Metropolitan Transportation Commission and Association of Bay Area Governments

Joint MTC ABAG Legislation Committee

April 10, 2026 **Agenda Item 3e**

MTC-ABAG March Sacramento Advocacy Trip

Subject:

Report out on MTC-ABAG's 2026 advocacy trip to Sacramento.

Background:

On March 17 to 18, 2026, eight MTC commissioners and ABAG Executive Board members represented MTC-ABAG in Sacramento at the agencies' 2026 March advocacy trip.

Participating MTC Commissioners included Chair Sue Noack, Vice-Chair Stephanie Moulton-Peters, Administration Committee Chair Gina Papan, Commissioner Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, Joint MTC ABAG Legislation Committee Vice Chair Alicia John-Baptiste, and Planning Committee Chair Eddie Ahn. ABAG representatives included President Belia Ramos (also an MTC Commissioner) and ABAG Housing Committee Vice-Chair Lisa Motoyama. They were joined by members of the MTC-ABAG executive leadership and the legislative team.

Over two days, commissioners/directors met with the following 26 Bay Area delegation offices and the office of Senate Budget Committee Chair Laird:

- Assemblymembers Aguiar-Curry, Ahrens, Ávila Farías, Bauer-Kahan, Berman, Bonta, Connolly, Haney, Kalra, Lee, Ortega, Papan, Pellerin, Rogers, Stefani, Wicks, and Wilson
- Senators Arreguin, Becker, Cabaldon, Cortese (Senate Transportation Committee staff), Grayson, Laird, McGuire, Wahab, and Wiener

Commissioners/directors also connected with Senator Arreguín, Assemblymember Ávila Farías, Assemblymember Connolly and Assemblymember Wilson at a Tuesday evening event. Discussions focused on the agencies' top legislative priorities:

- Senate Bill (SB) 1087 (Cabaldon), the agencies' co-sponsored legislation to modernize the Sustainable Communities Strategy
- A $15 million budget request for the Bay Area Housing Finance Authority (which is part of a larger $32 million budget request that incorporates funding for Bay Area Housing Finance Authority's (BAHFA's) sister housing finance agencies in Los Angeles and San Diego)

- MTC-ABAG's broader transportation and housing budget asks, which include maintaining the SB 125 funding commitment for transit; fully funding the SB 840 (Limón, 2025) funding targets for transit and housing programs; and, should the Legislature proceed with funding the SB 840 $125 million set-aside for transit passes, we recommend that the Bay Area's share be used to expand Clipper® BayPass access to Bay Area community college students.

Recommendation:

Information

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Lobby Day Transit and Housing Budget Handout
- Attachment B: Lobby Day BAHFA Handout
- Attachment C: Lobby Day SB 1087 (Cabaldon) Handout
- Attachment D: MTC-ABAG Fiscal Year 2026-2027 State Budget Letter

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