Update on Regional Transit Priority Efforts

Regional Network Management Council
December 18, 2023  Agenda Item 5a Attachment A
Today’s Agenda

• Regional Transit Efforts
  o Regional Transit Priority Policy
    • Program Overview & Schedule
  o Bus Accelerated Infrastructure Delivery (BusAID)
    • Program Overview & Schedule
    • Draft Scoring Criteria & Weighting
MTC Long- and Near-Term Plans Underscore Transit’s Importance for the Region

Plan Bay Area 2050 (PBA)

- Infuses billions of dollars into faster, more reliable transit (including rail and express bus service.)
- Improves access to frequent transit and to safe bicycle and pedestrian facilities.
- Achieves state-mandated greenhouse gas reduction target.

Transit Transformation Action Plan

- Key component of PBA 2050’s Implementation Plan.
- Near-term implementation helps revitalize Bay Area transit.
Today’s focus

Plan Bay Area 2050 Action 6F
Transit Transformation Action Plan Actions 9 & 12
What is Transit Priority?

Transit Lanes
Queue Jump Lanes
Turn Restrictions
Stop Siting

HOV Lanes
Transit Signal Priority
Stop Design
Enforcement
Regional Transit Priority Policy

• Establish a regional vision to support the implementation of transit priority initiatives and address barriers such as:
  o Project delivery processes
  o Multi-agency coordination challenges
  o Data availability
  o Limited funding
Regional Transit Priority Policy Schedule

- **Early Coordination & Workshop**
  - *Fall 2023*

- **Policy Development**
  - *Winter/Spring 2024*

- **Policy Adoption & Implementation**
  - *Mid-2024 Onward*
BusAID

• Inventory operator-identified “hotspot” locations with delay or reliability issues and fund the delivery of near-term (quick-build) transit priority projects.

• Intent is to maximize travel time savings and service reliability improvements for the most people as quickly as possible, while centering populations that depend on transit the most.
BusAID Schedule: Phases 1-3
Hotspot Inventory, Project List, Funding Recommendations

- Operator Interviews & Hotspot Inventory
  Spring/Summer 2023

- Hotspot Project List
  Fall 2023/Winter 2024

- Feasibility/Readiness Assessment & Funding Recommendations
  Winter/Spring 2024
BusAID Schedule: Phase 4
Funding, Implementation, and Monitoring

Project Funding Receipt Process
Mid-2024 through Early 2025 (contingent on fund source)

Project Implementation
Mid-2024/Early 2025 Onward

Project Completion & Monitoring
Early 2026 Onward
BusAID Criteria & Weighting (Draft)

• Transit Service (60% weight)
  o Total ridership
  o Potential delay reduction

• Equity (30% weight)
  • Rider demographics
  • Presence of Equity Priority Community (EPC)

• Priority Development Area (10% weight)
  • Presence of Priority Development Area (PDA)
BusAID Feasibility/Readiness Assessment

Not part of project scoring. Used to filter project list, after scoring, to develop funding recommendations, given emphasis on near-term improvements to the transit network.
Ongoing Coordination

• Transit Agency/MPO Shared Management
  o Co-project management on regional transit priority, wayfinding, fare payment, and long-range planning efforts

• Regular Reports to Advisory Bodies
  o RNM Council
  o RNM Customer Advisory Group

• Regular Stakeholder Meetings
  o Transit Priority Working Group (operator staff)
  o Arterial Operations Committee (city/county staff)
  o Bay Area County Transportation Agencies Executive Roundtable (county executives/staff)
  o Bay Area Partnership Accessibility Committee
  o Caltrans Check-Ins (District 4 staff)

• Cross-Department Collaboration at MTC
  o Internal coordination between related MTC efforts
Discussion

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