

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Policy Advisory Council**

July 14, 2021

Agenda Item 9

Staff Liaison Report – July 2021

Subject: Relevant MTC policy decisions and other activities.

Recommendation: Information

Attachments: Attachment A: Staff Liaison Report – July 2021

TO: Policy Advisory Council DATE: July 14, 2021

FR: Marti Paschal, Staff Liaison W.I. 1114

RE: Staff Liaison Report – July 2021

<https://mtc.ca.gov/tools-resources/mtc-abag-library/glossary-transportation-planning-acronyms-and-terms>
<https://www.planbayarea.org/about/glossary>

Executive Director's Report

The following items are excerpts from the June 2021 Executive Director's Report to the Commission. To read the report in its entirety go to: <http://www.mtc.ca.gov/whats-happening/news/executive-directors-report>.

Key Updates

COVID-Related Activities

A reminder that all Covid-19 related reporting items can be found on our MTC webpage. We provide monthly updates on all related activities, and statistics that are affecting the region. The website address is below:

<https://www.mtc.ca.gov/covid>

Policy Advisory Council Recruitment

The application period for Policy Advisory Council positions opened on Monday, June 14 and will close at 11:59 p.m., Sunday, August 1, 2021. We are seeking representation from our region's "Equity Priority Communities" – places where people with low incomes, communities of color, people with disabilities, seniors, and transit-dependent people live. We could use your help in getting the word out to potential candidates, especially in those counties where we typically have a dearth of applicants, such as the northern counties, Santa Clara County and Contra Costa County. A special MetroTalks Webinar on serving on the Policy Advisory Council will be held on Friday, July 16 at 3 p.m. Registration is [here](#). Potential applicants can learn more about the Policy Advisory Council [here](#) and apply via this portal: mtc.one/PACouncilApplication

Legislation Update

On June 4, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee unveiled the Investing in a New Vision for the Environment and Surface Transportation in America (INVEST) Act. This legislation would provide \$547 billion in fiscal years (FY) 2022 to 2026 for highway, transit, rail and surface transportation safety investments, a 79 percent increase over funding levels from the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, the 2015 transportation bill that guides current federal transportation policy and funding distribution. Encouragingly, the INVEST in America Act framework is largely consistent with Plan Bay Area 2050 investment priorities and most of MTC's transportation reauthorization priorities are reflected in the House bill.