Meeting Minutes

Metropolitan Transportation Commission

Alfredo Pedroza, Chair   Nick Josefowitz, Vice Chair

Wednesday, April 28, 2021     9:35 AM     Board Room - 1st Floor (REMOTE)

Call Remote Meeting to Order

1. Roll Call / Confirm Quorum

Present: 17 - Chair Pedroza, Vice Chair Josefowitz, Commissioner Abe-Koga, Commissioner Ahn, Commissioner Canepa, Commissioner Chavez, Commissioner Connolly, Commissioner Dutra-Vernaci, Commissioner Fleming, Commissioner Glover, Commissioner Liccardo, Commissioner Miley, Commissioner Papan, Commissioner Ronen, Commissioner Schaaf, Commissioner Spering, and Commissioner Worth

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Rabbitt

Non-Voting Commissioners Present: Commissioner Giacopini
Non-Voting Commissioners Absent: Commissioner El-Tawansy

2. Pledge of Allegiance / Acknowledgement of the Flag

Commissioner Miley arrived during the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Compensation Announcement (Clerk)

4. Chair’s Report (Pedroza)

21-0715 New Commissioner Appointment

Upon the motion by Commissioner Spering and the second by Commissioner Dutra-Vernaci, the Commission unanimously approved the Committee Assignments for new Commissioner Victoria Fleming. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 17 - Chair Pedroza, Vice Chair Josefowitz, Commissioner Abe-Koga, Commissioner Ahn, Commissioner Canepa, Commissioner Chavez, Commissioner Connolly, Commissioner Dutra-Vernaci, Commissioner Fleming, Commissioner Glover, Commissioner Liccardo, Commissioner Miley, Commissioner Papan, Commissioner Ronen, Commissioner Schaaf, Commissioner Spering and Commissioner Worth

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Rabbitt
4a. 21-0657  MTC Resolution No. 4476 - Resolution of Appreciation for Jim Macrae on the occasion of his retirement from MTC.

Action: Commission Approval

Upon the motion by Commissioner Worth and the second by Commissioner Spering, the Commission unanimously adopted MTC Resolution No. 4476. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 17 - Chair Pedroza, Vice Chair Josefowitz, Commissioner Abe-Koga, Commissioner Ahn, Commissioner Canepa, Commissioner Chavez, Commissioner Connolly, Commissioner Dutra-Vernaci, Commissioner Fleming, Commissioner Glover, Commissioner Liccardo, Commissioner Miley, Commissioner Papan, Commissioner Ronen, Commissioner Schaaf, Commissioner Spering and Commissioner Worth

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Rabbitt

4b. 21-0658  MTC Resolution No. 4477 - Resolution of Appreciation for Joel Markowitz on the occasion of his retirement from MTC.

Action: Commission Approval

Upon the motion by Commissioner Spering and the second by Commissioner Glover, the Commission unanimously adopted MTC Resolution No. 4477. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 17 - Chair Pedroza, Vice Chair Josefowitz, Commissioner Abe-Koga, Commissioner Ahn, Commissioner Canepa, Commissioner Chavez, Commissioner Connolly, Commissioner Dutra-Vernaci, Commissioner Fleming, Commissioner Glover, Commissioner Liccardo, Commissioner Miley, Commissioner Papan, Commissioner Ronen, Commissioner Schaaf, Commissioner Spering and Commissioner Worth

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Rabbitt


6. Executive Director's Report (McMillan)

21-0697  E.D. Report

7. Commissioner Comments

8. Consent Calendar:

Upon the motion by Commissioner Worth and the second by Commissioner Glover, the Consent Calendar was unanimously approved by the following vote:

Aye: 17 - Chair Pedroza, Vice Chair Josefowitz, Commissioner Abe-Koga, Commissioner Ahn, Commissioner Canepa, Commissioner Chavez, Commissioner Connolly, Commissioner Dutra-Vernaci, Commissioner Fleming, Commissioner Glover, Commissioner Liccardo, Commissioner Miley, Commissioner Papan, Commissioner Ronen, Commissioner Schaaf, Commissioner Spering and Commissioner Worth

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Rabbitt
8a. 21-0551 Minutes of the March 24, 2021 meeting

Action: Commission Approval

8b. 21-0553 Monthly Report of Transit Operator Statistics on Healthy Transit Plan Performance

Action: Information

Programming and Allocations Committee

8c. 21-0434 MTC Resolution No. 3685, Revised. Regional Measure 2 (RM2) Project 35: Rescission of $1.6 million and allocation of $2.1 million in RM2 funds to MTC to engage a consultant to implement recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force.

Action: Commission Approval
Presenter: Anne Spevack

8d. 21-0446 MTC Resolution No. 4412, Revised. Regional Measure 3 (RM3) Letters of No Prejudice to the Alameda County Transportation Commission for the SR-262 (Mission Blvd) Cross Connector Project, and to the Solano Transportation Authority for the I-80 Westbound Truck Scales Project.

Action: Commission Approval
Presenter: Kenneth Kao

8e. 21-0453 MTC Resolution No. 4428, Revised. Regional Measure 2 (RM2). Revision to Regional Measure 2 (RM2) Operating and Marketing Program to adjust the ferry program and make minor changes to the marketing program.

Action: Commission Approval
Presenter: Terence Lee

8f. 21-0431 MTC Resolution No. 4475, Revised. 2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment 2021-03

Action: Commission Approval
Presenter: Adam Crenshaw

8g. 21-0527 MTC Resolution No. 4202, Revised. Revisions to the One Bay Area Grant 2 Program (OBAG 2) to change the federal fund source of $13.9 million for the Golden Gate Bridge Suicide Deterrent System project.

Action: Commission Approval
Presenter: Mallory Atkinson
8h. 21-0541 MTC Resolution Nos. 4453, Revised and 4461. Programming of FTA Section 5311 Rural Area funds: $4.7 million in Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) Section 5311 funds and $1.8 million in FY2020-21 Section 5311 formula funds.

Action: Commission Approval
Presenter: Craig Bosman

Joint MTC ABAG Legislation Committee

8i. 21-0318 Advocacy Principles to Guide Legislation Aimed at Improving the Bay Area’s Transit System. Advocacy principles to guide MTC’s legislative advocacy regarding Assemblymember Chiu’s anticipated 2021 legislation aimed at improving the performance and connectivity of the Bay Area’s public transit system.

Action: Commission Approval
Presenter: Rebecca Long

Committee Reports

9. Administration Committee (Glover)

9a. 21-0472 MTC Resolution No. 4421, Revised - FY 2020-21 Overall Work Program (OWP) Amendment No. 3

A request that the Committee refer MTC Resolution No. 4421, Revised, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) FY 2020-21 Overall Work Program (OWP), Amendment No. 3 to the Commission, which decreases our final grant transportation planning funds from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) PL by $487,343 and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5303 planning funds by $173,178. Although MTC has a funding rescission, MTC is still committed to completing the transportation planning activities for FY 2020-21. This also includes revisions to the scope of work and revenue and expenses line items within work elements.

Action: Commission Approval
Presenter: Brian Mayhew

Upon the motion by Commissioner Glover and the second by Commissioner Papan, the Commission unanimously adopted MTC Resolution No. 4421, Revised.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 17 - Chair Pedroza, Vice Chair Josefowitz, Commissioner Abe-Koga, Commissioner Ahn, Commissioner Canepa, Commissioner Chavez, Commissioner Connolly, Commissioner Dutra-Vernaci, Commissioner Fleming, Commissioner Glover, Commissioner Liccardo, Commissioner Miley, Commissioner Papan, Commissioner Ronen, Commissioner Schaaf, Commissioner Spering and Commissioner Worth
MTC Resolution No. 4458 - FY 2021-22 Overall Work Program (OWP), Planning Certification, and Authorization for Execution of Agreements for Federal and State Planning Grants.

A request for approval of the FY 2021-22 OWP, which guides the collaborative metropolitan transportation planning process involving MTC, ABAG, Caltrans, and other local transportation partners and for authorization to enter into agreements for transportation planning funds.

**Action:** Commission Approval

**Presenter:** Brian Mayhew

Upon the motion by Commissioner Glover and the second by Commissioner Spering, the Commission unanimously adopted MTC Resolution No. 4458. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 17 - Chair Pedroza, Vice Chair Josefowitz, Commissioner Abe-Koga, Commissioner Ahn, Commissioner Canepa, Commissioner Chavez, Commissioner Connolly, Commissioner Dutra-Vernaci, Commissioner Fleming, Commissioner Glover, Commissioner Liccardo, Commissioner Miley, Commissioner Papan, Commissioner Ronen, Commissioner Schaaf, Commissioner Spering and Commissioner Worth

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Rabbitt

10. Programming and Allocations Committee (Rabbit)

MTC Resolution Nos. 4202, Revised and 4412, Revised. Adoption of Senate Bill 1 Alternate Funding Plan for RM3 funds and RM3 Letters of No Prejudice

Adoption of alternate funding plan for Senate Bill 1 (SB1) projects with matching Regional Measure 3 (RM3) funds, to maintain delivery commitments.

**Action:** Commission Approval

**Presenter:** Kenneth Kao

Upon the motion by Commissioner Papan and the second by Commissioner Connolly, the Commission unanimously adopted MTC Resolution Nos. 4202, Revised and 4412, Revised. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 17 - Chair Pedroza, Vice Chair Josefowitz, Commissioner Abe-Koga, Commissioner Ahn, Commissioner Canepa, Commissioner Chavez, Commissioner Connolly, Commissioner Dutra-Vernaci, Commissioner Fleming, Commissioner Glover, Commissioner Liccardo, Commissioner Miley, Commissioner Papan, Commissioner Ronen, Commissioner Schaaf, Commissioner Spering and Commissioner Worth

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Rabbitt
10b. **21-0433**

MTC Resolution No. 4403, Revised. 2021 Regional Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 5 Program of Projects.

The 2021 Regional ATP Cycle 5 provides $37 million in new programming covering FY2021-22 through FY2024-25. Staff recommendations are based on a competitive evaluation of project applications.

**Action:** Commission Approval

**Presenter:** Karl Anderson

Upon the motion by Commissioner Papan and the second by Commissioner Dutra-Vernaci, the Commission unanimously adopted MTC Resolution No. 4403, Revised. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 17 - Chair Pedroza, Vice Chair Josefowitz, Commissioner Abe-Koga, Commissioner Ahn, Commissioner Canepa, Commissioner Chavez, Commissioner Connolly, Commissioner Dutra-Vernaci, Commissioner Fleming, Commissioner Glover, Commissioner Liccardo, Commissioner Miley, Commissioner Papan, Commissioner Ronen, Commissioner Schaaf, Commissioner Spering and Commissioner Worth

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Rabbitt

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10c. **21-0454**

MTC Resolution Nos. 4430, Revised and 4431, Revised. An allocation of $124 million in FY 2020-21 Transportation Development Act (TDA) and State Transit Assistance (STA) funds to various operators.

Initial allocation of $48 million to Samtrans and additional allocation of funds to other operators based on revised FY 2020-21 revenue projections included in the FY 2021-22 Fund Estimate, MTC Resolution 4450 adopted in February 2021.

**Action:** Commission Approval

**Presenter:** Terence Lee

Roland Lebrun was called to speak.

Upon the motion by Commissioner Papan and the second by Commissioner Dutra-Vernaci, the Commission unanimously adopted MTC Resolution Nos. 4430, Revised and 4431, Revised. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 17 - Chair Pedroza, Vice Chair Josefowitz, Commissioner Abe-Koga, Commissioner Ahn, Commissioner Canepa, Commissioner Chavez, Commissioner Connolly, Commissioner Dutra-Vernaci, Commissioner Fleming, Commissioner Glover, Commissioner Liccardo, Commissioner Miley, Commissioner Papan, Commissioner Ronen, Commissioner Schaaf, Commissioner Spering and Commissioner Worth

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Rabbitt
10d. **21-0470** MTC Resolution Nos. 4456, 4457, 4169, Revised, and 4272, Revised

Programming of $506.3 million in FTA Formula Revenues, AB 664 Bridge Tolls, and BATA Project Savings for FY 2020-21, for transit operator state-of-good-repair consistent with the Transit Capital Priorities (TCP) Process and Criteria, including discussion of a proposed plan for financing against future FTA revenues. Updates to the FY2016-17-FY 2019-20 TCP Program totaling approximately $41 million.

*Action:* Commission Approval

*Presenter:* Craig Bosman

Aleta Dupree was called to speak.

Upon the motion by Commissioner Papan and the second by Commissioner Dutra-Vernaci, the Commission unanimously adopted MTC Resolution Nos. 4456, 4457, 4169, Revised, and 4272, Revised. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 17 - Chair Pedroza, Vice Chair Josefowitz, Commissioner Abe-Koga, Commissioner Ahn, Commissioner Canepa, Commissioner Chavez, Commissioner Connolly, Commissioner Dutra-Vernaci, Commissioner Fleming, Commissioner Glover, Commissioner Liccardo, Commissioner Miley, Commissioner Papan, Commissioner Ronen, Commissioner Schaaf, Commissioner Spering and Commissioner Worth

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Rabbitt

11. **Operations Committee (Dutra-Vernaci)**

11a. **21-0426** Regional Express Lanes Strategic Plan

Adoption of a Bay Area Express Lanes Strategic Plan, which links the broader Express Lanes Network purpose, goals, and strategies to the regional strategic goals of Plan Bay Area 2050. Based on over a year of research and collaboration with Bay Area express lane partners, staff proposes recommendations and near-term actions that represent concrete steps to move the Express Lanes Network forward and link it to regional strategic goals.

*Action:* Commission Approval

*Presenter:* Jim Macrae

Aleta Dupree was called to speak.

Upon the motion by Commissioner Dutra-Vernaci and the second by Commissioner Papan, the Commission unanimously adopted the Regional Express Lanes Strategic Plan. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 17 - Chair Pedroza, Vice Chair Josefowitz, Commissioner Abe-Koga, Commissioner Ahn, Commissioner Canepa, Commissioner Chavez, Commissioner Connolly, Commissioner Dutra-Vernaci, Commissioner Fleming, Commissioner Glover, Commissioner Liccardo, Commissioner Miley, Commissioner Papan, Commissioner Ronen, Commissioner Schaaf, Commissioner Spering and Commissioner Worth
Absent: 1 - Commissioner Rabbitt

12. Joint MTC ABAG Legislation Committee (Liccardo)

12a. 21-0534  Assembly Bill 629 (Chiu): Seamless and Resilient Transit Act

Requires MTC to designate transit priority corridors to support fast and reliable transit service and to create a pilot of a multi-operator transit fare pass. MTC develop a regional transit mapping and wayfinding system and operators comply with it by a specified date. Sets new rules for transit operators with respect to real time transit information.

Action: Support and Seek Amendments / MTC Commission Approval

Presenter: Rebecca Long

Written public comments were received from Rick Coates, Rebecca Ratcliff, Stephanie Beechem, Deborah Armstrong, Frank Viggiano, Dahni-EI, Kristal Caidoy, and Alison McDougall-Weil.

The following members of the public were called to speak: Sheila Gun-Cushman, Roland Lebrun, and Aleta Dupree.

Upon the motion by Commissioner Liccardo and the second by Commissioner Spering, the Commission unanimously adopted a support and seek amendments on AB 629. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chair Pedroza, Vice Chair Josefowitz, Commissioner Abe-Koga, Commissioner Ahn, Commissioner Canepa, Commissioner Chavez, Commissioner Connolly, Commissioner Dutra-Vernaci, Commissioner Fleming, Commissioner Glover, Commissioner Liccardo, Commissioner Miley, Commissioner Papan, Commissioner Ronen, Commissioner Schaaf, Commissioner Spering and Commissioner Worth

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Rabbitt

12b. 21-0393  Resiliency/Climate Adaptation Advocacy Principles

Adopt advocacy principles to guide legislative engagement on climate adaptation legislation, including but not limited to: Assembly Bill 11 (Ward), Assembly Bill 50 (Boerner-Horvath), and Assembly Bill 51 (Quirk) and Assembly Bill 897 (Mullin) as well as resilience-related bond proposals, Assembly Bill 1500 (Garcia) and Senate Bill 45 (Portantino). And update on actions taken by the ABAG Executive Board since the Committees’ action and referral on March 12, 2021 will be presented by staff.

Action: Support / ABAG Executive Board Approval
Support / MTC Commission Approval

Presenter: Rebecca Long

Upon the motion by Commissioner Liccardo and the second by Commissioner Chavez, this Report was adopted a support position on the Resiliency/Climate Adaptation Advocacy Principles. The motion carried by the following vote:
Aye: 17 - Chair Pedroza, Vice Chair Josefowitz, Commissioner Abe-Koga, Commissioner Ahn, Commissioner Canepa, Commissioner Chavez, Commissioner Connolly, Commissioner Dutra-Vernaci, Commissioner Fleming, Commissioner Glover, Commissioner Liccardo, Commissioner Miley, Commissioner Papan, Commissioner Ronen, Commissioner Schaaf, Commissioner Spering and Commissioner Worth

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Rabbitt

12c. 21-0530 Assembly Bill 917 (Bloom): Camera-Based Enforcement for Transit Stops and Transit Only Lanes

Expands an existing pilot program authorizing camera-based enforcement for parking violations in a transit-only traffic lane or transit stop or station.

Action: Support / MTC Commission Approval

Presenter: Rebecca Long

Upon the motion by Commissioner Liccardo and the second by Commissioner Schaaf, the Commission unanimously adopted a support position on AB 917. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 17 - Chair Pedroza, Vice Chair Josefowitz, Commissioner Abe-Koga, Commissioner Ahn, Commissioner Canepa, Commissioner Chavez, Commissioner Connolly, Commissioner Dutra-Vernaci, Commissioner Fleming, Commissioner Glover, Commissioner Liccardo, Commissioner Miley, Commissioner Papan, Commissioner Ronen, Commissioner Schaaf, Commissioner Spering and Commissioner Worth

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Rabbitt

12d. 21-0531 Assembly Bill 476 (Mullin): Transit Bus on Shoulder Pilot Program

Authorizes the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to establish a pilot program of up to eight projects allowing for the operation of transit buses on the shoulders of state highways.

Action: Support and Seek Amendments / MTC Commission Approval

Presenter: Rebecca Long

Upon the motion by Commissioner Liccardo and the second by Commissioner Connolly, the Commission unanimously adopted a support and seek amendments position on AB 476. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 17 - Chair Pedroza, Vice Chair Josefowitz, Commissioner Abe-Koga, Commissioner Ahn, Commissioner Canepa, Commissioner Chavez, Commissioner Connolly, Commissioner Dutra-Vernaci, Commissioner Fleming, Commissioner Glover, Commissioner Liccardo, Commissioner Miley, Commissioner Papan, Commissioner Ronen, Commissioner Schaaf, Commissioner Spering and Commissioner Worth

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Rabbitt
12e. 21-0533 Assembly Bill 43 (Friedman): Vision Zero-Setting Speed Limits to Enhance Roadway Safety

Provides greater flexibility to local jurisdictions to set speed limits on streets with high injuries and fatalities.

**Action:** Support / ABAG Executive Board Approval
Support / MTC Commission Approval

**Presenter:** Rebecca Long and Shruti Hari

Upon the motion by Commissioner Liccardo and the second by Commissioner Schaaf, the Commission adopted a support position on AB 43. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 17 - Chair Pedroza, Vice Chair Josefowitz, Commissioner Abe-Koga, Commissioner Ahn, Commissioner Canepa, Commissioner Chavez, Commissioner Connolly, Commissioner Dutra-Vernaci, Commissioner Fleming, Commissioner Glover, Commissioner Liccardo, Commissioner Miley, Commissioner Papan, Commissioner Ronen, Commissioner Schaaf, Commissioner Spering and Commissioner Worth

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Rabbitt

12f. 21-0532 Assembly Bill 550 (Chiu): Vision Zero: Speed Safety Cameras

Establishes a speed-safety camera pilot program in highway work and local zones.

**Action:** Support / ABAG Executive Board Approval
Support / MTC Commission Approval

**Presenter:** Rebecca Long and Shruti Hari

Upon the motion by Commissioner Liccardo and the second by Commissioner Schaaf, the Commission unanimously adopted a support position on AB 550. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 17 - Chair Pedroza, Vice Chair Josefowitz, Commissioner Abe-Koga, Commissioner Ahn, Commissioner Canepa, Commissioner Chavez, Commissioner Connolly, Commissioner Dutra-Vernaci, Commissioner Fleming, Commissioner Glover, Commissioner Liccardo, Commissioner Miley, Commissioner Papan, Commissioner Ronen, Commissioner Schaaf, Commissioner Spering and Commissioner Worth

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Rabbitt
13. Commission Approval

13a. **21-0552** Public Transit Network Management Evaluation: Bay Area Transit Organization Structure Consultant Bench, Category C: VIA Architecture, Inc. ($200,000)

A request for Commission approval to negotiate and enter into a contract with VIA Architecture, Inc. for the term of May 1, 2021 to August 31, 2021 to inform the Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force’s (BRTRTF) evaluation of public transit network management options.

**Action:** Commission Approval

**Presenter:** Therese McMillan (Shruti Hari)

Upon the motion by Commissioner Spering and the second by Commissioner Worth, the Commission unanimously approved the Bay Area Transit Organization Structure Consultant Bench with VIA Architecture, Inc. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Chair Pedroza, Vice Chair Josefowitz, Commissioner Abe-Koga, Commissioner Ahn, Commissioner Canepa, Commissioner Chavez, Commissioner Connolly, Commissioner Dutra-Vernaci, Commissioner Fleming, Commissioner Glover, Commissioner Liccardo, Commissioner Miley, Commissioner Papan, Commissioner Ronen, Commissioner Schaaf, Commissioner Spering and Commissioner Worth

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Rabbitt

14. Public Comment / Other Business

Written public comment was received from Amanda Brown Stevens of Greenbelt Alliance and also signed by David Lewis of Save the Bay, Alice Kaufman of Green Foothills, Andrea Mackenzie of Open Space Authority, Liz O'Donoghue of The Nature Conservancy, Rev. Earl W. Koteen of Green the Church, Bob Berman of Solano County Orderly Growth Committee, Jerry Kent of Claremont Canyon Conservancy, and Annie Burke of TOGETHER Bay Area.

The following members of the public were called to speak: Roland Lebrun, Sheila Gun-Cushman, and Aleta Dupree.

**21-0700** Public Comment

15. Adjournment / Next Meetings:

The next meeting of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 9:35 a.m. remotely and by webcast. Any changes to the schedule will be duly noticed to the public.