Metropolitan Transportation Commission Regional Network Management Committee

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Update on Transit Transformation Action Plan Accessibility Initiatives

Subject:

Accessibility initiatives under the Transit Transformation Action Plan update.

Background:

In July 2021, MTC's Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force developed the Bay Area Transit Transformation Action Plan (Action Plan). The Action Plan identified five desired outcomes with associated near-term action items to achieve a more connected, efficient, and user-focused mobility network. One outcome was "Accessibility: Transit services for older adults, people with disabilities, and those with lower incomes are coordinated efficiently," and with it came five actions, listed in Attachment A: Transformation Action Plan Accessibility Initiatives Activities Update.

Accessibility Initiatives Update

Following a model of cooperative leadership, the Action Plan accessibility initiatives are being led by MTC staff Drennen Shelton and County Connection's Director of ADA Services John Sanderson. Together, and in consultation with a working group of transit staff, various disability-community stakeholders, and members of the Bay Area's paratransit coordinating councils, have been making progress on various aspects of the five accessibility initiatives. Attachment A outlines each initiative and provides a description and update of activities. Most notable among the updates is the acceptance of the Action 25 Bay Area Paratransit Eligibility Transformation Action Plan report and recommendations (Attachment B: Action 25 Bay Area Paratransit Eligibility Transformation Action Plan Report) by the RNM Council in October 2024. Acceptance of this report has enabled project staff to begin implementing policy changes in 2025.

Issues:

None identified.

Recommendation:

Information.

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Attachments:

- Attachment A: Transformation Action Plan Accessibility Initiatives Activities Update
- Attachment B: Action 25 Bay Area Paratransit Eligibility Transformation Action Plan Report
- Attachment C: PowerPoint

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