

Regional Network Management Council

June 1, 2026

Agenda Item 3c

Transit Priority Roadway Assessment Update

Subject:

Overview of the Transit Priority Roadway Assessment.

Background:

As part of Action 12 of the Transit Transformation Action Plan, MTC adopted the Bay Area Transit Priority Policy for Roadways (Policy, MTC Resolution No. 4739) in January 2026. The Policy works to enhance the transit rider experience by supporting the implementation of transit priority infrastructure and policies that improve transit travel times and reliability, and promote active interagency engagement necessary to be successful.

The Policy calls for creating a regional Transit Priority Network, which will guide where transit priority and other transit-supportive investments should be considered and prioritized. The Transit Priority Network will consist of key roadway corridors in the Bay Area where improving roadway transit travel time and reliability would benefit the most transit riders. In June 2025, the RNM Committee approved a contract with NN Engineering, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$1,100,000 to conduct a Transit Priority Roadway Assessment (formerly referred to as Regional Transit Assessment) to better understand roadway transit existing conditions in the Bay Area and develop the regional Transit Priority Network. The Assessment will also include the development of a Transit-Supportive Roadway Design Toolkit.

Key Project Deliverables:

The Assessment will build upon the high-level portfolio of capital, operating, and programmatic investments recommended in Plan Bay Area 2050+/Transit 2050+ and the Caltrans Bay Area Transit Plan. Key project deliverables include:

- **Existing conditions transit baseline analysis:** This “snapshot in time” will look at the Bay Area’s existing conditions for bus and light rail service levels, ridership, delay and reliability issues, and current transit priority infrastructure.

- **Transit Delay/Reliability “Hotspot” locations:** This analysis will identify where transit delay/reliability issues are most severe and affect the most transit passengers. This information may be used by MTC to help prioritize regional discretionary funding.
- **Regional Transit Priority Network:** The Transit Priority Network will identify key transit corridors where roadway projects should incorporate best-practice transit-supportive design elements.
- **Implementation Strategy:** This will support near-term actions and recommend how often the Assessment should be updated.
- **Transit-Supportive Roadway Design Toolkit:** The Toolkit will be a technical resource for partner agencies that enhances local capacity to incorporate transit-supportive elements into projects.

MTC is working with and gathering input from a variety of agency partners in developing the Assessment including: transit agencies, local jurisdictions, county transportation agencies, the California State Transportation Agency and Caltrans, and transit advocacy groups.

Next Steps:

Staff is developing an initial draft of the Transit Priority Network which will be presented at various staff working groups and advisory bodies over the summer. Staff anticipate returning to the RNM Council this fall to present the revised draft regional Transit Priority Network which will reflect feedback received in summer outreach. Completion of the Assessment, including adoption of the Transit Priority Network, is anticipated in early 2027 with implementation thereafter.

Issues:

None identified.

Recommendations:

Information only.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Presentation