Regional Network Management Committee

July 11, 2025 Agenda Item 3a

Draft Regional Network Management Council Fiscal Year 2025-26 and 2026-27 Work Plan Update

Subject:

Update on the Regional Network Management (RNM) Council's current Work Plan and draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 and FY 2026-27 Work Plan.

Background:

In December 2023, the RNM Council adopted its current Work Plan to guide activities in FY 2023-24 and 2024-25 (Attachment A). The RNM Council's Work Plan was developed through a collaborative process with transit operator staff, and is anchored by the Transit Transformation Action Plan (TAP) "desired outcomes" and the Mission and Vision of the RNM. Items included in the current Work Plan aim to balance initiatives that are underway and funded and new priorities that would benefit from systematic, consistent regional implementation support. Work Plan items share a common focus on delivering tangible customer benefits.

Draft FY 2025-26 and 2026-27 Work Plan:

Staff developed the draft RNM Council Work Plan for FY 2025-26 and 2026-27 based on progress on the current Work Plan. Similar to the process for developing the current Work Plan, MTC staff consulted with transit agency partners to ensure that the appropriate activities are included in the draft Work Plan through June 2027. The majority of activities included in the draft FY 2025-26 and 2026-27 Work Plan are a continuation of projects or programs that are underway, in addition to some carryover activities identified in the FY 2023-24 and 2024-25 Work Plan and select new activities that are anticipated to advance during this Work Plan period. Key highlights in the draft FY 2025-26 and 2026-27 Work Plan include:

- Fares and Payment: Launch free/discounted transfer pilot, continue to grow Clipper START and Clipper BayPass programs, and evaluate the impacts of regional fare programs.
- Customer Information: Refine and issue Version 1 Regional Wayfinding Standards and launch pilots at transit hubs throughout the region

- **Transit Priority:** Develop and approve Bay Area Transit Priority Policy for Roadways and conduct a regional transit assessment to help inform transit priority investments throughout the region.
- Accessibility: Improve the paratransit rider experience by implementing ADA paratransit eligibility recommendations and one-seat paratransit pilots.
- **Governance:** Consider recommendations from a two-year review of the RNM framework and develop an approach for updating the TAP. Develop consistent reporting for transit RNM performance measures.

In addition to the projects and programs included in the RNM Council's Work Plan, staff will continue to coordinate with agency partners to bring updates on related activities that would benefit from the discussion at a regional forum, including subregional and state transit coordination activities.

Staff presented the Draft Work Plan to the RNM Council at its June meeting for review and feedback. Several members requested more information about funding identified to support TAP and RNM initiatives, including expenditures to date and distinguishing between capital and operational funds. Additionally, RNM Council members expressed interest in using metrics and program evaluations to inform the prioritization of Work Plan activities. Staff plans to address these comments at the July RNM Council meeting.

Next Steps:

Following today's discussion, staff will return to the RNM Council's July 28, 2025, meeting with a revised Work Plan for adoption.

Issues:

None identified.

Recommendations:

Information

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Current (FY 2023-24 and 2024-25) RNM Council Work Plan
- Attachment B: Presentation

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