



Metropolitan Transportation Commission

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Policy Advisory Council

Carina Lieu, Chair

Gabriela Orantes, Vice Chair

Agenda Item 4a

Bay Area Metro Center
375 Beale Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

10:00 AM

Board Room - 1st Floor

Roster

Carline Au, Michael Baldini, Diana Benitez, Huascar Castro,
Zack Deutsch-Gross, Anne Olivia Eldred, Christine (Chris) Fitzgerald,
Gerry Glaser, William Goodwin, Pradeep Gupta, Dwayne Hankerson,
Wendi Kallins, Randi Kinman, Charley Lavery, Adina Levin, Carina Lieu (Chair),
Gabriela Orantes (Vice Chair), Johnny Parker, Phillip Pierce, Vinay Pimple,
Jeffrey Rhoads (Jeff), Terry Scott, Jaime Viloria, Howard Wong, and Roland Wong

Chair Carina Lieu called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

1. Call Meeting to Order / Roll Call / Confirm Quorum

Present: 20 - Chair Carina Lieu, Vice Chair Gabriela Orantes, Council Member Carline Au, Council Member Michael Baldini, Council Member Diana Benitez, Council Member Huascar Castro, Council Member Anne Olivia Eldred, Council Member Gerry Glaser, Council Member Pradeep Gupta, Council Member Dwayne Hankerson, Council Member Wendi Kallins, Council Member Randi Kinman, Council Member Charley Lavery, Council Member Adina Levin, Council Member Johnny Parker, Council Member Vinay Pimple, Council Member Terry Scott, Council Member Jaime Viloria, Council Member Howard Wong and Council Member Roland Wong

Excused: 2 - Council Member Chris Fitzgerald and Council Member Jeffrey Rhoads

Absent: 3 - Council Member Zack Deutsch-Gross, Council Member William Goodwin and Council Member Phillip Pierce

Council Members Randi Kinman and Roland Wong and Vice Chair Gabriela Orantes invoked AB 2449.

2. Compensation Announcement (Clerk)

3. Welcome and Chair's Report

3a. [25-1309](#) Chair's Report
(5 minutes)

Action: Information

Presenter: Carina Lieu, MTC Council Chair

A moment of silence was taken for Oakland's Skyline High School and Laney Colleges Coach John Beam.

4. Approval

- 4a. [25-1310](#) Approval of the October 28, 2025 Meeting Minutes
(5 minutes)

Action: Approval

Presenter: Carina Lieu, MTC Council Chair

Attachments: [4a 25-1310 2025-10-28 Policy Advisory Council Draft Minutes.pdf](#)

Upon the motion by Council Member Baldini and second by Council Member Scott, the October 28, 2025 Meeting Minutes were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 17 - Chair Carina Lieu, Council Member Carline Au, Council Member Michael Baldini, Council Member Diana Benitez, Council Member Huascar Castro, Council Member Anne Olivia Eldred, Council Member Gerry Glaser, Council Member Pradeep Gupta, Council Member Randi Kinman, Council Member Charley Lavery, Council Member Adina Levin, Council Member Johnny Parker, Council Member Vinay Pimple, Council Member Terry Scott, Council Member Jaime Vilorio, Council Member Howard Wong and Council Member Roland Wong

Excused: 2 - Council Member Chris Fitzgerald and Council Member Jeffrey Rhoads

Absent: 4 - Council Member Zack Deutsch-Gross, Council Member William Goodwin, Council Member Wendi Kallins and Council Member Phillip Pierce

Abstain: 2 - Vice Chair Gabriela Orantes and Council Member Dwayne Hankerson

Council Member Kallins arrived after the approval of the October 28, 2025 Meeting Minutes.

5. Public Comments / Other Business

6. Legislative Update

- 6a. [25-1311](#) Draft 2026 MTC and ABAG Joint Advocacy Program
(30 minutes)

Draft 2026 Joint Advocacy Program for MTC and ABAG, expressing the agencies' state and federal legislative priorities.

Action: Feedback and Discussion

Presenter: Georgia Gann Dohrmann and Rebecca Long

Attachments: [6ai 25-1311 Cover Summary Sheet Draft 2026 MTC and ABAG Joint Advocacy Program.pdf](#)
[6aii 25-1311 LEGIS Summary Sheet 2026 Draft Advocacy Program.pdf](#)
[6aiii 25-1311 DRAFT 2026 Legislative Advocacy Program.pdf](#)

Warren Cushman spoke on this item.

Roland Lebrun spoke on this item.

7. Information

- 7a. [25-1316](#) Community Action Resource and Empowerment (CARE) Program Update (45 minutes)

Update on the implementation of MTC's CARE Program, comprised of three components in varying stages: 1. Power-building and Engagement (launched), 2. Community-Based Transportation Plan Project Development Technical Assistance (CBTP TA) (in development), and 3. Participatory Budgeting (in development).

Action: Information

Presenter: Judis Santos and Janica Mendillo

Attachments: [7ai 25-1316 Summary Sheet CARE Update.pdf](#)
[7aii 25-1316 Attachment A CARE Presentation.pdf](#)
[7aiii 25-1316 Attachment B Pb and E Program Update and Project Selection.pdf](#)
[7aiv 25-1316 Attachment C Pb and E Proposed Program of Projects.pdf](#)
[7av 25-1316 Attachment D Pb and E List of Applicants.pdf](#)

Warren Cushman, Community Resources for Independent Living, spoke on this item.

- 7b. [25-1312](#) Staff Liaison Report (3 minutes)

Overview of recent MTC policy decisions and other activities.

Action: Information

Presenter: Kÿ-Nam Miller, Staff Liaison

Attachments: [7bi 25 1312 Summary Sheet November 2025 Staff Liaison Report .pdf](#)
[7bii 25 1312 Attachment B Chirag Rabari Email June 2025.pdf](#)

- 7c. [25-1313](#) Council Member Reports (5 minutes)

Members of the Council may report on locally relevant issues or events.

Action: Information

Presenter: Carina Lieu, MTC Council Chair

- 7d. [25-1314](#) New Business (5 minutes)

Members of the Council may bring up new business for discussion or addition to a future agenda.

Action: Discussion

Presenter: Carina Lieu, MTC Council Chair

Council Member Hankerson requested information on the cost of constructing new affordable housing. Council Member Hankerson noted that housing authorities are often exempt from certain laws and are not required to pay some county and city fees when developing projects. To explore potential strategies for reducing costs and encouraging affordable housing development, the requester asked for a breakdown of applicable fees that could potentially be reconsidered or rolled back. Chair Lieu requested that this information be provided via email.

Council Member Levin provided a reminder regarding the agenda items for the Regional Network Management Customer Advisory Group meeting taking place immediately after the Policy Advisory Council Meeting. The upcoming discussion will cover the planned launch of the Clipper 2 system on December 10, 2025, as well as progress on fare coordination and integration initiatives advanced under the Transit Transformation Action Plan. Additional forthcoming items in this work program will also be highlighted. Attendees interested in these topics were encouraged to participate in the subsequent meeting.

Council Member Kinman requested that staff add the dates on which items were previously presented to the Policy Advisory Council to the summary sheets. Additionally, Member Kinman requested that the information on Community-Based Transportation Plans (CBTPs) be sent via email.

8. Adjournment / Next Meeting

The next meeting of the MTC Policy Advisory Council will be held on Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, San Francisco, CA. Any changes to the schedule will be duly noticed to the public.

Chair Carina Lieu adjourned the meeting at 12:31 p.m.