Metropolitan Transportation Commission

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Draft Report to the Legislature on Transportation Revenue Measure Select Committee

Subject: Presentation of draft report to the Legislature summarizing the work of the Select Committee.

Background:

Last year, MTC sponsored SB 1031 to authorize a Bay Area regional ballot measure to fund public transportation, safe streets and mobility improvements. Due to the need for more time to work through regional differences, Senators Wiener and Wahab—jointly with MTC leadership decided a reset was needed to allow further stakeholder engagement to occur this summer and early fall. At the request of Senator Wiener and Senator Wahab, MTC convened the Transportation Revenue Measure Select Committee from June - October 2024 to build a consensus on how to structure a regional measure that protects Bay Area transit service into the future. The Select Committee, chaired by Commissioner Spering, included nine commissioners and seven representatives of key constituencies including the business community, labor, transit advocates and equity advocates, along with ex officio participation by staff from Senator Wiener and Senator Wahab's offices and legislative staff from Senate Transportation Committee Chair Cortese and Assembly Transportation Committee Chair Wilson also in regular attendance. The work of the Select Committee was guided by three objectives for a future transportation revenue measure: 1) avert major transit service cuts; 2) advance customer-focused transit transformation priorities identified in the Bay Area Transit Transformation Action Plan; and 3) garner legislator and voter support.

Report to the Legislature

To document this extensive effort and help inform the 2025 legislative process during which a subsequent bill to authorize a regional transportation measure is anticipated to be pursued, MTC's Select Committee consultant Stuart Cohen and staff prepared the attached draft report. The report will be updated to incorporate actions taken by the Commission today related to frameworks and key policy provisions to advance to polling, further discussion with stakeholders as well as any other recommendations from the Commission.

The report includes the following key sections:

- Public Transit's Looming Crisis the Bay Area
- Key Factors in Designing Revenue Measure Scenarios
- Outreach & Engagement
- Select Committee Recommendations to MTC
- Commission Consideration & Action (placeholder)

Attachments:

Attachment A: Draft Report to Legislature on MTC Transportation Revenue Measure Select Committee

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