Bay Area Metro Center
375 Beale Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

Meeting Minutes

Metropolitan Transportation Commission

Scott Haggerty, Chair *Alfredo Pedroza, Vice Chair*

Wednesday, May 27, 2020 **9:15 AM** **Board Room - 1st Floor (REMOTE)**

Call Remote Meeting to Order

Non-Voting Commissioner Present: Commissioner Giacopini,
Non-Voting Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Stracner and Commissioner Tavares

1. Roll Call / Confirm Quorum

Present: 16 - Commissioner Bruins, Commissioner Connolly, Commissioner Cortese, Commissioner Dutra-Vernaci, Commissioner Glover, Commission Chair Haggerty, Commissioner Josefowitz, Commissioner Liccardo, Commissioner Mackenzie, Commissioner Papan, Commission Vice Chair Pedroza, Commissioner Rabbitt, Commissioner Ronen, Commissioner Schaaf, Commissioner Spering, and Commissioner Worth

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Slocum

2. Chair's Report (Haggerty)

Chair Haggerty also reported that there will be an "active August" and all regular standing meetings will be convened.

Commissioners expressed appreciation to Anne Halsted on the occasion of her stepping down from MTC.

2a. 20-0773 Appointment of an Ad-Hoc General Counsel Recruitment Committee.

Action: Commission Approval

Upon the motion by Commissioner Mackenzie and the second by Commissioner Cortese, the Commission unanimously appointed Chair Scott Haggerty, Commissioner Alfredo Pedroza, Commissioner Amy Worth, Commissioner Jeannie Bruins, Commissioner Hilary Ronen, and ABAG President Jesse Arreguin as a participant advisor (not a formal Committee member) to the Ad-Hoc General Counsel Recruitment Committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 17 - Commissioner Bruins, Commissioner Connolly, Commissioner Cortese, Commissioner Dutra-Vernaci, Commissioner Glover, Commission Chair Haggerty, Halsted, Commissioner Josefowitz, Commissioner Liccardo, Commissioner Mackenzie, Commissioner Papan, Commission Vice Chair Pedroza, Commissioner Rabbitt, Commissioner Ronen, Commissioner Schaaf, Commissioner Spering and Commissioner Worth

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Slocum

2b. 20-0847 Appointment of Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force.

Action: Commission Approval

Peter Strauss was called to speak.

Upon the motion by Commissioner Bruins and the second by Commissioner Spering, the Commission unanimously approved the member appointments to the Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force as listed in the handout that was distributed and posted online. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 17 - Commissioner Bruins, Commissioner Connolly, Commissioner Cortese, Commissioner Dutra-Vernaci, Commissioner Glover, Commission Chair Haggerty, Halsted, Commissioner Josefowitz, Commissioner Liccardo, Commissioner Mackenzie, Commissioner Papan, Commission Vice Chair Pedroza, Commissioner Rabbitt, Commissioner Ronen, Commissioner Schaaf, Commissioner Spering and Commissioner Worth

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Slocum

3. Policy Advisory Council Report (Randi Kinman)

4. Executive Director's Report (McMillan)

20-0891 E.D. Report

5. Commissioner Comments

6. Consent Calendar:

Upon the motion by Commissioner Mackenzie and the second by Commissioner Halsted, the Consent Calendar was unanimously approved by the following vote:

Aye: 17 - Commissioner Bruins, Commissioner Connolly, Commissioner Cortese, Commissioner Dutra-Vernaci, Commissioner Glover, Commission Chair Haggerty, Halsted, Commissioner Josefowitz, Commissioner Liccardo, Commissioner Mackenzie, Commissioner Papan, Commission Vice Chair Pedroza, Commissioner Rabbitt, Commissioner Ronen, Commissioner Schaaf, Commissioner Spering and Commissioner Worth

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Slocum

6a. 20-0666 Minutes of the April 22, 2020 meeting

Action: Commission Approval

Programming and Allocations Committee

6b. 20-0615 MTC Resolution No. 4202, Revised Subject: Revisions to the One Bay Area Grant 2 Program (OBAG 2), to reflect changes in the Freeway Performance Program and Priority Conservation Area Grant program.

Action: Commission Approval

6c. 20-0692 MTC Resolution No. 4375, Revised. 2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 2019-36.

Action: Commission Approval

6d. 20-0436 MTC Resolution No. 4377, Revised. An amendment to the Regional State Transit Assistance (STA) Program to add $75,000 for temporary transit support staff.

Action: Commission Approval

6e. 20-0569 MTC Resolution No. 4381, Revised. An allocation of $4.1 million in State Transit Assistance funds to AC Transit in FY2019-20 to support transit operations.

Action: Commission Approval

6f. 20-0693 MTC Resolution No. 4403, Revised. Revision of MTC's 2021 Regional Active Transportation Program (ATP) Guidelines: Application Deadline & Program Schedule.

Action: Commission Approval

6g. 20-0533 MTC Resolution No. 4412, Revised. Regional Measure 3 (RM3) Letters of No Prejudice to Alameda County Transportation Commission (ACTC) for the 7th Street Grade Separation Project; and the I-680/SR-84 Interchange Reconstruction and SR-84 Expressway Widening Project.

Action: Commission Approval

6h. 20-0605 MTC Resolution No. 4414. Programming for FY2020-21 and an allocation of approximately $282,000 in Five Percent Unrestricted State Fund Revenues and $450,000 in Two Percent Bridge Toll Revenues for the San Francisco Bay Trail project.

Action: Commission Approval

Committee Reports

7. Operations Committee (Cortese)

7a. 20-0711 San Francisco Peninsula Rail Program Memorandum of Understanding

A request for approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Transbay Joint Powers Authority (TJPA), Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (Caltrain), San Francisco County Transportation Authority (SFCTA), City/County of San Francisco, and the California High Speed Rail Authority to support the Transbay Joint Powers Authority in development of the Downtown Extension Rail Program.

Action: Commission Approval

Eric Cordova was called to speak.

Roland Lebrun was called to speak.

Upon the motion by Commissioner Cortese and the second Commissioner Bruins, the Commission unanimously approved the San Francisco Peninsula Rail Program Memorandum of Understanding. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 17 - Commissioner Bruins, Commissioner Connolly, Commissioner Cortese, Commissioner Dutra-Vernaci, Commissioner Glover, Commission Chair Haggerty, Halsted, Commissioner Josefowitz, Commissioner Liccardo, Commissioner Mackenzie, Commissioner Papan, Commission Vice Chair Pedroza, Commissioner Rabbitt, Commissioner Ronen, Commissioner Schaaf, Commissioner Spering and Commissioner Worth

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Slocum

8. Planning Committee (Spering)

8a. 20-0851 Proposed Amendment to Plan Bay Area 2040

Approval of the proposed amendments to the Amended Plan Bay Area 2040 (Plan) and the Amended 2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include the Interstate 680 Express Lanes Gap Closure Project in Alameda County, and approval of two companion technical documents - Transportation-Air Quality Conformity Analysis (Conformity Analysis) and Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Addendum that demonstrate the Amended Plan and Amended TIP comply with federal transportation conformity and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements. The public comment period closed on April 24, 2020, and a summary of comments and responses will be presented prior to Committee action.

Action: Commission Approval of:

1. MTC Resolution No. 4423: Transportation-Air Quality Conformity Analysis for the Amended Plan Bay Area 2040 and the Amended 2019 Transportation Improvement Program
2. MTC Resolution No. 4424: Addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Report for Plan Bay Area 2040
3. MTC Resolution No. 4425: Amendment to Amended Plan Bay Area 2040
4. MTC Resolution No. 4375, Revised: Amendment to the Amended 2019 TIP

Upon the motion by Commissioner Spering and the second by Commissioner Bruins, the Commission unanimously adopted MTC Resolution Nos. 4423, 4424, 4425, and 4375, Revised. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 17 - Commissioner Bruins, Commissioner Connolly, Commissioner Cortese, Commissioner Dutra-Vernaci, Commissioner Glover, Commission Chair Haggerty, Halsted, Commissioner Josefowitz, Commissioner Liccardo, Commissioner Mackenzie, Commissioner Papan, Commission Vice Chair Pedroza, Commissioner Rabbitt, Commissioner Ronen, Commissioner Schaaf, Commissioner Spering and Commissioner Worth

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Slocum

9. Administration Committee

9a. 20-0622 MTC Resolution No. 4421 - FY 2020-21 Overall Work Program (OWP), Planning Certification, and Authorization for Execution of Agreements for Federal and State Planning Grants

A request that the Committee refer to the Commission for approval the FY 2020-21 OWP (MTC Resolution No. 4421), which guides the collaborative metropolitan transportation planning process involving MTC, ABAG, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Caltrans, and other local transportation partners and for authorization to enter into agreements for transportation planning funds.

Action: Commission Approval

Upon the motion by Commissioner Glover and the second by Commissioner Bruins, the Commission unanimously adopted MTC Resolution No. 4421. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 17 - Commissioner Bruins, Commissioner Connolly, Commissioner Cortese, Commissioner Dutra-Vernaci, Commissioner Glover, Commission Chair Haggerty, Halsted, Commissioner Josefowitz, Commissioner Liccardo, Commissioner Mackenzie, Commissioner Papan, Commission Vice Chair Pedroza, Commissioner Rabbitt, Commissioner Ronen, Commissioner Schaaf, Commissioner Spering and Commissioner Worth

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Slocum

10. Programming and Allocations Committee (Josefowitz)

10a. 20-0532 MTC Resolution No. 4411, Revised. Regional Measure 3: Bay Area Corridor Express Lanes Initial Programming.

A recommendation for initial programming of the Regional Measure 3 (RM3) Bay Area Corridor Express Lanes program category.

Action: Commission Approval

Upon the motion by Commissioner Josefowitz and the second by Commissioner Dutra-Vernaci, the Commission unanimously adopted MTC Resolution No. 4411, Revised. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 17 - Commissioner Bruins, Commissioner Connolly, Commissioner Cortese, Commissioner Dutra-Vernaci, Commissioner Glover, Commission Chair Haggerty, Halsted, Commissioner Josefowitz, Commissioner Liccardo, Commissioner Mackenzie, Commissioner Papan, Commission Vice Chair Pedroza, Commissioner Rabbitt, Commissioner Ronen, Commissioner Schaaf, Commissioner Spering and Commissioner Worth

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Slocum

10b. 20-0458 MTC Resolution Nos. 4417 and 4418. Adoption of Regional Program of Applications for two Senate Bill 1 Competitive Programs

Recommendation of projects for regional application support for Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) Solution for Congested Corridors and Trade Corridor Enhancement Programs.

Action: Commission Approval

Public written comments were received from Senator Mike McGuire and Transportation Authority of Marin.

Upon the motion by Commissioner Josefowitz and the second by Commissioner Dutra-Vernaci, the Commission unanimously adopted MTC Resolution Nos. 4417 and 4418. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 17 - Commissioner Bruins, Commissioner Connolly, Commissioner Cortese, Commissioner Dutra-Vernaci, Commissioner Glover, Commission Chair Haggerty, Halsted, Commissioner Josefowitz, Commissioner Liccardo, Commissioner Mackenzie, Commissioner Papan, Commission Vice Chair Pedroza, Commissioner Rabbitt, Commissioner Ronen, Commissioner Schaaf, Commissioner Spering and Commissioner Worth

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Slocum

10c. 20-0728 MTC Resolution No. 4420, Revised. Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (H.R. 748) - Recovery Strategy

Staff will recommend revisions to Principle 5 to reflect the creation of a Blue Ribbon Task Force by the Commission to guide the region's transit recovery strategy.

Action: Commission Approval

Public written comments were received from Bike East Bay, Seamless Bay Area, Silicon Valley Community Foundation, Urban Habitat, Youth Leadership Institute, and petitions from Transit Workers Riders and ATU.

The following members of the public were called to speak:
Aleta Dupree, Monica Mallon, Bob Allen of Urban Habitat, Peter Strauss, Hayley Currier of Transform, Richard Marcantonio of Public Advocates, Dave Campbell of Bike East Bay, Adina Levin of Friends of Caltrain, Vinita Goyal of Silicon Valley Community Foundation, Sarah Greenwahl of 350 Bay Area, Eugene Bradley, Ian Griffiths of Seamless Bay Area, John Courtney of ATU Local 365, Terry Taplin, Lalo Gonzalez, and Benjamin Zank of East Bay Democratic Socialists of America.

Upon the motion by Commissioner Josefowitz and the second by Commissioner Dutra-Vernaci, the Commission unanimously adopted MTC Resolution No. 4420, Revised. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 17 - Commissioner Bruins, Commissioner Connolly, Commissioner Cortese, Commissioner Dutra-Vernaci, Commissioner Glover, Commission Chair Haggerty, Halsted, Commissioner Josefowitz, Commissioner Liccardo, Commissioner Mackenzie, Commissioner Papan, Commission Vice Chair Pedroza, Commissioner Rabbitt, Commissioner Ronen, Commissioner Schaaf, Commissioner Spering and Commissioner Worth

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Slocum

11. MTC Executive Committee (Haggerty)

11a. 20-0848 Follow-up to Questions at the April Board meetings related to AB1487 Implementation and Mechanics

This item summarizes the legal and administrative framework for the Bay Area Housing Finance Authority (BAHFA), including the steps necessary to pursue a November 2020 revenue measure and a pathway to explore expanding the region's housing portfolio even absent a November 2020 ballot measure. This is an informational item to frame the discussion and provide context for the decisions that the Joint Committee will recommend to the ABAG Executive Board and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission as part of Agenda Items 11b and 11c.

Action: Information

The following members of the public were called to speak: Rich Hedges, Roland Lebrun, and JR Starrett.

11b. 20-0849 Decision on Pursuit of November 2020 Revenue Measure

Key considerations to inform a decision regarding whether or not to pursue a general obligation bond on the November 2020 ballot to fund affordable housing.

Action: Commission Approval

Upon the motion by Commission Chair Haggerty and the second by Commissioner Rabbitt, the Commission unanimously deferred action to place a general obligation bond to fund affordable housing on the ballot until after November 2020. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 16 - Commissioner Bruins, Commissioner Connolly, Commissioner Cortese, Commissioner Dutra-Vernaci, Commissioner Glover, Commission Chair Haggerty, Halsted, Commissioner Josefowitz, Commissioner Liccardo, Commissioner Mackenzie, Commissioner Papan, Commission Vice Chair Pedroza, Commissioner Rabbitt, Commissioner Ronen, Commissioner Spering and Commissioner Worth

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Schaaf and Commissioner Slocum

11c. 20-0850 Direction on Future Regional Housing Work Plan

Discussion of Bay Area Regional Housing Portfolio and Range of Activities for Potential Future Regional Housing Work Plan.

Preliminary overview of options and strategies for Bay Area regional agencies to expand their existing housing portfolio and seek new funding to support tenant protections, preservation of existing housing, and production of new affordable housing.

Action: Commission Approval

Public written comment was received from Bay Area Housing for All.

The following members of the public were called to speak: Natalie Bonnewit, Stewart Hyland, Hayley Currier, Mario B. Lopez, Alice Tenkhouse, Livesey Pack, Shajuti Hossain, Abbie Tuning, and Rich Hedges.

Upon the motion by Commission Chair Haggerty and the second by Commissioner Bruins, the Commission adopted option 2. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 13 - Commissioner Bruins, Commissioner Connolly, Commissioner Dutra-Vernaci, Commissioner Glover, Commission Chair Haggerty, Halsted, Commissioner Josefowitz, Commissioner Mackenzie, Commissioner Papan, Commission Vice Chair Pedroza, Commissioner Rabbitt, Commissioner Spering and Commissioner Worth

Absent: 5 - Commissioner Cortese, Commissioner Liccardo, Commissioner Ronen, Commissioner Schaaf and Commissioner Slocum

12. Public Comment / Other Business

Public written public comment was received from Paul Steinberg of Carma.

20-0832 Written Public Comments Received

13. Adjournment / Next Meetings:

The next meeting of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at the Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, San Francisco, CA 94105.