

BLUE RIBBON

**TRANSIT RECOVERY
TASK FORCE**

TO: Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force Members

DATE: July 26, 2021

FR: Steve Kinsey, CivicKnit

RE: Actions for Transit Transformation Action Plan

Upon its creation, the Blue Ribbon Task Force was assigned responsibility to develop a Transit Transformation Action Plan (Action Plan). Over the course of fourteen months, the body unanimously set Goals and Objectives, defined Equity Principles, clarified the key Problems facing Bay Area transit, narrowed a list of Network Management roles and responsibilities to be evaluated for potential near-term reforms and commented on an independent Network Management Alternatives Evaluation done by a team led by VIA Architecture.

At the June BRTF meeting, a list of 25 draft Actions, assembled under five identified Action Plan Outcomes, was presented and discussed. At its July 26th meeting, the Task Force will be considering a set of 27 Actions that reflect revisions and clarifications presented at the last meeting, other correspondence received by July 8nd and any other suggestions that arise prior to a vote.

The identified actions are specific, time-sensitive efforts intended to provide near-term customer improvements and build momentum for a longer-term expansion of regional connectivity and convenience. Many of the listed actions will require shared responsibility among transit agencies and MTC, in conjunction with an equitable public engagement process to ensure all voices are able to contribute to decisions. Timely implementation of these actions is ambitious. Success will be dependent on sufficient funding (combination of existing and new funding sources) and staffing resources, and on continued collaboration for delivery. Target completion dates are preliminary and subject to continued evaluation and refinement.

These actions accompany many other network management duties that are currently being performed by the transit agencies. In addition, consistent with the Action Plan, it is expected that MTC will retain a consultant to perform a Network Management Business Case analysis over the next nine months, with a multi-stakeholder advisory group to serve as a sounding board. The advisory group may also provide periodic updates directly to Commissioners and have the opportunity to comment on the draft Business Case when it is presented to the Commission.

At this meeting, the Task Force will only be voting on the specific actions. Task Force members and the public may comment on the corresponding Draft Action Plan text at the meeting or subsequently through August 2nd by sending comments to steve@civicknit.com. A final version of the document will be sent to all Task Force members and posted on the MTC website upon its completion, expected in late August.