

Bay Area Partnership Board

April 29, 2026

Agenda Item 5c-26-0365

Fiscal Year 2026-27 Overall Work Program (OWP)

Subject:

Overview of the draft FY 2026-27 Overall Work Program (OWP), a collaborative metropolitan planning process involving federal, state, regional, and local transportation partners.

Background:

The Overall Work Program (OWP) is an annual or biennial statement of work identifying the planning priorities and activities to be carried out within a metropolitan planning area. At a minimum, an OWP includes a description of the planning work and resulting products, who will perform the work, time frames for completing the work, the cost of the work, and the source(s) of funds. Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) are required to develop an OWP to govern work programs for the expenditure of Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and State planning funds pursuant to Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 450.308(b). As the federally designated MPO for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area region, MTC annually develops and maintains the OWP, which is the principal document governing the budget, allocation, and use of federal and state transportation planning funds. Annual funding for the MPO transportation planning activities is primarily provided through the Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG), which is awarded by Caltrans, FHWA, and FTA.

Notable Priorities for FY26-27:

The Draft OWP (available at <https://mtc.ca.gov/about-mtc/administrative-requirements/overall-work-program-owp>) is informed by *Plan Bay Area 2050+*, adopted by MTC and ABAG in March 2026. High priority actions for next year include but are not limited to:

- Implementing the One Bay Area Grant Cycle 4 (OBAG 4) funding program for Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)/Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds.
- Conducting listening sessions with stakeholders in the public sector and with interested non-profit organizations as part of an initial phase of the Equity Priority Communities (EPC) Refresh, funded by Senate Bill 1 (non-federal) planning dollars.

- Supporting active transportation planning at the local level, with development of a Vision Zero Data Collection Toolkit; completion of the Bay Trail Needs, Operations, and Maintenance Assessment; and advancement of the Safe Streets 4 All grant.
- Advancing transit transformation initiatives, including bus stop design guidelines as part of the Mapping & Wayfinding pilot; potential Phase 2 of the SB 63 Financial Efficiency Review; and evaluation of the Clipper START means-based program.
- Initiating a major regional plan update, known as *Plan Bay Area 2060*, including scenario planning, performance evaluation, and/or policy papers to explore varying trajectories for the region, including an investigation of potential impacts from shifting demographics, technological advancements and fiscal uncertainty.

Issues:

Similar to FY25-26, the federal transportation policy landscape remains dynamic. MTC staff are continuing to monitor and track developments in this space, including implications for funding, operations, and work planning.

Next Steps:

MTC staff provided the Draft OWP for review to Caltrans, FHWA, and FTA on March 6, 2026 and received feedback on April 6, 2026. MTC staff are actively incorporating revisions to address comments received from state and federal agencies in the final FY 2026-27 OWP and will further consider any feedback provided at today's Partnership Board meeting prior to submittal to state and federal partners next month.

Attachments:

- Presentation



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