

Metropolitan Transportation Commission

March 25, 2026

Agenda Item 7d - 26-0372

MTC Resolution No. 4760. Resolution Authorizing Submission of SB63 Report on Transit Ridership Forecasts from Plan Bay Area 2050+ to Legislature and Establishing Additional Rules and Procedures Related to the SB63 Financial Efficiency Review Independent Oversight Committee

Subject:

A request for approval of MTC Resolution No. 4760 **authorizing submission of the SB63 report on transit ridership forecasts from Plan Bay Area 2050+ to the Legislature, and** establishing additional rules and procedures related to the SB63 Financial Efficiency Review Independent Oversight Committee.

Background:

The newly chaptered Title 7.85 of the California Government Code, commencing with Government Code Section 67700 (Senate Bill 63/Connect Bay Area Act, Weiner, October 13, 2025) creates the Public Transit Revenue Measure District (PTRMD, or “District”) with jurisdiction extending the territorial boundaries of the Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo, and Santa Clara, and the City and County of San Francisco. This new law provides that the District will be governed by the same board that governs the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC, or “Commission”).

As provided in Government Code Section 67730 and 67732, the District, or alternatively a qualified voter initiative, may impose a retail transactions and use tax ordinance applicable to the entire district for a duration of 14 years, and in an amount of 0.5% in each of the above-described counties located within the district and 1% in the City and County of San Francisco, subject to voter approval at the November 3, 2026, statewide general election. Pursuant to Section 67700 *et seq.*, the District has many responsibilities should a tax measure be proposed under this title, including administrative responsibilities related to the November 3, 2026 statewide general election, and additional responsibilities if such measure were to be approved by the voters.

In addition to those responsibilities required of the District, the legislature has also placed certain responsibilities directly on the Commission. One of the first responsibilities mandated through the statute was for the Commission to submit a report to the Legislature, containing “its forecast of the impacts to ridership on the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District, the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board, the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District, and the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency from planned transportation projects and strategies included in its adopted regional transportation plan, with an emphasis on rail connectivity projects that may increase ridership, reduce operating costs, or help with enhanced mobility.” California Government Code Section 66513.5(a). This report, due March 31, 2026, has been finalized and is ready for submission at this time.

Additionally, pursuant to Government Code Section 67700 *et seq.*, the Commission must conduct a two-phase financial efficiency review of the statutorily defined subject operators, which are the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District (AC Transit), the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART), the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (Caltrain), and the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (Muni). The law further requires that MTC contract with, and manage, a third-party consultant to conduct phase one of this analysis. In addition to the management of the third-party consultant, Section 67700 *et seq* also requires that the Commission establish a financial efficiency review oversight committee to directly participate in the review process. This committee is tasked with reviewing the phase one analysis, directing the third-party consultant to make any revisions, and ultimately adopting the final phase one analysis.

The Commission established this financial efficiency review oversight committee at their regularly scheduled meeting on January 28, 2026. The first meeting of the Financial Efficiency Review Independent Oversight Committee (Committee) took place on March 6, 2026 at the Bay Area Metro Center, at which time Committee Members learned more about their statutory duties, and were given an overview of the steps necessary to complete the phase one analysis within the statutory deadlines.

Due to the compressed period in which the Committee must perform its statutory duties, the attached Resolution seeks to clarify additional administrative rules and procedures related to the establishment of the Committee to ensure it maintains the ability to perform its statutory duties efficiently and effectively. This includes (but is not limited to) adopting rules and procedures to govern future meetings and setting travel reimbursement guidance. Staff is also requesting that the Commission grant its authority pursuant to Government Code Section 67766 to transmit the final phase one analysis to the statutorily required entities to the Executive Director, MTC. This request is made to ensure the final adopted analysis can be transferred to the subject operators immediately following adoption, and would not require a separate transmittal action by the Commission itself.

Issues:

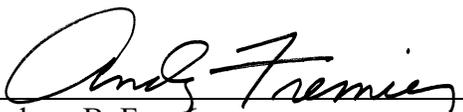
None identified.

Recommendations:

Staff recommends that the Commission adopt MTC Resolution No. 4760 authorizing submission of the SB63 report on transit ridership forecasts from Plan Bay Area 2050+ to the Legislature and establishing additional rules and procedures related to the SB63 Financial Efficiency Review Independent Oversight Committee

Attachments:

- MTC Resolution No. 4760
- SB63 Report on Transit Ridership Forecasts from Plan Bay Area 2050+



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