

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission and Association of Bay Area Governments
Community Advisory Council**

March 6, 2026

Agenda Item 4

Overview of the Brown Act

Subject:

Staff will provide an overview of the Ralph M. Brown Act, including recent amendments that took effect in 2026.

Background:

The Brown Act (Gov. Code Section 54950, et seq.) is California’s “open meetings” law, generally requiring all meetings of public bodies to be open and accessible to all members of the public. Originally passed in 1953, the Brown Act focused on ensuring in-person access to meetings.

The attached Brown Act Basics document provides an overview of the Brown Act and how it affects the meetings and work of the Community Advisory Council. Staff will provide a brief presentation highlighting the most important provisions of the Brown Act, including:

- What the Brown Act is and who it applies to;
- Meeting agendas; and
- Prohibited communications.

Next Steps:

None.

Issues:

None identified.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Brown Act Basics

Attachment B: Presentation