

**TRANSIT RECOVERY
TASK FORCE**

TO: Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force

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RE: Stage 3: Transformation Action Plan Scope

The September BRTF meeting was concentrated on Stage 3 (post-recovery) opportunities to work toward a world-class public transit system serving all Bay Area populations. Presentations were made by MTC, transit agencies, and transit advocates, followed by individual member and public comments.

Today's Stage 3 agenda item is designed to draw out what the Task Force wants to prioritize in the *Transformation Action Plan* you are developing. To steer the discussion, four draft Goals are being proposed. They warrant independent reflection and robust discussion, because once adopted, the Goals will drive how the remainder of the Task Force's work is organized. Adoption of specific *Transformation Action Plan* Goals and Objectives is scheduled for the November BRTF meeting.

Goal 1: Recognize Critical Recovery Challenges Facing Transit Agencies

Defer post-recovery service planning to allow Bay Area transit agencies to prioritize difficult fiscal and service choices in the midst of increasing uncertainty.

Goal 2: Advance Equity

Integrate and be accountable to equity in policy, service delivery and advocacy recommendations, as embodied in MTC's Equity Platform.

Goal 3: Propose Near-term Network Management & Governance Reform Actions

Identify specific near-term public transit network management and governance reform actions to facilitate transit transformation.

Goal 4: Clarify the Relationship Between MTC's Current Transit Initiatives & Transformation Planning

Review the scope, timing, and decision process of current MTC transit initiatives and identify specific actions to integrate them with Transformation Action Plan implementation.

As presented, the draft Goals recognize that all public transit operators are deeply engaged in making significant, difficult choices based on the depth of the pandemic's impact on ridership and revenue. The deeply uncertain Stage 2 (Recovery) timeline also affects the operators' capacity to engage in specific transformative planning at this time. Given that, the Task Force is encouraged to consider prioritizing near-term actions that can provide a sturdy foundation for reforms that may take longer to implement.