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Memorandum

Date: December 20, 2023
To: Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)
From: MTC Policy Advisory Council Chair, Randi Kinman
Regarding: December 2023 Council Report to Commission

Summary:

This memo provides a summary of the activity of the Policy Advisory Council (Council) over the previous two months.

October 27, 2023 Meetings

The Council met on October 27, 2023. The following items were reviewed:

- Plan Bay Area 2050+: Round 1 Engagement Findings, Draft Core Planning Assumptions, and Draft Blueprint Strategy Refinements
- Draft 2024 MTC and ABAG Joint Advocacy Program
- Draft 2023-2026 MTC Capital Program

The Council provided feedback on the Plan Bay Area 2050+ materials, including the Round 1 engagement findings, draft core planning assumptions, and draft blueprint strategy refinements.

There is a suite of programs that is meant to ensure PBA 2050+ meets all goals for sustainability and equity. However, the council remains concerned because the only portion of the suite they are heavily involved with is the NextGen Freeway Study. As this study develops, there are a number of questions that haven't been answered, mitigations that haven't been studied and financial analyses that have not been assessed. We understand there will be future work, we look forward to participating in these conversations, but we remain concerned that these issues are not following a parallel track or have a timeline for study.

The Council also provided feedback on the draft 2024 MTC and ABAG Joint Advocacy Program and the draft 2023-2026 MTC Capital Program.

In addition, the **Regional Network Management Customer Advisory Group (Advisory Group)** met for the first time. The Advisory Group was reconstituted from the previous Transit Transformation Action Plan (TAP) Subcommittee. After a brief staff orientation, the Advisory Group was provided an update on the Bus Accelerated Infrastructure Delivery (BusAID) Program: Draft Scoring Criteria.

November 17 Meeting Canceled

The Council & Equity and Access Subcommittee meetings scheduled for November 17, 2023 were canceled due to disruptions related to the Asia Pacific Economic Conference (APEC) hosted in San Francisco that week. However, the following materials were shared with Council Members:

- Policy Advisory Council:
 - Regional Transportation Revenue Measure Update
 - Bay Area Near-Term Transit Shortfalls, Funding, and Accountability
- Equity and Access Subcommittee
 - Regional Transit Connection (RTC) Program Update
 - Transformation Action Plan Action 22, One-Seat Ride Pilot Program - Draft Concepts

The Council Members were able to review and provide feedback on these materials, before and during the December 15, 2023 Council meeting.

December 15, 2023

The Council met again on December 15 to receive an update on Plan Bay Area 2050+ Draft Blueprint, and also opened up nominations for the 2024-2025 leadership terms for the Policy Advisory Council Chair and Vice Chair positions. Those leadership elections are set to take place at the January Council meeting.

The Equity and Access Subcommittee also met and were provided with a progress report on the One-Seat Ride Pilot Program (Action 22 of the Transformation Action Plan).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

-Randi Kinman

Chair, Policy Advisory Council