

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission**  
**Policy Advisory Council**

**June 24, 2025**

**Agenda Item 7a**

**Staff Liaison Report**

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**Subject:**

Overview of recent MTC policy decisions and other activities.

**Issues:**

None identified.

**Recommendations:**

Information

**Attachments:**

- Attachment A: Staff Liaison Report – June 2025
- Attachment B: Join the MTC-ABAG Community Advisory Council!

## Staff Liaison Report – June 2025

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### **Follow Up Items:**

- Applications to serve on the MTC-ABAG Community Advisory Council are [live](https://mtc.one/council) (<https://mtc.one/council>). Apply by July 14, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. A flier is attached to this report.

### **Executive Director's Report:**

The following items are excerpts from the May 2025 Executive Director's Report to the Commission. To read past reports in their entirety, check the agenda for a given Commission meeting. Search for past meetings on [MTCs Legistar webpage](https://mtc.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx) (<https://mtc.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>).

### **Updates**

- **2025 federal advocacy trip on May 20-22**
  - Chair Noack, Commissioner John-Baptiste and Commissioner Ramos participated in MTC's 2025 federal advocacy trip on May 20-22. Over the three days, our MTC delegation was able to meet with most of the Bay Area's Congressional delegation as well as representatives at the Federal Transit Administration and key staff and members of Congress involved in transportation to highlight MTC's federal surface transportation reauthorization priorities. While it was a contentious week in Washington given House approval of the budget reconciliation bill, it was encouraging to hear that bipartisanship remains a core value among the House and Senate leadership who will be overseeing the drafting of the next federal transportation bill.
- **Bike to Wherever Day on May 15**
  - Bike to Wherever Day on May 15 brought together tens of thousands of Bay Area residents to celebrate bicycling. Approximately 16,000 riders stopped by 330 Energizer Stations to get free coffee, snacks, swag and the event's bike-friendly signature tote bag. The San Francisco Bike Coalition held a rally at City Hall, where they presented Commissioner Myrna Melgar with the first-ever District Supervisor Bike Champion of the Year Award for her "unwavering commitment

to making streets safer for people who bike and roll.” Commissioner Amber Manfree participated at the Energizer Station in Napa and former Commissioner Rebecca Kaplan biked with advocates and other city leaders to speak at Oakland City Hall. Nearly 900 riders have registered for the Bay Area Bike Challenge, which runs through May 31.

- **MidPen Housing’s Grand Opening on May 16**

- Commissioner David Canepa and ABAG Vice President Carlos Romero spoke at MidPen Housing’s grand opening of 147 affordable homes at Midway Village I and groundbreaking of 113 affordable apartments at Midway Village II in Daly City on Friday, May 16. The second phase of the project has Priority Sites predevelopment funding from the Bay Area Housing Finance Authority (BAHFA). This is the third Priority Sites loan that BAHFA has closed.

News Headlines from [The Bay Link Blog \(https://blog.bayareametro.gov/\)](https://blog.bayareametro.gov/):

- [Bay Area celebrates All Aboard Transit Day](https://blog.bayareametro.gov/posts/bay-area-celebrates-all-aboard-transit-day) (https://blog.bayareametro.gov/posts/bay-area-celebrates-all-aboard-transit-day) Bay Area transit agencies joined with MTC and the Bay Area Air District on Tuesday to celebrate All Aboard Bay Area Transit Day at the downtown San Francisco Ferry Terminal.
- [SMART's Windsor service starts](https://blog.bayareametro.gov/posts/smarts-windsor-service-starts) (https://blog.bayareametro.gov/posts/smarts-windsor-service-starts). Passenger service to the new Windsor station started over the weekend, the Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit (SMART) announced.
- [MTC votes to make Clipper® START Pilot an ongoing fare product](https://blog.bayareametro.gov/posts/mtc-votes-make-clipperr-start-pilot-ongoing-fare-product) (https://blog.bayareametro.gov/posts/mtc-votes-make-clipperr-start-pilot-ongoing-fare-product) The Metropolitan Transportation Commission today approved a resolution to transition the Clipper® START pilot program — which provides transit-fare discounts for lower-income adults age 19 to 64 — to an ongoing fare product that offers a uniform 50% discount for rides on all systems that accept Clipper for fare payment.

- **Bay Area receives millions to improve safety, mobility and resiliency on roadways** (<https://blog.bayareametro.gov/posts/bay-area-receives-millions-improve-safety-mobility-and-resiliency-roadways>) The California Transportation Commission last week allocated nearly \$1.7 billion statewide to help improve safety, increase mobility for all users and strengthen roadways around the state.
- **Bike to Work Day 2025 Wrap-Up** (<https://blog.bayareametro.gov/posts/bike-work-day-2025-wrap>) Throughout the Bay Area, cyclists of all ages and abilities hit the streets on Bike to Work Day, Thursday, May 15, 2025 – part of the month-long celebration of active transportation known as Bay Area Bike to Wherever Days.
- **MTC mourns the loss of former Commissioner Federal D. Glover** (<https://blog.bayareametro.gov/posts/mtc-mourns-loss-former-commissioner-federal-d-glover>) Former Commissioner Federal D. Glover, who retired in December from MTC after 18 years of service representing Contra Costa County, died Sunday. He was 69.
- **Report: San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose see more apartments added downtown** (<https://blog.bayareametro.gov/posts/report-san-francisco-oakland-san-jose-see-more-apartments-added-downtown>) While many U.S. cities are shifting housing away from their downtowns, the Bay Area stands out as one of the few areas adding living space in urban cores, according to a new report from RentCafe.
- **A Shared Horizon: BayREN's 2024 annual report highlights progress toward better Bay Area buildings** (<https://blog.bayareametro.gov/posts/shared-horizon-bayrens-2024-annual-report-highlights-progress-toward-better-bay-area>) BayREN is proud to share its 2024 Annual Report, A Shared Horizon: Better Buildings, Brighter Tomorrow. This year's report celebrates major strides in energy efficiency and electrification —bringing BayREN's vision of healthier, more sustainable communities into sharper focus.

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**For MTC and Plan Bay Area Glossaries:**

- [Glossary of Transportation Planning Acronyms & Terms](https://mtc.ca.gov/tools-resources/mtcabag-library/glossary-transportation-planning-acronyms-terms) (<https://mtc.ca.gov/tools-resources/mtcabag-library/glossary-transportation-planning-acronyms-terms>)
- [Plan Bay Area Glossary](https://www.planbayarea.org/about/glossary) (<https://www.planbayarea.org/about/glossary>)