

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission and Association of Bay Area Governments
MTC Planning Committee and ABAG Administrative Committee**

March 14, 2025

Agenda Items 3b and 6b

**MTC Resolution No. 4686 and ABAG Resolution No. 5-2025: Establishment of the
MTC ABAG Community Advisory Council**

Subject:

Approval of MTC Resolution No. 4686 and ABAG Resolution No. 5-2025 to integrate the MTC Policy Advisory Council and ABAG's Regional Planning Committee into a single advisory council to serve the Commission and ABAG Executive Board.

Background:

In January, the Joint MTC Planning Committee with the ABAG Administrative Committee approved a proposal to integrate the MTC Policy Advisory Council with the ABAG Regional Planning Committee. As part of January's action, both committees directed staff to draft resolutions to establish this integrated body.

Key Goals Informing the Proposed Integrated Council:

- Establish MTC and ABAG as equal partners in selecting county-based and at-large nominees.
- Retain an open nomination process while inviting input from the ABAG Executive Board and the Commission.
- Limit membership to 27, similar to the current MTC Policy Advisory Council.
- Reserve membership for non-elected Bay Area residents to expand the diversity of viewpoints influencing MTC and ABAG decisions. Elected officials from city and county governments represented by MTC or ABAG would not be eligible to be appointed, but elected officials from other local jurisdictions, such as community college boards or school districts would be eligible.

Proposed Nominations and Selections Process:

In line with the goals noted above, staff proposes that the new MTC ABAG Community Advisory Council be comprised of 27 members as follows:

- Nine county-based representatives (one from each of the nine Bay Area counties) with at least four members representing the interests of low-income residents and four members representing the interests of communities of color. An additional member shall be selected to represent the interests of either low-income residents or communities of color.
- Nine county-based representatives (one from each of the nine Bay Area counties) with at least four members representing the interests of people with disabilities and at least four members representing the interests of older adults. An additional member shall be selected to represent the interests of either older adults or people with disabilities.
- Nine at-large members representing organizations involved in one or more of the following areas: Labor, Business/Employers, Environment, Transit advocacy, Youth, Civic organizations focusing on community service, advocacy and/or social welfare, Affordable housing.

In line with feedback received, nominations and applications to join the Council will be open to the public. Staff would first review applications and provide a list of recommendations to the MTC Chair and ABAG President as well as to an ad hoc committee of members from MTC and ABAG, as selected by the MTC Chair and ABAG President. In the case of county-specific appointees, the MTC and ABAG members representing a given county will also be provided with a list of recommendations. Final appointments will be made by the MTC Chair and ABAG President taking into consideration recommendations from the ad hoc committee and any recommendations for county-specific appointments provided by MTC and ABAG members.

Next Steps:

MTC Resolution No. 4686 and ABAG Resolution No. 5-2025 will formally allow staff to establish the MTC ABAG Community Advisory Council. Recruitment for the new body would begin in the summer of 2025, selections would be finalized in the fall of 2025, and the new body would hold its first meeting in January 2026.

Issues:

None identified.

Recommendation:

Refer MTC Resolution No. 4686 and ABAG Resolution No. 5-2025, establishing a unified advisory body serving both ABAG and MTC, as described above, to the Commission and ABAG Executive Board for approval, respectively.

Attachment:

- Attachment A: MTC Resolution No. 4686 and ABAG Resolution No. 5-2025



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