

# Regional Network Management Council

October 28, 2024

Agenda Item 3b

## Update on Regional Transit Priority Initiatives

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### **Subject:**

Informational update on MTC's regional Transit Priority initiatives, from the Transit Transformation Action Plan.

### **Transit Transformation Action Plan – Transit Priority Efforts:**

The suite of transit priority efforts in the Transit Transformation Action Plan (TAP) is one of the three top priorities of the TAP. The initiatives in the TAP expand upon longstanding and established transit priority efforts at MTC, including the Forward Commute Initiatives and Transit Performance Initiative. While these efforts are led by MTC, they require close coordination between MTC and partner agencies including Caltrans, transit operators, county transportation agencies, and local jurisdictions. These partnerships are critical to develop a common understanding of and vision for transit priority in the Bay Area, and to more effectively plan and deliver transit priority projects. Staff will provide an overview of the transit priority program, an update on Forward Initiatives, and introduce the plans to develop a regional transit priority policy.

### **Regional Transit Priority Policy:**

MTC is developing a regional Transit Priority Policy (Policy) to support and promote faster, more reliable transit that moves more people in the Bay Area. In December 2023, MTC kicked off this effort with a workshop attended by various partner agencies including transit operators, county transportation agencies, Caltrans, local jurisdictions, and transit advocacy organizations. In early 2024, MTC convened a Policy Development Working Group— consisting of a subset of workshop attendees – to help guide the development of a Policy approach. The approach includes development of a standalone Policy emphasizing the importance of transit priority to the region, in conjunction with updates to the existing MTC Complete Streets Policy, which is tied to regional discretionary funding (One Bay Area Grant funding). In support of the Policy, staff will also conduct a Regional Transit Assessment to analyze existing transit speed and reliability

data and develop a Transit Priority Network on which the Policy applies. Policy adoption and updates to the Complete Streets Checklist are anticipated by early 2026.

**Issues:**

None identified.

**Recommendations:**

Information only.

**Attachments:**

- Attachment A: Presentation