

Transportation Revenue Measure Select Committee Policy Considerations

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Policy Considerations for Authorizing Legislation

The Select Committee has received input from various sources:

- ▶ **TRM Select Committee members (Attachment A)**
- ▶ **TRM Executive Group (Attachment B)**
- ▶ **MTC Policy Advisory Council & members of the public**

Today, MTC staff will provide a high-level overview of the key themes and offer preliminary responses to inform discussion and potential action.

Policy Themes Communicated by the Select Committee



A word cloud of policy themes. The words are arranged in a roughly rectangular shape, with 'Consolidation' at the top, 'Regional Network Management' in the middle, and 'Accountability' at the bottom. Other words are interspersed around these main terms. The colors range from yellow to dark blue.

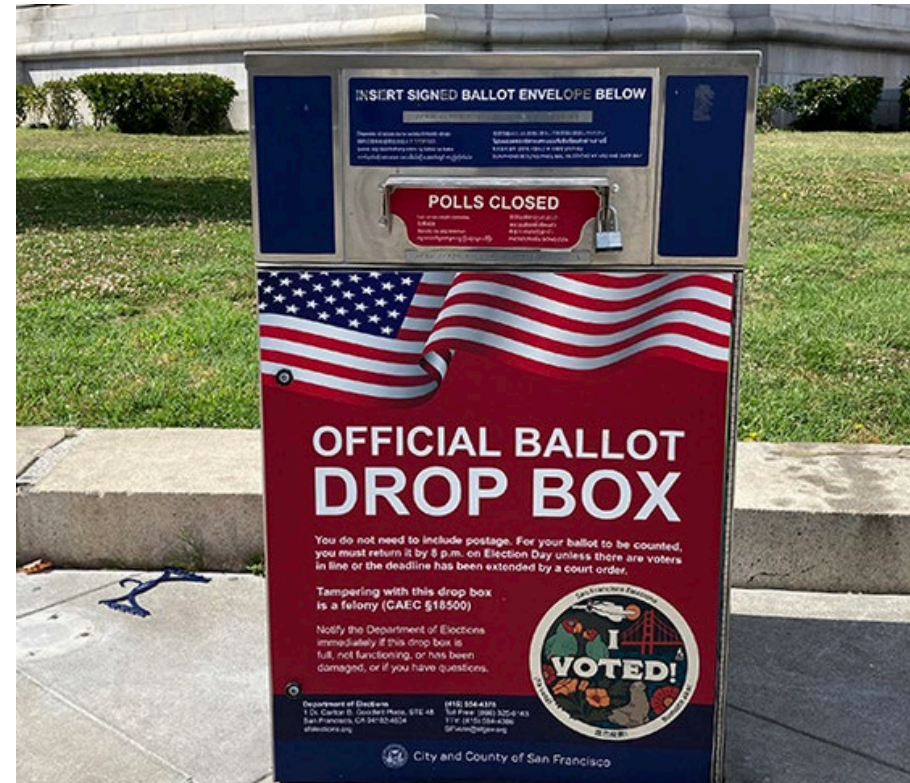
Consolidation
Job Retention
Regional Network Management
Transportation Demand Management
Accountability
Transit Priority
Citizen Initiative
Oversight Climate

Thematic Grouping of Policy Ideas Communicated by the Select Committee

1. Maximizing Chance of Success on Ballot	2. How Funds Are Spent	3. How Decisions Are Made	4. Maximizing Benefits	5. Governance
Citizen Initiative	Climate	Accountability	Regional Network Management	Consolidation
	Transit Priority	Fund Conditioning	Transit Priority	
		Regional Network Management	Transportation Demand Management	
		Unfunded Mandates	Job retention	

Maximizing Chance of Success on Ballot: Citizen Initiative

- ▶ The authorizing legislation for a regional measure is expected to include the opportunity for a citizen initiative to place the measure on the ballot.
- ▶ This is one reason why it's important that the authorizing legislation eventually needs to be specific as to funding source, counties, and expenditure plan.
- ▶ Under this option, a ballot measure could be passed with approval by 50%+1 voters.



How Funds are Spent: Climate

Proposal: Voices for Public Transportation recommends the legislation restrict use of County Flex funds to "climate neutral" projects either by design or through strict mitigation of any induced vehicle miles traveled.

For Discussion: Should this be included given the that region's long-range transportation plan (currently Plan Bay Area 2050) is required to achieve state's ambitious greenhouse gas reduction targets?



How Decisions Are Made: **Accountability, Fund Conditioning & Unfunded Mandates**

Proposal:

SPUR recommends the measure conditions funding on a transit agency's achieving specific milestones as set through the Regional Network Management structure.

For Discussion: Should enabling legislation strengthen financial oversight and condition funds from measure on progress on milestones for operators to improve the rider experience?

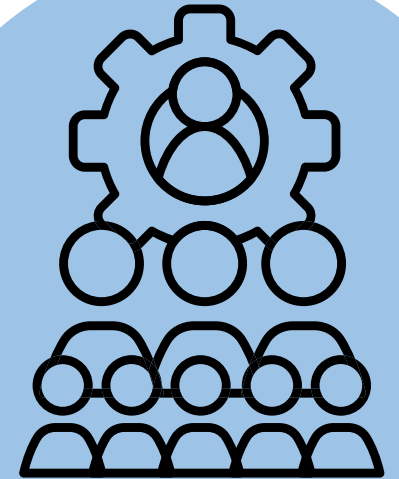
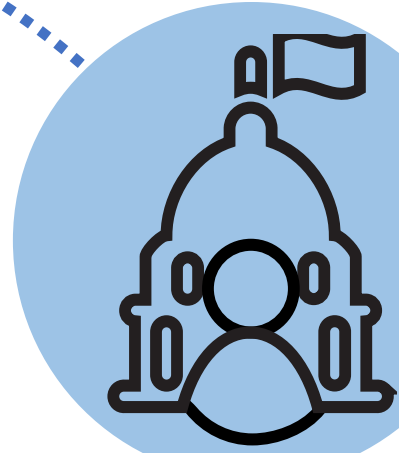
- ▶ MTC's 2023 polling found 80% of voters considered “*requiring oversight and accountability to ensure effective and efficient management of public transit*” a priority.

Maximizing Benefits: Regional Network Management (RNM)

Proposal: Establish an RNM Executive Steering Committee that includes **five** independent experts, **three** transit operator representatives and **one** state appointee.

- ▶ This body is envisioned as the originator of RNM policies, and responsible for establishing, evaluating and refining performance indicators and determining compliance with RNM rules.

For Discussion: Is this change to the RNM framework needed at this time? Is it a good idea to include in the enabling legislation? Will it increase voter support for a measure?



Maximizing Benefits: Transit Priority and Transportation Demand Management

Proposal: Condition measure funding on local jurisdictions' adoption of transit priority policies.

- ▶ **For Discussion:** While transit priority has clear benefits, given potential opposition from local government, should this be included?

Proposal: Require large employers to subsidize non-auto commutes through a strengthened Bay Area Commuter Benefits Program.

- ▶ **For Discussion:** Should this be included in the legislation to help boost ridership and generate additional revenue or removed to avoid unnecessary opposition?

Maximizing Benefits: Job Retention

- ▶ **Proposal:** SEIU and Voices for Public Transportation recommend the legislation restrict or limit outsourcing or automating job functions or duties currently performed by transit agency employees.
- ▶ **For Discussion:** Should this topic be addressed in the legislation even though how work is performed is a labor relations issue handled through negotiations between labor partners and operators?

Governance: Transit Agency Consolidation



Proposal: SPUR, SEIU and Voices for Public Transportation recommended keeping transit consolidation outside a transportation revenue measure bill.

- ▶ **For Discussion:** Given this topic led to significant opposition to SB 1031, should it be left out of enabling legislation? (This approach would not prevent the issue from being addressed in a separate bill.)

Where Do We Go From Here?

- ▶ What feedback do committee members have on the suggested responses to the policy recommendations?
- ▶ Are there other policy provisions not mentioned that committee members think should be considered?

