Meeting Agenda

Regional Network Management Council

Monday, November 27, 2023  
11:30 AM  
Yerba Buena Room 1st Floor

The Regional Network Management Council is scheduled to meet at 11:30 a.m.

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Roster

Michelle Bouchard, April Chan, Bill Churchill, Andy Fremier, Carolyn Gonot, Michael Hursh, Denis Mulligan, Seamus Murphy, Robert Powers, Jeffrey Tumlin, Nancy Whelan

1. Call to Order / Roll Call / Confirm Quorum

A quorum of the Commission shall be a majority of its voting members (6).

2. Welcome

Andrew Fremier

3. Approval

3a. 23-1435 Election of RNM Council Chair and Vice Chair

Nomination and election of the Chair and Vice Chair of the RNM Council.

Action: Approval
Presenter: Melanie Choy
Attachments: 3a_RNM_Council_Chair_ViceChair_Elections

Information


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Action: Information
Presenter: Melanie Choy and Allison Quach
Attachments: 4a_Draft RNM_Council_Charter_and_Draft_Work_Plan
4a_temp-Res 4622 with Attach A and B
4aii_Attachment_B_RNM_Council_Draft_FY_23-25_Work_Plan

5. Director’s Report

Melanie Choy

6. Public Comment / Other Business

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7. Adjournment / Next Meetings

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All items on the agenda are subject to action and/or change by the Committee. Actions recommended by staff are subject to change by the Committee.
Election of RNM Council Chair and Vice Chair

Nomination and election of the Chair and Vice Chair of the RNM Council.

Presenter:
Melanie Choy

Recommended Action:
Approval

Attachments:
Subject:
Nomination and election of the Chair and Vice Chair of the RNM Council.

Background:
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In September 2023, the Commission approved the inaugural RNM Council Membership Roster. Agenda Item 4a will present the RNM Council Charter for review and discussion. Subsequently, the Charter will be presented to the RNM Committee in December for referral to the Commission for approval.

Issues:
None identified.

Recommendations:
In anticipation of RNM Council Charter adoption by the Commission in December 2023, it is recommended that the RNM Council nominate and elect a Chair and Vice Chair at its November 27, 2023 meeting. Nominations may be made at the meeting or in advance by submission to staff before the election on November 27, 2023.

Attachments:
None.
Subject:

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Presenter:
Melanie Choy and Allison Quach

Recommended Action:
Information

Attachments:
Regional Network Management Council

November 27, 2023

Agenda Item 4a


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RNM Council Charter
In September 2023, the Commission approved the inaugural RNM Council Membership Roster. This month’s item presents the RNM Council Charter for review and discussion by the RNM Council. The RNM Council Charter (Attachment A) outlines the mission statement, roles, responsibilities, procedures, appointment process, and membership criteria for the RNM Council. The Charter will be presented to the RNM Committee in December for referral to the Commission for approval.

Draft RNM Council FY 2023-24 & 2024-25 Work Plan
MTC and transit operator staff have collaborated to develop a Draft Work Plan to guide the RNM Council’s activities in FY 2023-24 & 2024-25. The Draft Work Plan is being presented to the RNM Council for discussion in November and will be shared in December with the RNM Committee for feedback. The Work Plan would return to the RNM Council in December for adoption.

The RNM Council Work Plan is anchored by the Transit Transformation Action Plan (TAP) “desired outcomes” and the mission and vision of the RNM. Items included in this year’s Work
Plan aim to balance between initiatives already having momentum and funding (such as the roll-out of the regional mapping and wayfinding system) and introducing new priorities that would benefit from systematic, consistent regional implementation support, such as cross-agency pilots and initiatives. Work Plan items share a common focus on tangible customer benefits. Proactive attention to these items leads to improved transit competitiveness, faster deployment of change, and regional consistency.

Furthermore, entering its first year, the RNM Council Work Plan must also attend to and advance its evolving competencies, including developing program accountability tools measuring the RNM structure’s effectiveness at driving ambitious TAP outcomes. The Work Plan also introduces an initiative to adopt new regional and customer-focused performance measures to track system improvements and better create a predictable feedback loop with the regional customer.

**Issues:**

None identified.

**Recommendations:**

None identified.

**Attachments:**

- Attachment A: Draft MTC Resolution No. 4622, RNM Council Charter
- Attachment C: Presentation
ABSTRACT

MTC Resolution No. 4622

This resolution defines the role and responsibilities of the Regional Network Management (RNM) Council.

This resolution contains the following attachments:

- Attachment A – which outlines the mission statement, roles, responsibilities, procedures, appointment process and membership criteria for the RNM Council.
- Attachment B – a table listing the current RNM Council membership.

Further discussion of this action is contained in the Regional Network Management Committee memorandum dated December 8, 2023.
Re: Regional Network Management Council Charter

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 4622

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is the regional transportation planning agency for the San Francisco Bay Area pursuant to California Government Code Section 66500 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, MTC is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), pursuant to Section 134(d) of Title 23 of the United States Code (USC) for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area region (the Bay Area or region); and

WHEREAS, MTC convened the Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force (Task Force) in 2020 and 2021 to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and the impacts to transit; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force developed and endorsed the Transit Transformation Action Plan (Action Plan) in July 2021, which identifies near-term actions needed to achieve a more connected, efficient, and user-focused mobility network across the Bay Area and beyond and the Action Plan was received and accepted by MTC in September 2021; and

WHEREAS, MTC approved Resolution No. 4564 on February 22, 2023, which expressed policy support for a Regional Network Management Framework (RNM) to achieve the desired near-term outcomes in the Action Plan and to improve the Bay Area’s regional transit network towards a longer-term transformation; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Network Management Framework outlines initial regional transit focus areas, committees and their roles, and a review process to evolve the RNM structure as needed over the long term; and
WHEREAS, the Regional Network Management Framework proposes a Council of Executive-level Operator and MTC representatives who understand transit operations and can represent the interests of their stakeholders and provide leadership and critical input on regional policies, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Commission authorizes and ratifies the convening of the Regional Network Management Council; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the members of the Regional Network Management Council will be appointed according to the process and shall have the roles and responsibilities as described in Attachment A to this resolution, attached hereto and incorporated herein as though set forth at length; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Regional Network Management Council membership roster is contained in Attachment B to this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Commission may periodically revise Attachment B to reflect changes to Regional Network Management Council representatives.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

The above resolution was entered into by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission at a regular meeting of the Commission held in San Francisco, California, and at other remote locations, on December 20, 2023.
Attachment A: RNM Council Charter

A. RNM Council Purpose, Mission, and Vision

The purpose of the Regional Network Management (RNM) Council is to bring together leadership from transit agencies and MTC to provide executive guidance on regional transit policies and actionable implementation plans in pursuit of the RNM’s Mission and Vision.

The RNM’s Mission is to drive transformative improvements in the customer experience for regional Bay Area transit.

The RNM’s Vision is to advance regional goals in equity, livability, climate, and resiliency through a unified regional transit system that serves all Bay Area populations.

B. RNM Council Membership and Roles

The RNM Council shall be composed of eleven (11) members as follows:

a) Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Executive Director
b) Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) General Manager
c) San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) General Manager
d) Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District (AC Transit) General Manager
e) Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Manager
f) Caltrain Executive Director
g) Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (Golden Gate) General Manager
h) San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans) General Manager
i) Three General Managers representing other transit providers serving the region, selected at the sole discretion of those operators.

RNM Council members shall be ratified to the RNM Council by the MTC Commission.

Each RNM Council member may formally designate up to one named alternate (“Designated Alternate”) per fiscal year. A change to a Designated Alternate prior to the completion of the fiscal year must be approved by the Council. Designated Alternates may attend up to four (4) RNM Council Meetings per year to vote on behalf of the RNM Council member.

The RNM Council shall elect a Chair and Vice-Chair from its members to represent the RNM Council in communications with others, provide input on agendas, and facilitate RNM Council meetings. The Chair and Vice-Chair terms shall be two years. The RNM Council shall elect a
Chair and Vice-Chair at its inaugural convening. Thereafter, elections shall be held biannually prior to the December meeting of odd numbered years. In the event of a change in RNM Council Chair or Vice-Chair membership, the RNM Council shall hold a special election to fill the vacancy until the next regular Chair and Vice-Chair election.

C. RNM Council Roles and Responsibilities

The RNM Council will meet in public at regularly scheduled monthly meetings to direct initiatives that advance the RNM Mission and Vision. The RNM Council has the following roles and responsibilities:

- Elect a Chair and Vice-Chair to represent the RNM Council in communications with others, set agendas, and facilitate RNM Council meetings.
- Adopt an annual Work Plan and budget, if applicable, each fiscal year.
- Provide recommendations to the RNM Committee, other MTC Committees, or other relevant authorities on regional transit policies, actionable implementation plans, and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) related to the effectiveness and performance of the RNM structure.
- Provide direction to dedicated RNM support staff under management of the RNM Director, and, upon agreement, MTC staff, operator staff, or other professionals assigned to work on RNM initiatives.
- Organize Task Forces, Sub-Committees, or Technical Work Groups to inform its actions.
- Establish and monitor regional transit performance KPIs and adjust the Work Plan in response to relevant trends.

D. RNM Council Meetings and Decision-Making

The RNM Council shall have a monthly standing meeting that will be established through the RNM Council’s annual Work Plan. As needed, the RNM Council may hold additional, special meetings. All RNM council meetings will be noticed and open to the public. The RNM Council Chair shall facilitate meetings and provide an opportunity for public comment on each agenda item.

Six (6) members of the RNM Council, including any Designated Alternates attending on behalf of a member, constitute a quorum. In the absence of a quorum, a smaller number of RNM Council members may secure the attendance of absent members by video conference, teleconference, or other means compliant with the Brown Act to establish a quorum.

The RNM Council will act by majority vote. Each member shall have one vote. A consensus shall be sought prior to taking a simple majority vote.

In instances where a decision is approved but not by unanimous vote, the dissenting member(s) may request, if applicable, that the decision be documented to the referring committee to reflect the divergence in positions. Potential characteristics may include, but are not limited to:
• Breakdown of the Council Member vote
• The transit system represented by the dissenting Member vote(s)
• The ridership of the system represented by the dissenting Member vote(s)
• Any minority opinions

This voting procedure shall apply to advisory actions needed as part of the Council Work Plan, and the voting will be re-evaluated should the Council’s role evolve to include decision authority actions on revenue, expenditures, and fares. The goal of any voting structure for the RNM Council should strive for balanced and equitable representation from operators of all sizes in decisions that may impact the riders and/or financial health of transit agencies.

The RNM Council voting structure will be reviewed as part of the RNM framework’s continuous improvement assessment; every 2 years at a minimum.

E. RNM Council Work Plan

The RNM Council shall adopt an annual Work Plan each fiscal year. The RNM Council Work Plan shall be guided by the RNM Mission and Vision. The Work Plan shall also consider any requests for Recommendations from the RNM Committee or other MTC Committees.

At the start of the Work Plan’s preparation, MTC shall identify the available budget to support the RNM Council’s work. A draft of the Work Plan shall be provided to the RNM Committee for review and comment prior to final RNM Council action.

Following RNM Council adoption, the Work Plan may be amended by approval of the RNM Council Chair to address emerging matters or timely opportunities. RNM Council members and the RNM Committee shall be informed of any amendments to the Work Plan.

F. Dedicated RNM Support Staff

The RNM Council will give direction to dedicated RNM Support Staff on the implementation of the annual Work Plan and in development of Recommendations. Dedicated RNM Support Staff will include an RNM Director and other supporting staff members. The RNM Director shall be responsible for development of the RNM Council Work Plan; oversight of other dedicated RNM Support Staff, consultants, and contractors; and the effectuation of the Work Plan adopted by the RNM Council in accordance with the budget.

MTC reserves the right to make decisions regarding hiring, promotion, compensation, and removal of the RNM Director, but it shall collaborate with the RNM Council as part of annual performance reviews and when considering potential candidates for RNM Director.

G. RNM KPIs, Evaluation, and Improvement

The RNM Council will establish KPIs to track the performance of the regional transit network (“Benefits KPIs”). The RNM Council shall also provide Recommendations to the MTC RNM Committee on KPIs related to the effectiveness and performance of the RNM structure (“Program KPIs”).
The MTC RNM Committee will conduct performance reviews every two years, using the established Benefits and Program KPIs to identify improvement opportunities for the newly created structure, including the RNM Council.

H. Relationship to RNM Customer Advisory Group

While the RNM Customer Advisory Group’s main role is to advise the RNM Committee, the RNM Council may request the Customer Advisory Group to provide customer perspectives for certain topics.
Attachment B: RNM Council Membership Roster

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The RNM Council FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25 Work Plan operationalizes collaboration among MTC and the Bay Area's Transit Operators to help realize transit riders' needs across the region.

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Furthermore, entering its first year, the RNM Work Plan must also attend to and advance its evolving competencies, including developing program accountability tools measuring the RNM structure's effectiveness at driving ambitious Transit Transformation Action Plan (TAP) outcomes, as shown below. The Work Plan also introduces an initiative to adopt new regional and customer-focused performance measures to track system improvements and better create a predictable feedback loop with the regional customer.
### Transit Transformation Action Plan Desired Outcomes

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### RNM Council FY23-24 & 24-25 Work Plan

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| RNM Standup Activities | • Develop and adopt FY23-24 & 24-25 Work Plan.  
• RNM Council Charter development and referral by the RNM Committee to the Commission for approval  
• Elect Chair and Vice Chair (2-year term) | End of 2023 |
| Transit Transformation Action Plan (TAP) two-year status update & amendment | • Review TAP two-year status update  
• Review and adopt an amendment to TAP | Late 2023 to early 2024 |
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| **Propose RNM "Program" Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)** | Per the Charter, the RNM Council will be held accountable to a set of Key Performance Indicators to track the performance of the RNM structure and promote continuous improvement. Measures will be evaluated on a 2-year cycle.  
- Recommend measures that will track RNM Structure effectiveness in driving outcomes. | Early 2024 |
| **Define and Adopt "Benefit" Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)** | New regional transit measures focused on the customer benefits are needed to drive the ambitious TAP outcomes and RNM Mission and Vision.  
- Oversee a process to identify and adopt measures to track performance of the regional transit network. The process will build on industry best practices; be conducted in coordination with the region's operators; and will include a phased data management plan. | Early 2024 |
| **RNM Council FY25-26 Work Plan** | • Develop and adopt the RNM Work Plan for FY25-26 | Early to mid-2025 |

**Fares & Payment – simpler consistent and equitable fare and payment options attract more riders.**

Some activities remain under purview of the Fare Integration Task Force (FITF) but are included below to demonstrate the breadth of fare integration & coordination initiatives currently underway.

- **(RNM Council) Clipper START**  
The Clipper START pilot program, launched in July 2020, provides reduced fares for low-income riders. In 2024, all agencies will participate in the program at a consistent 50% discount. | 2024-2025 |
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| **(FITF) Clipper BayPass launch and expansion (e.g. for major events)** [New Activity] | Clipper BayPass was launched to educational institutions and affordable housing properties in 2022. It will be expanded to employers by the end of 2023.  
- Evaluate the Clipper BayPass pilot, contemplate extension of BayPass Phase 1 Pilot, and launch Phase 2 Pilot to employers  
- Explore expansion of Clipper BayPass products for the general public, such as for major events. | Ongoing |
| **(FITF) No-cost/reduced-cost interagency transfers** | The no-cost and reduced cost interagency transfer pilot has been approved by the FITF and will launch with rollout of Next Generation Clipper System.  
- Approve interagency MOU  
- Program evaluation and recommendations after 12 months  
- Support ongoing efforts to identify permanent funding for policy. | Early 2024 to mid-2026 |
<p>| <strong>(FITF) Refine vision for common fare structure for regional transit</strong> | A common fare structure for regional transit is the 3rd policy initiative of Fare Policy Vision Statement. A study is needed to develop common fare structure for regional transit services. | TBD |
| <strong>Customer Information</strong> | Customer Information – integrated mapping, signage and real-time schedule information makes transit easier &amp; more convenient | |</p>
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| **Prototypes and pilots for regional mapping & wayfinding signage** | Work to develop Regional Mapping & Wayfinding Standards is currently underway.  
- Review physical prototype design, installed prototypes, and approve the Final Wayfinding Standards  
- Following adoption, provide guidance to implement standards throughout the region, including identifying pilot locations. | Standards adoption by mid 2024. Implementation ongoing. |
| **Availability and reliability of regional real-time transit data** | While MTC aggregates real-time transit data from operators across the region through 511 SF Bay, additional assessments are needed to further improve customer information.  
- Assess the availability and reliability of real-time transit data feeds (GTFS-RT) produced by each operator.  
- Identify opportunities to improve real-time information, including hardware/software upgrades, or changes to processes, etc.  
- Support execution of priority findings. | 2024-2025 |
| **Strategic/cohesive communications**  
[New Activity] | Opportunities to improve responsiveness and regional cooperation in communications to regional transit riders. | Ongoing |
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| **Coordinated customer experience surveys** [New Activity] | An RNM-initiated regional transit rider survey can provide new perspectives on the transit experience and can contribute to regional transit system measures, target setting and tracking. Data collected in the survey can provide an input to RNM Benefit KPIs.  
  • Provide recommendations on implementation of a proposed regional transit rider experience survey | 2024-2025      |
| **Transit Network – transit services are equitable planned & integrally managed as a unified, efficient & reliable network** | Several efforts are underway to advance transit priority projects throughout the region.  
  • Provide input on the Bus Accelerated Infrastructure Delivery (BusAID) program to fund the delivery of transit priority treatments on arterials, including draft project scoring criteria and weighting and project funding recommendations | Early to mid 2024 |
| Transit priority implementation       | A December 2023 transit priority workshop will be convened with stakeholders across the region.  
  • Input and feedback on the development of a Regional Transit Priority Policy  
  • On-going guidance on implementation of the Regional Transit Priority Policy | 2024            |
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| Transit 2050+                      | Transit 2050+ will develop a service-oriented, fiscally constrained regional transit network plan for the nine county Bay Area.  
• Review MTC transit project performance assessments and provide guidance on the development of transit network concepts  
• Provide input on and recommend a final transit network concept | Early to mid 2024          |
| Accessibility – transit services for older adults, people with disabilities, and those with lower incomes are coordinated efficiently  | Work is currently underway to develop standardized eligibility practices between ADA paratransit and Clipper Regional Transit Connection (RTC) programs.  
• Review and approval of recommended standardized eligibility practices | Early 2024                  |
| Standardize paratransit and Clipper RTC eligibility practices | Regional paratransit trips are served by a combination of one-seat rides and transfer trips with two or more operators. Initiatives to improve regional paratransit trips include a call for projects to expand one-seat rides (OSR) is currently under development.  
• One-seat ride pilot projects  
• Cost-sharing agreements between operators for cross-jurisdictional trips  
• Regional standards for paratransit transfer trips | OSR recommendations in 2024. Cost-sharing and transfer policies in 2024-25. |
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| Funding – transit system uses its resources more efficiently and secures new, dedicated revenue to meet capital and operating needs. | Additional funds are needed to support the entire suite of RNM initiatives. Many TAP initiatives are pilot programs that require identification of ongoing funding.  
- Prioritizing the use of limited funding to advance RNM initiatives  
- Identify opportunities for ongoing funding for priority programs | Ongoing |
| Develop strategies to fully fund TAP initiatives | | |
| Advocacy for funding | Facilitate cooperative activities to support ongoing advocacy to secure funding for transit throughout the region. | Ongoing |
Draft RNM Council Charter and Fiscal Year 2023-24 & FY 24-25 Work Plan

Regional Network Management Council
November 27, 2023
RNM
Implementation Status
Timeline

2020

Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force
In May 2020, MTC created a 32-member Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force ("Task Force") to support MTC in the development of a regional response to address the adverse impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on transit systems in the Bay Area.

Bay Area Transit Transformation Action Plan
In July 2021, the Task Force approved 27 specific near-term actions to re-shape the region’s transit system into a more connected, more efficient, and more user-focused mobility network across the entire Bay Area which formed the Bay Area Transit Transformation Action Plan (TAP).

2021

Network Management Evaluation
- The Task Force requested that a study be completed to select a preferred alternative structure(s) for Regional Network Management (RNM) and recommend next steps to achieve implementation
- Accordingly, MTC established a Network Management Business Case Evaluation project to assess and recommend a preferred regional network management framework to achieve near-term and longer-range transit mobility goals

2022

RNM Stand Up
- In February 2023, MTC approved a regional network management framework to be established
- Throughout 2023, MTC worked to stand up the RNM, including activities such as:
  - Developing charters
  - Hiring dedicated RNM personnel
  - Drafting work plans
  - Creating program management tools
- On July 14, the RNM Committee (formerly the Operations Committee) held its inaugural meeting
- On October 27, the Customer Advisory Committee held its inaugural meeting
- The first RNM Council is planned for November 2023

2023
## Implementation Activities / Status

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RNM Refresher

**RNM Mission:**
To drive transformative improvements in the customer experience for regional Bay Area transit

**RNM Vision:**
To advance regional goals in equity, livability, climate, and resiliency through a unified regional transit system that serves all Bay Area populations

**RNM Objectives:**
- **Deliver Customer Benefits** (e.g., enhanced experience, improved safety, increased accessibility, reduced travel times)
- **Deliver Network Management Benefits** (e.g., improved planning, economies of scale, increased ridership, improved decision making)
- **Deliver Other Public Benefits** (e.g., reduced VMT, economic growth, enhanced connectivity, increased equity)

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**RNM Organizational Structure:**

- **Transit RNM Council**
  - MTC ED
  - Dedicated RNM Support Staff
  - Director of RNM
  - Dedicated Staff
  - Transit Customer Advisory Committee
  - MTC RNM Committee
  - Task Forces & Sub-Committees
  - MTC ED
  - BART GM
  - SFMTA GM
  - AC Transit GM
  - VTA GM
  - Caltrain GM
  - Golden Gate GM
  - SamTrans GM
  - Small Operator Representative
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1Selected by remaining operators
RNM Council
Charter
RNM Council Charter Purpose, Guiding Principles, & Outline

**Charter Purpose**

1. Memorialize *what* the RNM Council is
2. Provide transparency for *how* the RNM Council will operate
3. Better *define the relationship* between the RNM Council and other RNM components and existing structures

**Charter Guiding Principles**

1. Provide clarity without limiting the Council
2. Enable collaborative, but efficient decision making
3. Begin with the imperfect - charter will be tested, and updated as initiatives are enacted

**Charter Outline**

A. RNM Council Purpose
B. RNM Council Roles and Responsibilities
C. RNM Council Work Plan
D. Dedicated RNM Support Staff
E. RNM Council Membership
F. RNM Council Meetings
G. RNM KPIs, Evaluation, and Improvement
The RNM was created to:

1. Drive transformative improvements in the customer experience for regional Bay Area transit (RNM Mission)

2. Advance regional goals in equity, livability, climate, and resiliency through a unified regional transit system that serves all Bay Area populations (RNM Vision)

The purpose of the RNM Council is to:

Bring together leadership from transit agencies and MTC to provide executive guidance on regional transit policies and actionable implementation plans in pursuit of the RNM’s Mission and Vision

Reminder on NMBCAG Recommendation:

11 Member Council

- 7 Large Transit Operators
- 3 Small/Medium Transit Operator Representatives
- 1 Regional - MTC
Proposed Voting Structure

1) **Consensus first:** The RNM Council shall first seek consensus on decisions.

2) **Simple majority:** If consensus cannot be achieved, then a simple majority vote shall be taken, and the divergence in positions may be documented to the referring committee.

3) **One vote per large members:** Large operators plus MTC get one vote each.

4) **Consolidated votes for small/medium operators:** Small/medium operator votes are consolidated through 3 small/medium operator Council Members.

5) **Subject to review:** The RNM Council voting structure will be reviewed for improvement, at a minimum every 2 years, or if evolution in the Council role warrants.

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**Key Takeaways on Voting Structure:**

- Easy to understand and implement
- Accounts for differences in population / rider / agency sizes by providing one vote to larger members and consolidated votes to smaller members
- Can help drive clear recommendations and actions from the RNM Council by leveraging a majority vote when needed
- Can be easily modified over time, as needed, but will not get “outdated” as other weighting structures might as circumstances change (e.g., ridership, population)
The RNM Work Plan: Movement Towards Transformation

The Work Plan provides the foundation for the RNM Council to ...

Promote Partnerships & Perspectives
- Strengthen and build upon collaboration between MTC, transit operators, agencies, and other stakeholders
- Incorporate key customer perspectives and interests of diverse stakeholders

Implement Action Plan Priorities
- Elevate initiatives that deliver tangible outcomes for the customer
- Prioritize and identify required resources and funding for the successful delivery of results

Communicate the Evolution of Regional Transit and its Accomplishments
- Champion and advocate for regional transit priorities
- Tell the “transit story” by sharing progress and achievements to the public and stakeholders

Refine Governance Roles
- Define goals and shape the success of RNM
- Establish new and improved institutional commitments to continuous progressive and long lasting customer focused change in our transit system.
The RNM Council brings together leadership from transit agencies and MTC to provide executive guidance on regional transit policies and actionable implementation plans in pursuit of the RNM’s Mission and Vision.

The **RNM Council FY2023-24 & FY2024-25 Work Plan** includes items that will benefit from transit agency operational expertise and are generally considered to be of regional importance or interest.

The work plan was developed in coordination with transit operators and is anchored by the desired outcomes of the **Transit Transformation Action Plan**.

### Work Plan Purpose

1. Set clear priorities and goals for RNM Council topics and timing

2. Maximize effectiveness of RNM Council meetings and provide a regional venue

### Timeline

**Today: Monday, November 27**

RNM Council review.

**Friday, December 8**

RNM Committee provides additional feedback to be incorporated into the work plan.

**Monday, December 18**

RNM Council acts and approves the work plan.
TAP & RNM Council Work Plan

Transit Transformation Action Plan: Near-term implementation plan that identifies immediate next steps to reshape the Bay Area’s transit network. Provides the framework that guides the RNM Council Work Plan.

RNM Council Work Plan: Annual (1-1.5 year) work plan that outlines key program milestones, including project updates and actions for RNM Council guidance or input.
TAP Desired Outcomes & Work Plan Goals

I. Fares and Payment
- Simpler, consistent, and equitable fare and payment options.

II. Customer Information
- Make transit easier to navigate and more convenient.

III. Transit Network
- Transit services managed as a unified, efficient, and reliable network.

IV. Accessibility
- Transit services for older adults, people with disabilities, and those with lower incomes are coordinated efficiently.

V. Funding
- Use existing resources more efficiently and secure new, dedicated revenue to meet funding needs.

Guided in part by Fare Integration Task Force and Clipper Executive Board

FY23-24 & FY24-25 Work Plan Goals

- Continue to deliver on the Fare Policy Vision Statement actions and leverage new capabilities of the Next Gen Clipper system.
- Deliver a set of regional transit wayfinding standards and implement pilot signage replacement programs to improve transit journey making.
- Deliver more reliable transit through policy, planning, and near-term implementation of projects and service improvements.
- Standardize and improve the paratransit rider experience and better coordinate accessible transportation.
- Lay the groundwork to seek future funding by demonstrating effective use of resources to meet transit rider needs.
Identifying Actions to Drive Tangible Outcomes for Riders

Criteria for Inclusion in the RNM Council Work Plan

Does this topic...

1) Align with the **mission and vision** of the RNM?
2) Require input or action specific to **operator perspectives**?
3) Benefit from a forum that facilitates **regional decision-making**?

The FY2023-24 & FY2024-25 Work Plan includes actions that:

- Result in **direct benefits** to riders
- Demonstrate **positive change** to policymakers and riders ahead of a potential 2026 regional measure
- Are **guided by the TAP outcomes**, including actions that are:
  - Identified in the TAP (currently underway or identified for acceleration)
  - Not identified in the TAP but currently underway due to improved coordination between transit operators
  - **New** activities that are consistent with TAP outcomes
- Enabled by the existence of the RNM through **accelerated decision making** and regional coordination
- Are expected to be completed by the end of FY2024-25 (June 2025)
### RNM Council FY2023-24 & FY2024-25 Work Plan

#### RNM Council Management

- RNM standup activities (Charter, Work Plan, budget, staffing, etc.)
- TAP two-year status update and amendment
- Develop program and benefit KPIs
- Develop FY2025-26 Work Plan

#### Fares & Payment

- Clipper START
  - Currently overseen by the Fare Integration Task Force:
  - Clipper BayPass launch and expansion (e.g. for major events)
- No-cost/reduced-cost interagency transfers
- Refine vision for common fare structure for regional transit

#### Customer Information

- Prototypes and pilots for regional mapping & wayfinding signage
- Availability and reliability of regional real-time transit data
  - Strategic/cohesive communications
  - Coordinated customer experience surveys

#### Transit Network

- Transit priority implementation (e.g., BusAID)
- Regional Transit Priority Policy
- Transit 2050+ project performance assessment and network concepts

#### Accessibility

- Standardize paratransit and Clipper RTC eligibility practices
- Improve regional paratransit trips through one-seat ride pilot programs, improved cost-sharing, and enhanced transfer policies

#### Funding

- Develop strategies to fully fund TAP initiatives
- Ongoing advocacy for funding

#### Legend

- Ongoing TAP work that creates tangible outcomes for riders
- Ongoing TAP work related to planning and policymaking
- New activities
Next Steps

Today: Monday, November 27

Monday, December 18
RNM Council actions and approves the work plan.

Friday, December 8
RNM Committee provides additional feedback to be incorporated into the work plan.

Ongoing
RNM Director works with RNM Council to update/manage work plan.

Wednesday, December 20
MTC Commission approves RNM Council Charter.