

Metropolitan Transportation Commission

April 28, 2021

Agenda Item 12b

Regional Resilience/Climate Adaptation Advocacy Principles

Subject: Adoption of Regional Resilience/Climate Adaptation Advocacy Principles to guide legislative engagement on climate adaptation legislation including, but not limited to Assembly Bill 897 (Mullin) as well as resilience-related bond proposals, including Assembly Bill 1500 (Garcia) and Senate Bill 45 (Portantino).


Background: In March 2021, the MTC/ABAG Legislation Committee recommended adoption of staff-proposed Regional Resilience/Climate Adaptation Advocacy Principles. Since that meeting, staff received input from various regional and statewide stakeholders suggesting changes to the principles. The ABAG Executive Board requested staff engage in additional dialogue with members of the Bay Area Regional Collaborative and other Bay Area stakeholders before bringing back revised principles for adoption in April. The Commission followed the ABAG Executive Board's approach and deferred consideration of the principles to April.

Staff has engaged in various conversations since the March 24 Commission meeting, including holding a special meeting of the recently formed Bay Area Climate Adaptation Legislative Working Group to discuss the principles. The meeting was well attended by a staff from equity and environmental advocacy organizations, the Bay Area Climate Action Network (BayCAN), the San Francisco Estuary Institute (SFEI), as well as local and regional agency staff. Staff presented the revised version of the principles (attached) to the ABAG Executive Board at its April 15 meeting and they were adopted unanimously. Staff plans to bring bill position recommendations on climate adaptation-related bills to the MTC/ABAG Legislation Committee in May, which, if adopted by the Legislation Committee will come to the Commission for approval.

Issues: None

Recommendation: The Commission is requested to adopt the attached Regional Resilience/Climate Adaptation Advocacy Principles

Attachments: Attachment A: Revised Regional Resilience/Climate Adaptation Advocacy Principles
Attachment B: March 18 version of Regional Resilience/Climate Adaptation Advocacy Principles
Attachment C: Table summarizing key changes


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