

Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Regional Network Management Committee

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Agenda Item 4a

Traffic Incident Management Program Briefing

Subject:

Update on the Traffic Incident Management Program recent successes and future actions.

Background:

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) partners with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the California Highway Patrol (CHP) to lead the Bay Area Incident Management Task Force (IMTF), which was formed in 2002. Today, the IMTF is an active multi-agency partnership that includes MTC, Caltrans, the CHP, the Federal Highway Administration, local law enforcement and fire departments, emergency medical services, county coroners, tow truck companies, and others who work together to support multi-modal safety and mobility through collaboration and quick clearance of traffic incidents. The IMTF has adopted a Safe Systems approach, moving toward Vision Zero via safe, quick clearance to reduce fatalities and serious injuries. Over the past decade, the IMTF has built strong, trust-based relationships with first responders and state agencies, becoming a reliable partner in addressing safety issues. The IMTF complements efforts by the Bay Area Freeway Service Patrol and the MTC Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways (SAFE) to reduce congestion, improve public safety, and enhance air quality by quickly identifying, responding to, and clearing freeway incidents.

Recent Highlights:

The Incident Management team completed a Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Five Year Strategic Plan in fall 2023. The plan serves as a foundation for efforts to improve the coordinated, effective management of freeway traffic incidents and aligns objectives with Plan Bay Area 2050 strategies to maintain and optimize the existing system, create healthy and safe streets, and build a next generation transit network. This year, staff has focused on facilitating initial actions consistent with strategic plan objectives and recommendations in three key areas:

1. **Training:** Enhanced education, outreach and coordination, and expanded stakeholder participation through post-incident review sessions and specialized training around current topics such as crash clearance involving electric vehicles and coordinating with transit during incident response.
2. **Operational Enhancements:** Worked with first responders in the north bay, peninsula, and south bay to strengthen planning and communications around incident response and road closures and implement short and long-term solutions to improve roadway safety.
3. **Data:** Partnered with the Bay Area Vision Zero team to facilitate the addition of equity and transit information to the Traffic Incident Management Data Dashboard, which is used by the IMTF to help prioritize improvements.

Future Actions:

In the coming year, staff will work closely with a consultant team and stakeholders to prioritize and implement key strategies identified in the five-year strategic plan. Strategies related to training, operations, policies and procedures, and data include expanding local TIM teams to enhance system reliability and operations, increasing participation in post-incident reviews, responder engagement regarding upcoming construction projects and planned road closures, and creation of a grant program to support strategy implementation.

Issues:

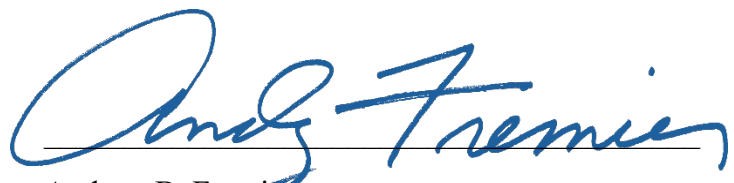
None identified.

Recommendations:

Information

Attachments:

- PowerPoint



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