of the Advancing California Financing Authority, and MTC's current organizational structure (Appendix A to Attachment A).

Appendix B to the Commission Procedures Manual was revised on July 24, 2019 to substitute the updated Meeting and Travel Expense Claim Form for the prior version of the Meeting and Travel Expense Claim Form as the attachment to Appendix B.

The Commission Procedures Manual was revised on March 25, 2020 to incorporate MTC's revised Conflict of Interest Code, as approved by the California Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) on January 27, 2020, to revise the designated positions to reflect MTC's affiliation with the Bay Area Regional Collaborative and MTC's current organizational structure (Appendix A to Attachment A); to add a new Section 5.03 regarding meeting protocol in declared emergencies; and to incorporate as Appendix F the Protocol Governing Amendments to Commission Procedure During Declared Emergencies.

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Referred by: A&O

Re: Commission Procedures Manual.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 1058

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 358 and 746 the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (Commission) adopted the Commission Procedures Manual relating to the Commission and commissioners, Commission officers, Commission meetings and the conduct of business, and Commission committees; and

WHEREAS, the Commission now desires to revise the Procedures Manual to clarify and reflect current practice as well as make revisions to the duties of the Commission resulting from recent State legislation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission adopts its Commission Procedures Manual as revised and dated November 25, 1981, a copy of which is attached hereto and marked Attachment A and incorporated by reference; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that MTC Resolution No. 1058 supersedes Resolution No. 746.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

/s/ William R. "Bill" Lucius
William R. "Bill" Lucius, Chairman

The above resolution was entered into by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission at a regular meeting of the Commission held in Oakland, California on November 25, 1981.

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Attachment A
Resolution No. 1058

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

COMMISSION PROCEDURES MANUAL

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METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

COMMISSION PROCEDURES MANUAL

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Protocol Governing Amendments to Commission Procedure During
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METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR
FREEWAYS AND EXPRESSWAYS, BAY AREA TOLL AUTHORITY, BAY AREA
INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING AUTHORITY AND BAY AREA HEADQUARTERS
AUTHORITY
PROCEDURES MANUAL

INTRODUCTION

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is the regional transportation planning agency for that area of California comprising the City and County of San Francisco and the Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, and Sonoma (Government Code § 66500 *et seq.*). These nine counties of the Bay Area cover an area of approximately 7,000 square miles and have a population of approximately 7.2 million (2010 census). Within the structure of California governmental agencies, MTC is classified as a local area planning agency and not as part of the executive branch of the state government.

In accordance with its legislative mandate, MTC adopted a Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) in June 1973. Thereafter, the Commission has regularly reviewed and revised the RTP in compliance with the statutory requirement of continuing plan review. The enactment of Senate Bill 375 (Steinberg) in 2008 requires MTC to adopt a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) together with its RTP to strive to reach greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets. The first SCS/RTP is scheduled for adoption in 2013.

The Commission is charged with certain responsibilities for implementation of the SCS/RTP, as well as the RTP standing alone. Applications of local agencies for grants of certain state and federal transportation funds are subject to MTC review and approval as to their compatibility with the RTP. Generally, the state must conform to the RTP in allocating funds for construction on the state highway system within the MTC region.

Legislation passed in 1997 gave MTC increased decision-making authority over the selection of project and allocation of funds for the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). MTC is the agency responsible for allocation of local transportation funds among qualified claimants

under the Transportation Development Act (TDA) (Public Utilities Code § 99200 *et seq.*). The TDA statute provides MTC with a role in fulfilling fiscal and performance audit requirements with respect to claimants of TDA funds.

Under AB 1107 (Public Utilities Code § 29142.2), MTC allocates among eligible claimants one-fourth of the one-half cent Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) sales tax in Alameda, Contra Costa and San Francisco counties. Under AB 664 (Streets and Highways Code § 30880 *et seq.*), MTC is responsible for allocation of net revenues of state toll bridges located within the region. Pursuant to Streets and Highways Code § 30889, MTC may establish tolls for such bridges in order to generate net revenues provided that net revenues may not exceed the average net revenues available during fiscal year 1977-78 and 1978-79, except as may be adjusted annually according to the appropriate inflationary index as adopted by MTC. SB 620 (Public Utilities Code § 99310 *et seq.*) provides MTC with authority to allocate the regional share of the State Public Transportation Account.

MTC is responsible for meeting state and federal Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) requirements for the Bay Region. (Government Code § 65080 *et seq.* and 23 Code of Federal Regulations Section 450 Subpart B.) The Commission is the region's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and conducts the continuing, comprehensive, cooperative planning program necessary to maintain this region's eligibility for federal transportation funding. (23 Code of Federal Regulations Section 450 Subpart A.) MTC is the designated recipient of large urbanized area Federal Transit Administration (FTA) formula funds, such as 5307, 5339, and 5337. MTC is also designated other responsibilities for FTA funds by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), such as the 5303 planning funds, 5311, and 5310.

Through state law, MTC has programming responsibilities for Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funds such as Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ). MTC is also responsible for submitting a Regional Transportation Improvement Program to the California Transportation Commission and Caltrans every two years.

MTC has conducted special planning studies at a multi-regional and subregional level. Examples include the Transit Connectivity Plan, the Transit Sustainability Project, and the Regional Goods Movement Study. MTC is jointly responsible with the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) for air quality planning to meet the requirements of the federal Clean Air Act, as amended, and shares with the BAAQMD the responsibility for air quality transportation control measures under the state Clean Air Act, as amended. MTC shares with ABAG the responsibility for preparing the SCS.

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways (“MTC SAFE”) was created by legislation effective January 1, 1988 (Streets and Highways Code § 2550 *et seq.*), which authorized the creation of an MTC SAFE to provide for implementation, maintenance and operation of motorist-aid services through a call box program linked directly to the California Highway Patrol and a fleet of roving tow truck patrols, the Freeway Service Patrol. Under the law, MTC oversees the regional SAFE, which was officially convened in mid-1988.

The Bay Area Toll Authority (“BATA”) was created by legislation effective January 1, 1998 (Streets & Highways Code § 30950 *et seq.*) to administer the base \$1 toll on the San Francisco Bay Area’s seven state-owned toll bridges. Pursuant to additional legislation including SB 60, AB 1171, AB 144 and AB 1175 and voter-approved toll increases, tolls in addition to the \$1.00 base toll are collected and administered. Under the law, MTC serves as BATA.

In July, 2012 AB 57 (Beall) was chaptered. AB 57 amended Sections 66503 and 66504 of the Government Code to add, effective January 1, 2013, two additional voting seats on the commission and impose certain other requirements on commissioner appointments as further outlined in Part I of this Commission Procedures Manual.

In 2015 Congress enacted, and the President signed into law the FAST Act (23 U.S.C. §101). Title 23 U.S.C. §134 (d)(2) provides that a metropolitan planning organization shall consist of local officials, officials of public agencies that administer or operate major modes of transportation in the metropolitan area, including representation by providers of public transportation, and appropriate

State officials. Title 23 U.S.C. §134 (d)(3)(B) provides that, subject to the bylaws or enabling statute of the metropolitan planning organization, a representative of a provider of public transportation may also serve as a representative of a local municipality.

For the purposes of this Commission Procedures Manual, the term “MTC” includes the three agencies: the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways and the Bay Area Toll Authority. It also includes two joint powers authorities formed by MTC and BATA: the Bay Area Infrastructure Financing Authority (BAIFA), and the Bay Area Headquarters Authority (BAHA).

I. THE COMMISSION AND COMMISSIONERS

1.01. Commissioners. Effective January 1, 2013, there are eighteen voting commissioners. The City and County of San Francisco and the Counties of Contra Costa and San Mateo, each have two commissioners, and the Counties of Alameda and Santa Clara each have three commissioners, appointed as follows: the Board of Supervisors of each county appoints one commissioner; in San Francisco, the Mayor appoints one commissioner; in each of the remaining counties, the City Selection Committee appoints one commissioner; and in the Counties of Alameda and Santa Clara, the Mayors of the Cities of Oakland and San Jose shall be self-appointed or shall appoint a member of their respective City Councils to serve as the third commissioner . The Counties of Marin, Napa, Solano, and Sonoma each have one commissioner who is appointed by the county's Board of Supervisors from a list of three nominees furnished by the Mayor's Selection Committee. The Association of Bay Area Governments appoints one commissioner who shall not be from the Counties of Alameda or Santa Clara or from the City and County of San Francisco. The San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission appoints one commissioner, who shall be a resident of the City and County of San Francisco approved by the Mayor of San Francisco. All appointments are subject to Section 1.02.

Effective September 28, 2016, any sitting commissioner who also serves on the board of a public transit agency shall be deemed to be a representative of a provider of public transportation within the meaning of the FAST Act ("Transit Representative"). Subsequent to September 28, 2016, at the beginning of each Commission term, the Chair shall designate and the Commission shall approve any sitting commissioner who also serves on the board of a public transit agency as a Transit Representative. Upon a vacancy occurring during a Commission term of a commissioner then serving as a Transit Representative, the Chair shall designate, and the Commission shall approve, one or more representatives not then currently designated, if any, from the commissioners then currently on the board who are also serving on a board of a transit agency as a Transit Representative.

The Commission's enabling legislation provides for three non-voting members, one appointed by the Secretary of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, and one each appointed by the United States Department of Transportation, and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

1.02. Selection. The basis for selection of a commissioner is special familiarity with the problems and issues in the field of transportation. Elected or appointed public officers may serve as commissioners during their terms of public office. The effect of this is that such public officers are not prohibited from being commissioners; i.e., the two positions are not necessarily incompatible. No more than three voting members of the Commission shall be residents of the same county.

1.03. Term of Office. The term of office of a commissioner is four years. Since the initial term for commissioners commenced February 10, 1971, the organizational meeting date of the Commission, the four-year terms of commissioners shall commence quadrennially from that date. The current appointment term began February 10, 2011. Except as provided in the next sentence, the next appointment dates are February 10, 2015 and February 10, 2019. The commissioners appointed by the Mayors of the Cities of Oakland and San Jose shall have an initial term of office commencing January 1, 2013 and ending in February 2015. Appointments to fill a resignation or vacancy during a term shall be only for the balance of such term. Commissioners shall continue to serve as such until reappointed or until their successor is appointed; provided that, where a commissioner has been appointed as a public officer, the commissioner must vacate his/her Commission seat upon ceasing to hold such public office, unless the appointing authority consents to completion of the commissioner's term (Government Code Section 66504).

1.04. Oath of Office. Commissioners shall complete oath of office forms when they are appointed to the Commission, which are then notarized. The original is kept on file at the MTC offices.

1.05. Conflict of Interest Code. The Commission adopted a conflict of interest code by Resolution No. 1198, Revised (Appendix A), which was subsequently approved by the State of

California Fair Political Practices Commission. Commissioners are required to file annual statements of economic interest and within thirty days of assuming or leaving office.

1.06. Alternates. There is no provision for voting alternates for the voting commissioners. Substitutes may sit on behalf of non-voting commissioners.

1.07. Reimbursement. Commissioners serve without compensation. Commissioners are entitled to receive reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in connection with the performance of their duties. In lieu of such reimbursement for attendance at Commission or committee meetings, each commissioner shall receive one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per meeting for a maximum of five (5) such meetings in any one calendar month, plus necessary travel expenses as authorized by the Commission pursuant to the rates and terms set forth in Appendix B to this manual. Commissioners may be reimbursed a separate per diem for each such meeting in any one day up to the monthly maximum reimbursement number of meetings. The monthly maximum is calculated and applied separately to MTC and BATA. BAIFA and BAHA meeting per diem is applied and counts toward the BATA monthly maximum. No reimbursement applies to MTC SAFE meetings.

1.08. Travel Expenses. Commissioners shall be paid necessary traveling expenses as may be authorized from time to time by the Commission. The Commission policy for travel expenses is set forth in Appendix B to this manual. The policy applies to all MTC employees as well.

1.09. Orientation for New Commissioners. When a new commissioner is appointed to the Commission, the Secretary to the Commission will provide the commissioner, along with administrative materials, copies of the current major MTC, BATA, MTC SAFE, BAIFA and BAHA documents and an overview of the content of these documents. The Secretary will also arrange an orientation session for the new commissioner with the Executive Director and section managers.

II. OFFICERS

2.01. Commission Officers. There are two (2) Commission officers: a Chair and a Vice-Chair. Any voting commissioner is eligible to hold the office of Chair or Vice-Chair. Non-voting commissioners are ineligible for such offices.

2.02. Term. The Chair and Vice-Chair shall serve two-year terms commencing upon elections at the regular Commission meeting in February of odd numbered years. A commissioner may serve as Chair or Vice-Chair without restriction as to number of terms. The Chair and Vice-Chair shall serve as such until their successors are elected.

2.03A. Nomination/Election of Commission Officers (New Commission Term). In years when new Commission terms begin, the following procedure for the nomination and election of Commission officers shall be followed:

- a. The Commission shall meet on February 10, or within five working days thereof, for a special meeting. The meeting date shall be set by the prior Commission.
- b. The existing Chair, if reappointed, or if not reappointed, the Vice-Chair, if reappointed, or if not reappointed, the reappointed commissioner with the longest continuous length of service, shall preside over the meeting, and is the Acting Chair until the election of new officers.
- c. The Acting Chair shall at this special meeting appoint an Ad Hoc Nominating Committee of commissioners subject to the confirmation of the Commission.
- d. The Ad Hoc Nominating Committee shall meet and send its report in writing to the Commission with the packet for the regular February meeting.
- e. The Acting Chair shall convene the regular February meeting, usually the fourth Wednesday of the month, at which the Ad Hoc Nominating Committee shall give its report as the first order of business. Additional nominations may be offered after the Committee report. Thereafter, nominations may be closed; but, if not closed, nominations shall remain open until the March meeting.
- f. The Commission shall elect a Chair and Vice-Chair at its regular February meeting, or as soon thereafter as possible after nominations are closed.
- g. Upon the election of new officers, the new Chair shall take over the gavel and conduct the remaining business of the meeting.

2.03B. Nomination/Election of Commission Officers (Mid-Commission Term.) The Chair shall appoint an Ad Hoc Nominating Committee of commissioners subject to the confirmation of the Commission at the regular Commission meeting in December of even-numbered years. The Ad Hoc Nominating Committee shall send its report in writing to the Commission with the packet for the regular January Commission meeting. Additional nominations may be offered after the Committee report. Thereafter, nominations may be closed; but, if not closed, nominations shall remain open until the February Commission meeting. The Commission shall elect a Chair and Vice-Chair at its regular February meeting as the first order of business, or as soon thereafter as possible.

2.04. Duties of Chair. The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Commission, state each question for vote, announce the decision, and decide all questions of order subject to appeal to the Commission. The Chair is a voting ex-officio member of all standing committees of the Commission. In such capacity the Chair shall vote only when necessary to attain a quorum of voting members of a committee. The Chair shall execute all resolutions adopted by the Commission, the approved minutes, and any other documents that may require the signature of the Chair.

The Chair shall appoint, subject to approval of the Commission, members of standing committees, and subsequent to September 28, 2016, the Chair shall designate, subject to approval of the Commission, the Transit Representative(s). In making committee and Transit Representative appointments/designations, the Chair shall, as much as possible, attempt to balance the representation of various areas of the region. The Chair shall select the Chair and Vice-Chair of each committee subject to approval of the Commission. The Chair should request individual commissioners to submit their preferences and areas of interest regarding appointment to committees. The Chair shall also appoint, subject to the approval of the Commission, Commission members of special committees.

In years when a new Chair is elected, then current committee members, chairs, and vice chairs shall continue to serve as such until the new Chair makes new committee appointments. To

the extent necessary to carry out committee business, the Chair may appoint temporary committee chairs, vice-chairs, and members, pending confirmation of committee appointments at the regular March Commission meeting.

The Chair shall approve, within the limits of the approved budget, commissioner's attendance and expenses at an out-of-region conference or any conference in which MTC has a substantial interest in being represented.

The Chair shall perform such functions as may be delegated by action of the Commission. Where circumstances warrant, the Chair may, in the absence of existing policy, act as necessary for the Commission between its scheduled meetings and shall report that action at the next Commission meeting.

The Chair shall select a temporary chair of a committee when that committee's chair and vice-chair are both unable to attend that committee's meeting(s).

2.05. Duties of Vice-Chair. The Vice-Chair shall assume the Chair's duties in his/her absence. In addition, the Vice-Chair is a voting ex-officio member of all standing committees of the Commission. In such capacity the Vice-Chair shall vote only when necessary to attain a quorum of voting members of a committee.

2.06. Chair Pro Tem. If both the Chair and Vice-Chair are or will be absent from a Commission meeting or other functions, or duties of the Chair must be performed (including, but not limited to, the execution of documents), the most senior member of the Commission shall perform such functions and duties.

2.07. Vacancies During Term of Office.

A. Chair. In the event the office of Chair is vacated during the term, the vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired balance of the term by the Vice-Chair.

B. Vice-Chair. In the event the office of Vice-Chair is vacated during the term, the vacancy may be filled for the unexpired balance of the term by a special election. If the vacancy is to be filled, an ad hoc nominating committee shall be appointed by the Chair, subject to the approval of the Commission at the next regular Commission meeting. At the Commission meeting

following the meeting approving the ad hoc nominating committee, the ad hoc nominating committee shall present its written report which shall be included in the meeting packet sent to commissioners; additional nominations, if any, may be made by commissioners at the meeting; nominations shall thereafter be closed and the election for Vice-Chair held at that meeting.

C. Chair and Vice-Chair. In the event the office of Chair and Vice-Chair are both vacated simultaneously during their terms, the vacancy for Chair and Vice-Chair shall be filled in the same manner as the vacancy for Vice-Chair in paragraph B of this Subsection, with the ad hoc nominating committee being appointed by the Commission.

2.08 Staff Officers.

A. Executive Director. The Commission shall appoint an Executive Director who shall have charge of administering the affairs of the Commission subject to the Commission's direction and policies. The Executive Director shall in turn appoint, subject to approval of the Commission, such employees as may be necessary to carry out the functions of the Commission (Resolution No. 664). The Executive Director shall designate an employee to act as Secretary of the Commission for the purpose of keeping its minutes and resolutions.

B. Legal Counsel. The Executive Director shall appoint a Legal Counsel subject to the approval of the Commission. In addition to other duties, the Legal Counsel shall have a responsibility to directly advise the Commission and commissioners in the course of their duties (Resolution Nos. 663 and 664, Appendix C).

III. COMMISSION MEETINGS AND CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

3.01. Principal Offices. The principal offices of the Commission shall be at the-Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, San Francisco, CA 94105, or at such other location as may be determined by Commission action.

3.02. Regular Commission Meetings. Regular Commission meetings shall be on the fourth Wednesday of each month with the exception of the month of December when the regular meeting of the Commission shall be the third Wednesday of December and with the exception of the month of August which shall not have a regular Commission meeting. Unless otherwise scheduled, meetings regularly commence at 9:30 a.m. When a regular meeting falls upon a legal holiday, the date and time of such meeting shall be determined by the Commission no later than at its preceding regular meeting. Commission meetings shall be held in the Board Room, 375 Beale Street, San Francisco, CA 94105, in alternate locations within the region that are easily available to the public and accessible to persons with disabilities; provided that, if such an alternative location is chosen, it shall be publicly announced, if possible, at the preceding regular Commission meeting.

The Chair may cancel or reschedule a regular Commission meeting if a quorum cannot be obtained, or if there is insufficient business to warrant a meeting. Notice of cancellation of a meeting shall be given, if possible, not later than seven (7) days prior to the meeting date to those persons who receive formal notice of regular meetings.

3.03. Special Commission Meetings. The Chair may call special meetings of the Commission when warranted by the business of the Commission. In addition, upon written request of ten (10) Commissioners, a special meeting shall be held upon the call of the Chair.

3.04. Notice Regarding Commission Meetings. Notice of Commission meetings shall be given as follows:

A. Regular Meetings. Notice of all regular Commission meetings shall be given in compliance with applicable provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act (Government Code Section 54950 *et seq.*, as may be amended from time to time; hereinafter "Brown Act"). The notice shall at

a minimum specify the date, hour, and location of the meeting and may be a preliminary agenda for the meeting. The final agenda shall be posted adjacent to the front door of the Bay Area Metro Center not later than 72 hours prior to the date of the meeting.

B. Special Meetings. Notice of special meetings shall be given in compliance with applicable provisions of the Brown Act. Notice of special meetings shall specify the date, time, and location of the meeting and the matters to be considered by the Commission. No matters other than those specified in the notice of special meetings may be considered. Notice of special meetings shall be given to those persons who receive notice of regular meetings. Unless otherwise provided by the Brown Act, at least twenty-four (24) hours' written notice shall be given by electronic or U.S. postal mail or personal delivery to each commissioner and to each local newspaper of general circulation, radio or television station requesting notice in writing, and by posting such notice in the MTC library.

C. Recipients of Notice. Notice of MTC meetings may be received by any person or organization requesting notice. Designated staff shall maintain a database of persons and organizations who have requested notice or to whom, in designated staff's judgment, notice shall be sent. The database is updated on an ongoing basis.

D. Brown Act. In providing notice of Commission meetings, MTC staff shall at all times comply at least with all minimum applicable notice requirements of the Brown Act.

3.05. Open Meetings. In accordance with the provisions of the Brown Act, all meetings of the Commission shall be open to the public except matters that may be discussed in closed session pursuant to the Brown Act. Members of the public shall have an opportunity to directly address the Commission on matters before it, subject to limitations on the total amount of time allocated for public testimony on particular issues and for each individual speaker.

3.06. Quorum. A majority of the appointed, voting commissioners shall constitute a quorum for any meeting of the Commission. When 18 voting commissioners have been appointed and seated, the quorum is ten (10) commissioners. No official action shall be taken by the Commission unless a quorum is present. A majority of the commissioners present and voting shall

be required to carry any action of the Commission; provided that, no action shall be valid unless approved by at least a majority of a quorum.

3.07. Voting. Voting shall be by voice; provided that a roll call shall be taken at the Chair's discretion or upon the request of one (1) commissioner.

3.08. Conduct of Meetings. Robert's Rules of Order, as revised, except when inconsistent with these procedures, law, or specific resolutions of the Commission, shall govern the conduct of meetings of the Commission and its established committees.

3.09. Agenda. The Commission may take no action on any item not appearing on the agenda except as allowed under the Brown Act. All items on Commission agendas shall be subject to action.

A preliminary agenda shall be distributed electronically or by regular or express mail prior to the date of the meeting, consistent with the Brown Act. (See Subsection 3.04, Notice Regarding Commission Meetings.) A final agenda will be prepared and posted adjacent to the front door of the Bay Area Metro Center in accordance with the Brown Act. Copies of the final agenda will be available at the meeting.

If, in the Chair's judgment, it is necessary to maintain the orderly flow of business, public comment may be restricted by any one or a combination of the following procedures:

1. limiting the time each speaker may testify per agenda item. The limit may not be less than one (1) minute for each speaker, and may range, at the discretion of the Chair, up to three (3) minutes per speaker.
2. requiring a speaker who plans to speak on more than one agenda item to combine his or her testimony on all agenda items to one appearance. The limit for a combined appearance may not be less than three (3) minutes per speaker, and may range, at the discretion of the Chair, up to seven (7) minutes per speaker.
3. establishing the maximum amount of time available during the meeting for public comment so as to permit the meeting agenda to be completed before the loss of a quorum; provided, however, that each speaker be permitted to speak at least one (1) minute.

4. establishing a single period of time during a meeting to take all public testimony before proceeding with the agenda, when there are multiple requests to speak on multiple items on the agenda.

5. rearranging the order of items on the agenda to accommodate public testimony.

Any decision of the Chair regarding the taking of public testimony made pursuant to the Commission Procedures Manual shall govern for the meeting unless overruled by a two-thirds vote of the quorum present.

The order of agenda items may also be changed, if, in the Chair's judgment, there are other reasons to do so.

3.10. Resolutions. Resolutions may be considered by the Commission at any regular or special Commission meetings. All resolutions shall be in writing.

A summary explanation of the purpose and content of each resolution shall be prepared and attached to the proposed resolution, but shall not be considered part of such resolution. The original of a resolution adopted by the Commission is the one signed by the Chair and shall be the official text of that resolution.

3.11. Regional Transportation Plan Revisions. Revisions of the Commission's adopted Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) are prepared as the need arises. Except for revisions approved by the Commission under emergency procedures, revisions to the RTP are considered by the Commission for adoption every four years. Review of proposed Plan revisions is assigned to a standing committee of the Commission, which shall make recommendations to the full Commission for Plan revision. Notice of availability of the text of proposed revisions of the RTP shall be sent to organizations and concerned citizens on the current Commission mailing list. Not earlier than twenty (20) days after this distribution of the proposed revisions, and at a time convenient to the public, no less than (2) public hearings shall be held in the region to receive comments, suggestions, and reactions to the proposed revisions. Additional hearings may be scheduled if necessary to allow opportunity for public comment in parts of the region significantly affected by proposed revisions. These public hearings may be conducted by less than a quorum of

the Commission. A transcript or summary of the public hearings shall be provided to all commissioners prior to their acting on the Plan revisions. Notice of the public hearings shall appear in major newspapers of the region and other media as appropriate at least thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled hearings.

3.12 Public Hearings. Public hearings shall be conducted in accordance with MTC's Public Participation Plan, MTC Resolution No. 3821.

3.13. Recording of Meetings. Commission meetings shall be recorded electronically and are available on the Commission's website at no cost and are archived for meetings occurring since 2004. Copies of any recordings (in accessible formats, for persons with disabilities) shall be made available to the public upon request. Further, any citizen may record a Commission meeting or parts thereof, if such recording is done in a reasonable manner.

3.14. Minutes of Meetings. The Commission shall keep accurate minutes of all meetings and make them available to the public. Minutes shall include a record of attendance, a summary of motions, resolutions, consensus items, discussion on motions receiving a split vote and/or resulting in a direction to staff or a Commission committee, other business, and public comment. Minutes approved by the board at a succeeding meeting shall be the evidence of action taken at a prior meeting.

3.15. Public Information Materials. MTC staff will routinely prepare and provide all commissioners with general public informational material. Requests for specialized public information assistance for a specific commissioner will be handled on a time-available basis.

3.16 Meeting Conduct. In the event that any public meeting conducted by MTC is willfully interrupted or disrupted by a person or by a group or groups of persons so as to render the orderly conduct of the meeting unfeasible, the Chair may order the removal of those individuals who are willfully disrupting the meeting. Such individuals may be subject to arrest. If order cannot be restored by such removal, the members of the Commission may direct that the meeting room be cleared (except for representatives of the press or other news media not participating in the disturbance), and the session may continue on matters appearing on the agenda.

IV. COMMISSION COMMITTEES

4.01. Types. Commission committees are designated as standing committees, special committees, or advisory committees.

4.02. Policy. It is the general policy of the Commission to receive comments from the public on specific items at committee meetings. Summaries of these comments shall be included in the committee minutes and forwarded to all commissioners.

4.03. Standing Committees. Each standing committee is charged with subject matter responsibility over specific element(s) of the Commission's overall mission and/or organizational functions. Standing committees shall be composed solely of commissioners. Non-voting commissioners may be appointed to standing committees. Notwithstanding that there may be a quorum of the Commission (10 or more commissioners commencing January 1, 2013) in attendance at a standing committee meeting, no standing committee may act for the full Commission unless the meeting is noticed, in accordance with the Brown Act, as a Commission meeting. Each standing committee shall be responsible for reviewing comments of appropriate MTC advisory committees and such comments shall accompany any standing committee recommendations to the Commission.

4.04. Special Committees. The Commission may establish special committees to supervise the development of a specific task or project. Membership of special committees is not limited to commissioners. Composition of special committees will depend upon the task to be performed and may involve the participation of private citizens or representatives of other public agencies.

4.05. Advisory Committees. Advisory committees are discussed in Section 4.14C.

4.06. Appointments to Committees.

A. Manner of Appointment. The Chair of the Commission, subject to the approval of the Commission, shall appoint members of standing committees and special committees to the extent that special committee appointments are the responsibility of MTC. The Commission Chair

shall designate the Chair and Vice-Chair of the standing committee, subject to approval of the Commission. Designation by the MTC Chair of special committee chairs and vice-chairs is subject to the approval of the Commission to the extent that these appointments are the responsibility of MTC. Appointments to advisory committees shall be made by the Commission in accordance with the Commission resolution establishing the particular advisory committee. In the event the Chair and Vice-Chair of a standing committee are not present at a standing committee meeting, the committee members present shall select a Chair Pro Tem for that meeting from among themselves.

B. Term. Subject to Section 2.04, appointments to standing committees shall be for the term of the Commission Chair. Appointments of commissioners to special committees shall be for the term of the Commission Chair. Other appointments to special committees shall be for a term dependent upon the function of the special committee as set forth in the resolution which governs the special committee. Appointments to advisory committees are for a term dependent upon the function of the advisory committee as set forth in the resolution establishing the particular advisory committee.

4.07. Quorum. The quorum for committees established by the Commission shall be a majority of the committee's non-ex-officio voting membership. If necessary to establish a quorum of a committee at a meeting, the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Commission, as ex-officio members of the committee, shall become voting members for that meeting. Unless otherwise approved by the Commission, MTC standing committees shall have eight (8) voting members, as approved by the Commission, plus the MTC Chair and Vice-Chair as ex-officio, voting members.

Every member of the Commission who is not a voting member of a standing committee is an ad hoc non-voting member. Although a quorum of the Commission may be in attendance at a meeting of a standing committee, the committee may take action only on those matters delegated to it. The committee may not take any action as the full Commission unless a meeting has been previously noticed as a Commission meeting.

An ad hoc non-voting committee member who is also a voting member of the Commission may be designated by the committee chairperson as a voting member at a particular committee meeting if an additional voting member is needed for a committee quorum.

4.08. Open Meetings. It is recognized that "legislative body" as defined in the Brown Act does not include committees composed solely of commissioners when they number less than a quorum of the Commission or a quorum of a standing committee. It is the intention of the Commission to apply the Brown Act to include all non-ad-hoc committees created by the Commission, not just those identified as advisory commissions or committees. All meetings of non-ad-hoc committees created by the Commission, with the exception of closed sessions permitted by the Brown Act, shall be open meetings properly announced in accordance with the provisions of the Brown Act.

4.09. Notice of Meetings. Notice of regular committee meetings shall be given consistent with applicable provisions of the Brown Act and posted adjacent to the front door of the Bay Area Metro Center not less than 72 hours, preceding the date of the meeting. If a special meeting is called on short notice, then notice shall comply with the requirements of Subsection 3.04 B of these procedures. The notice shall announce the date, time, and location of the meeting together with an agenda. This notice shall be sent to all commissioners and to media representatives, concerned citizens, and organizations who have filed a request for receipt of notice of committee meetings and posted in the MTC library. Special meetings of committees shall comply with the minimum notice provisions of the Brown Act. Notices of postponed or canceled committee meetings shall be posted adjacent to the front door of the Bay Area Metro Center not less than 72 hours prior to the regular date of the meeting and shall state the date, time, and location of the next committee meeting if possible. Notices of meetings held earlier than the regular meeting date shall be sent out and posted adjacent to the front door of the Bay Area Metro Center as soon as possible.

4.10. [Reserved]

4.11. Recording of Meetings. Standing and special committee meetings, if possible, shall be recorded electronically and follow the procedures as stated in Subsection 3.13 of this document.

4.12. Minutes of Committee Meetings. Minutes of all committee meetings shall be kept and made available to the public. Minutes shall include a record of attendance, a summary of motions, resolutions, consensus items, discussion on motions receiving a split vote and/or resulting in a direction to staff or a Commission committee, other business, and public comment.

4.13. Reimbursement and Travel Expenses. Commissioners who are members of standing or special committees shall be entitled to receive in lieu reimbursement for attendance at such committee meetings in accordance with Government Code Section 66504.1. Commissioners serving on standing and/or special committees shall also be entitled to receive necessary travel expenses in accordance with the Commission's current resolution in this regard. (See Appendix B.) Members of special committees appointed by the Commission and members of advisory committees appointed through Commission resolutions shall be reimbursed for their necessary travel expenses in accordance with the Commission's current procedures regarding this subject. (See Appendix D.)

Commissioners appointed by the Chair or the full Commission to represent MTC on committees other than those created by MTC shall be entitled to receive the MTC per diem and necessary travel expenses for attendance at such committee meetings. If the procedures of such committees require or permit the appointment of an alternate representative, MTC alternates to such committees may not claim per diem or travel expenses for any meeting at which the MTC commissioner is also present and claiming per diem.

4.14. Commission Committees.

A. Standing Committees. The current charters of the Commission's standing committees, as established by this Manual, are attached as Appendix E. Current Commission standing committees are as follows:

1. Administration Committee - is charged with the oversight of the operation and performance of the Commission staff including the development and oversight of agency personnel, financial policies, and management.

2. Programming and Allocations Committee - reviews projects seeking federal, state and regional funding approval for conformance with the Sustainable Communities Strategy/Regional Transportation Plan, adopts the region's multi-year program of funding priorities for federal, state and regional funds, and recommends allocation of various federal, state and regional funds among the various eligible claimants and applicants within the region.

3. Planning Committee - develops the region's annual transportation work program and program budget, reviews planning policies and issues, and together with ABAG, develops the Sustainable Communities Strategy, and proposes revisions to the Sustainable Communities Strategy/Regional Transportation Plan.

4. Operations Committee - establishes, oversees and evaluates transportation system management and operational activities sponsored by MTC, SAFE and others.

5. Legislation Committee - recommends Commission legislative policy, represents the Commission in the legislative process, and oversees the Commission's public information and citizen participation program.

6. Executive Committee - considers matters of urgency brought before it by the Chair between Commission meetings and other matters assigned to it by the Commission or the Chair.

B. Special Committees. Special committees are committees consisting of MTC commissioners and representatives of other organizations. Special committees are established, modified or disbanded by separate Commission action. Examples of current committees include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Regional Airport Planning Committee - reorganized pursuant to MTC Resolution No. 3123 and is responsible for recommendations relating to the Regional Airport Element of the Regional Transportation Plan and the update of revisions relating to this element.

2. MTC/Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) Seaport Planning Advisory Committee - was established pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding between BCDC and MTC (MTC Resolution No. 516) and is responsible for developing the

legislatively-mandated Seaport Element to the Regional Transportation Plan and recommendations for revision of the Seaport Element of the BCDC Bay Plan

3. Mega-Region Working Group – was established in 2015 through Resolution 4209 to identify issues of common interest and recommend joint activities among metropolitan planning organizations in the Northern California mega-region.

C. Advisory Committees. Advisory committees consist of members of the public and/or staff from public agencies or private organizations. Advisory committees are established, modified or disbanded by separate Commission action. When appropriate, all upcoming vacancies on MTC advisory committees shall be posted on the Commission website. Prior to making appointments to such committees, thirty days shall be allowed to receive responses from citizens who are interested in appointment. Examples of current advisory committees include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Policy Advisory Council – This advisory committee was established in November 2009 pursuant to MTC Resolution No. 3931 to advise the Commission on transportation policies in the San Francisco Bay Area, incorporating diverse perspectives relating to the environment, the economy and social equity. Its 27 members are appointed by the Commission, including 9 members, one from each Bay Area county, selected to represent interests related to the communities of color, environmental justice and low-income issues; 9 members, one from each Bay Area county, selected to represent the interests of disabled persons and seniors; and 9 members selected to represent interests related to the economy and the environment.

2. The Bay Area Partnership (The Partnership) - The Partnership is a consortium of local, state and federal agencies, including the top managers from agencies for transportation and protecting the region's environmental quality; intended to foster consensus in the implementation of TEA 21 and its successor statutes, develop agreed-upon funding and planning priorities, and implement plans and programs to better manage and operate the metropolitan transportation system.

3. Regional Transit Coordinating Council (RTCC) - Pursuant to Public Utilities Code § 29142.4, the Commission has established the RTCC to advise MTC with respect to its state and federal programs, to focus attention on transit coordination, and to encourage participation of transit operators' top management in MTC's deliberations. MTC Resolution No. 2467 establishes the RTCC.

4. Paratransit Coordinating Councils (PCCs) - established by MTC Resolution No. 468 in 1977 to require participation by counties in promoting the efficient use of limited paratransit services. Membership composition is established in MTC Resolution No. 1209.

NOTE: Special and advisory committees usually forward their recommendations to the Programming and Allocations Committee. Special issues can be referred to the appropriate MTC standing committee.

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5.01 Authority. The Metropolitan Transportation Commission finds that these procedures are necessary to carry out the purposes of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission Act. These procedures are adopted pursuant to the Commission's authority under Government Code § 66506.

5.02 Emergency Notice Provision. In the event a postal strike or other calamity makes it impossible to give notice of meetings by mail as required in these procedures, notice of meetings of the Commission and its committees shall be given to commissioners and committee members, respectively, with such time and by such means as may be practical, which may include, but not be limited to, personal service, facsimile, email and posting at MTC's website. In such event, the general public and those requesting notice of Commission and committee meetings shall be notified, if possible, by publication of notice in a newspaper or newspapers of general circulation in the region. The timing and content of such published notice shall conform, if possible, to the requirements pertaining to mailed notice set forth in these procedures.

5.03 Meeting Protocol in Declared Emergencies. In the event the Governor imposes an emergency order related to a natural or man-made disaster, the provisions of Appendix F shall apply.

5.04 Severability. Should any part, term, portion, or provision of these procedures be finally decided to be in conflict with any law of the United States or the State of California or otherwise be ineffectual or unenforceable, the validity of the remaining parts, terms, portions, or provisions shall be deemed severable and shall not be affected thereby, providing such remaining portions or provisions can be construed to stand as the Commission intended.

Appendix F
Resolution No. 1058

**Protocol Governing Amendments to Commission Procedure
During Declared Emergencies**

PROTOCOL GOVERNING AMENDMENTS TO COMMISSION PROCEDURE
DURING DECLARED EMERGENCIES

- a) Should the Governor impose any emergency order related to a natural or man-made disaster (e.g. earthquake, terrorist attack, pandemic or other health related event), that would impact the Bay Area Region, and by extension impact the ability to conduct the regular business of the Commission, the Executive Committee extends to the Chair the ability to accommodate remote enabled Commissioner participation in Committee and Commission meetings:
 - Only on an interim basis;
 - Only for purposes to accommodate the declared emergency order; and
 - Only for limited and essential actions, as deemed by the Chair.
- b) Any subsequent directives or guidance issued by the Governor related to the declared emergency will be considered, implemented into process and procedures covered in paragraph a) above, and responded to accordingly.
- c) Under such circumstances the Executive Director is directed to work with staff to put procedural steps in place, as soon as possible, to accommodate the Chair's directive, if and when that may occur, consistent with this protocol.

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20

WHEREAS on March 4, 2020, I proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS despite sustained efforts, the virus continues to spread and is impacting nearly all sectors of California; and

WHEREAS the threat of COVID-19 has resulted in serious and ongoing economic harms, in particular to some of the most vulnerable Californians; and

WHEREAS time bound eligibility redeterminations are required for Medi-Cal, CalFresh, CalWORKs, Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants, California Food Assistance Program, and In Home Supportive Services beneficiaries to continue their benefits, in accordance with processes established by the Department of Social Services, the Department of Health Care Services, and the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS social distancing recommendations or Orders as well as a statewide imperative for critical employees to focus on health needs may prevent Medi-Cal, CalFresh, CalWORKs, Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants, California Food Assistance Program, and In Home Supportive Services beneficiaries from obtaining in-person eligibility redeterminations; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8571, I find that strict compliance with various statutes and regulations specified in this order would prevent, hinder, or delay appropriate actions to prevent and mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the State Constitution and statutes of the State of California, and in particular, Government Code sections 8567 and 8571, do hereby issue the following order to become effective immediately:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. As to individuals currently eligible for benefits under Medi-Cal, CalFresh, CalWORKs, the Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants, the California Food Assistance Program, or In Home Supportive Services benefits, and to the extent necessary to allow such individuals to maintain eligibility for such benefits, any state law, including but not limited to California Code of Regulations, Title 22, section 50189(a) and Welfare and Institutions Code sections 18940 and 11265, that would require redetermination of such benefits is suspended for a period of 90 days from the date of this Order. This Order shall be construed to be consistent with applicable federal laws, including but not limited to Code of Federal Regulations, Title 42, section 435.912, subdivision (e), as interpreted by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (in guidance issued on January 30, 2018) to permit the extension of

otherwise-applicable Medicaid time limits in emergency situations.

2. Through June 17, 2020, any month or partial month in which California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) aid or services are received pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 11200 et seq. shall not be counted for purposes of the 48-month time limit set forth in Welfare and Institutions Code Section 11454. Any waiver of this time limit shall not be applied if it will exceed the federal time limits set forth in Code of Federal Regulations, Title 45, section 264.1.
3. Paragraph 11 of Executive Order N-25-20 (March 12, 2020) is withdrawn and superseded by the following text:

Notwithstanding any other provision of state or local law (including, but not limited to, the Bagley-Keene Act or the Brown Act), and subject to the notice and accessibility requirements set forth below, a local legislative body or state body is authorized to hold public meetings via teleconferencing and to make public meetings accessible telephonically or otherwise electronically to all members of the public seeking to observe and to address the local legislative body or state body. All requirements in both the Bagley-Keene Act and the Brown Act expressly or impliedly requiring the physical presence of members, the clerk or other personnel of the body, or of the public as a condition of participation in or quorum for a public meeting are hereby waived.

In particular, any otherwise-applicable requirements that

- (i) state and local bodies notice each teleconference location from which a member will be participating in a public meeting;
- (ii) each teleconference location be accessible to the public;
- (iii) members of the public may address the body at each teleconference conference location;
- (iv) state and local bodies post agendas at all teleconference locations;
- (v) at least one member of the state body be physically present at the location specified in the notice of the meeting; and
- (vi) during teleconference meetings, at least a quorum of the members of the local body participate from locations within the boundaries of the territory over which the local body exercises jurisdiction

are hereby suspended.

A local legislative body or state body that holds a meeting via teleconferencing and allows members of the public to observe and address the meeting telephonically or otherwise electronically, consistent with the notice and accessibility requirements set forth below, shall have satisfied any requirement that the body allow

members of the public to attend the meeting and offer public comment. Such a body need not make available any physical location from which members of the public may observe the meeting and offer public comment.

Accessibility Requirements: If a local legislative body or state body holds a meeting via teleconferencing and allows members of the public to observe and address the meeting telephonically or otherwise electronically, the body shall also:

- (i) Implement a procedure for receiving and swiftly resolving requests for reasonable modification or accommodation from individuals with disabilities, consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act and resolving any doubt whatsoever in favor of accessibility; and
- (ii) Advertise that procedure each time notice is given of the means by which members of the public may observe the meeting and offer public comment, pursuant to subparagraph (ii) of the Notice Requirements below.

Notice Requirements: Except to the extent this Order expressly provides otherwise, each local legislative body and state body shall:

- (i) Give advance notice of the time of, and post the agenda for, each public meeting according to the timeframes otherwise prescribed by the Bagley-Keene Act or the Brown Act, and using the means otherwise prescribed by the Bagley-Keene Act or the Brown Act, as applicable; and
- (ii) In each instance in which notice of the time of the meeting is otherwise given or the agenda for the meeting is otherwise posted, also give notice of the means by which members of the public may observe the meeting and offer public comment. As to any instance in which there is a change in such means of public observation and comment, or any instance prior to the issuance of this Order in which the time of the meeting has been noticed or the agenda for the meeting has been posted without also including notice of such means, a body may satisfy this requirement by advertising such means using "the most rapid means of communication available at the time" within the meaning of Government Code, section 54954, subdivision (e); this shall include, but need not be limited to, posting such means on the body's Internet website.

All of the foregoing provisions concerning the conduct of public meetings shall apply only during the period in which state or local public health officials have imposed or recommended social distancing measures.

All state and local bodies are urged to use sound discretion and to make reasonable efforts to adhere as closely as reasonably possible to the provisions of the Bagley-Keene Act and the Brown Act, and other applicable local laws regulating the conduct of public meetings, in order to maximize transparency and provide the public access to their meetings.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that as soon as hereafter possible, this Order be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this Order.

This Order is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the State of California, its agencies, departments, entities, officers, employees, or any other person.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have
hereunto set my hand and caused
the Great Seal of the State of
California to be affixed this 17th day
of March 2020.



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State