

Regional Network Management Committee

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Agenda Item 4a- 26-0812

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 (MTC Resolution No. 4739) in January 2026. The Policy is designed to enhance the transit rider experience by supporting the implementation of transit priority infrastructure and policies that improve transit travel times and reliability. The Policy encourages engagement among transit agencies and roadway owners to minimize unintended impacts to transit.

The Policy also 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. MTC is conducting a Transit Priority Roadway Assessment to better understand existing roadway transit conditions and develop the regional Transit Priority Network.

The Assessment will build upon the 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, subject to future decisions.

- **Regional Transit Priority Network:** The Transit Priority Network will identify key transit corridors where roadway projects should incorporate best-practice transit-supportive design elements.
- **Near-Term Implementation Strategy:** This will support near-term action and enhance local capacity to deliver transit priority (i.e., determine potential technical assistance provided by MTC, define agency roles and responsibilities, determine the frequency of updates to the Assessment and regional Transit Priority Network).
- **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.

Next Steps:

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, and the California State Transportation Agency and Caltrans. Staff is actively conducting engagement to solicit input on the draft Transit Priority Network. Staff anticipate returning to the RNM Committee, RNM Council, and RNM Customer Advisory Group this fall to present the revised draft Transit Priority Network, which will reflect feedback received during summer outreach efforts. 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