Meeting Minutes

Metropolitan Transportation Commission

Alfredo Pedroza, Chair     Nick Josefowitz, Vice Chair

Wednesday, October 25, 2023  9:40 AM  Board Room - 1st Floor

Vice Chair Josefowitz called the meeting to order at 9:52 a.m.

1. Roll Call / Confirm Quorum

   Present:  14 - Vice Chair Josefowitz, Commissioner Abe-Koga, Commissioner Canepa, Commissioner Chavez, Commissioner Dutra-Vernaci, Commissioner Fleming, Commissioner Glover, Commissioner Mahan, Commissioner Miley, Commissioner Noack, Commissioner Papan, Commissioner Rabbitt, Commissioner Ronen, and Commissioner Spering

   Absent:  4 - Chair Pedroza, Commissioner Ahn, Commissioner Moulton-Peters, and Commissioner Thao

Non-Voting Commissioner Present: Commissioner Giacopini

Non-Voting Commissioner Absent: Commissioner El-Tawansy and Commissioner Schaaf

2. Chair’s Report


3a. 23-1167  Policy Advisory Council Report

    Action:  Information

    Randi Kinman, Policy Advisory Council Chair, gave the report.

4. Executive Director’s Report

4a. 23-1168  Executive Director’s Report

    Action:  Information

    Andrew Fremier, Executive Director, gave the report.

5. Commissioner Comments
6. Consent Calendar

Commissioner Dutra Vernaci was absent during the vote for the consent calendar.

Upon the motion by Commissioner Glover and seconded by Commissioner Rabbitt, the Commission unanimously approved the Consent Calendar by the following vote:

**Aye:** 13 - Vice Chair Josefowitz, Commissioner Abe-Koga, Commissioner Canepa, Commissioner Chavez, Commissioner Fleming, Commissioner Glover, Commissioner Mahan, Commissioner Miley, Commissioner Noack, Commissioner Papan, Commissioner Rabbitt, Commissioner Ronen and Commissioner Spering

**Absent:** 5 - Chair Pedroza, Commissioner Ahn, Commissioner Dutra-Vernaci, Commissioner Moulton-Peters and Commissioner Thao

6a. **23-1171** Approval of Commission Minutes of the September 27, 2023 Meeting

*Action:* Commission Approval

**Administration Committee**

6b. **23-1198** MTC Resolution No. 3619, Revised. Recommended Revisions to Executive Director’s Signature Authority.

*Action:* Commission Approval

*Presenter:* Michael Brinton

6c. **23-1221** MTC Resolution No. 4611. MTC 2023 Title VI Triennial Report

*Action:* Commission Approval

*Presenter:* Michael Brinton
Programming and Allocations Committee

6d. 23-1215 MTC Resolution No. 4404, Revised. Regional Measure 3 (RM3) Policies and Procedures

  **Action:** Commission Approval

  **Presenter:** Raleigh McCoy

6e. 23-1138 MTC Resolution Nos. 4556, 4570, and 4571, Revised. FY 2023-24 MTC Fund Estimate and FY 2023-24 Transportation Development Act (TDA) and State Transit Assistance (STA) Allocations.

  **Action:** Commission Approval

  **Presenter:** Terence Lee

6f. 23-1034 MTC Resolution Nos. 3989, Revised and 4505, Revised. Various revisions to the One Bay Area Grant program (OBAG 3) and MTC exchange program, including programming $1.5 million to MTC for Engagement and Capacity Building for Community-Based Transportation Plans (CBTPs) and the Community Action Resource and Empowerment (CARE) Program; $600,000 to MTC for Bay Wheels Bikeshare E-Bike Expansion; and $2.3 million to MTC for various Priority Production Areas (PPA) Pilot Program grants.

  **Action:** Commission Approval

  **Presenter:** Thomas Arndt

6g. 23-1159 MTC Resolution No. 4617. BART Railcar Replacement

  **Action:** Commission Approval

  **Presenter:** Derek Hansel and Theresa Romell
Committee Report

7. Programming and Allocations Committee (Chavez)

7a. 23-1158 MTC Resolution Nos. 4537, Revised and 4130 Revised. Major Project Advancement Policy and Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program Framework

Proposed revisions to the Major Project Advancement Policy (MAP) and the MTC Framework for the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) state funding program. Proposed revisions include:
1. Commit $770 million in FY2023-24 and FY2024-25 TIRCP funding to the BART Core Capacity Program ($350M), the VTA BART to Silicon Valley Phase 2 project ($375M) and a Transit Operations Reserve ($45M).
2. Adoption of the Stage Gate process for MAP projects to move between levels based on an evaluation of cost and funding, policy reinforcements and readiness.

Action: Commission Approval

Presenter: Kenneth Folan

The following members of the public were called to speak: Charles Lavery (MTC Policy Advisory Council), Esmeralda Rodriguez (Office of Councilmember Torres), and Tatiana (Latina Coalition of Silicon Valley).

Upon the motion by Commissioner Chavez and seconded by Commissioner Ronen, the Commission unanimously adopted MTC Resolution Nos. 4537, Revised and 4130 Revised. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 14 - Vice Chair Josefowitz, Commissioner Abe-Koga, Commissioner Canepa, Commissioner Chavez, Commissioner Dutra-Vernaci, Commissioner Fleming, Commissioner Glover, Commissioner Mahan, Commissioner Miley, Commissioner Noack, Commissioner Papan, Commissioner Rabbitt, Commissioner Ronen and Commissioner Spering

Absent: 4 - Chair Pedroza, Commissioner Ahn, Commissioner Moulton-Peters and Commissioner Thao
7b.  23-1155  MTC Resolution Nos. 4606, 4607 and 4608. Allocation of $43.8 million in Regional Measure 3 (RM3) capital funds to Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA), Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM), and Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA).

Recommended allocation of a total $43.8 million in RM3 capital funds to Sonoma County Transportation Authority and Metropolitan Transportation Commission (SR 37 Sears Point to Mare Island Improvement Project), Transportation Authority of Marin (Richmond-San Rafael Bridge Access Improvements: U.S. 101/ I-580 Multi-modal and Local Access Improvement Project), Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (San Jose Diridon Station Project).

**Action:** Commission Approval

**Presenter:** Julieth Ortiz

Written correspondence was received from Roland Lebrun.

Upon the motion by Commissioner Chavez and seconded by Commissioner Mahan, the Commission unanimously adopted MTC Resolution Nos. 4606, 4607 and 4608. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 14 - Vice Chair Josefowitz, Commissioner Abe-Koga, Commissioner Canepa, Commissioner Chavez, Commissioner Dutra-Vernaci, Commissioner Fleming, Commissioner Glover, Commissioner Mahan, Commissioner Miley, Commissioner Noack, Commissioner Papan, Commissioner Rabbitt, Commissioner Ronen and Commissioner Spering

**Absent:** 4 - Chair Pedroza, Commissioner Ahn, Commissioner Moulton-Peters and Commissioner Thao
8. Joint MTC Planning Committee with the ABAG Administrative Committee (Spering)

8a. 23-1188 MTC Resolution No. 4530, Revised - Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) Policy Revision and Discussion on Compliance

Amendment to MTC Resolution No. 4530 to clarify the application of the TOC Policy to allocations of capital funding to transit extension projects and continued discussion about defining expectations for "compliance."

Action: MTC Commission Approval

Presenter: Gillian Adams

One letter of correspondence was received from various signatories.

The following members of the public were called to speak: Aaron Eckhouse (California YIMBY), Witt Turner (Housing Action Coalition), Joanna Gubman (Urban Environmentalist), Erika Pinto (SPUR), Adina Levin, Grecia Mannah-Ayon (TransForm), Vinay Pimple (MTC Policy Advisory Committee), Jordan Grimes (Greenbelt Alliance), and Jane Kramer.

Upon the motion by Commissioner Spering and seconded by Commissioner Canepa, the Commission unanimously adopted MTC Resolution No. 4530, Revised. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 14 - Vice Chair Josefowitz, Commissioner Abe-Koga, Commissioner Canepa, Commissioner Chavez, Commissioner Dutra-Vernaci, Commissioner Fleming, Commissioner Glover, Commissioner Mahan, Commissioner Miley, Commissioner Noack, Commissioner Papan, Commissioner Rabbitt, Commissioner Ronen and Commissioner Spering

Absent: 4 - Chair Pedroza, Commissioner Ahn, Commissioner Moulton-Peters and Commissioner Thao
9. Information

9a. 23-1197 Regional Short-Term Transit Financial Plan Outline and Draft Distribution of Emergency Operating Funding

Regional short-term transit financial plan that adheres to the SB125 guidelines and includes a draft distribution of emergency operating funding for Bay Area transit operators facing near term operating shortfalls.

**Action:** Information

**Presenter:** Alix Bockelman and Theresa Romell

One letter of correspondence was received from various signatories.

The following members of the public were called to speak: Denis Mulligan (Golden Gate Bridge District), Michelle Bouchard (Caltrain), Claudia Burgos (AC Transit), Michael Zack, Laurel Paget-Seekins (Public Advocates), Amy Thomson (TransForm), Bob Allen, Andrea Horbinski, Howard Wong (MTC Policy Advisory Council), Cyrus Hall, Cody Vaughn, Adina Levin, Vinay Pimple (MTC Policy Advisory Council), and Aaron Eckhouse.

10. Public Comment / Other Business

Roland Wong (MTC Policy Advisory Committee) was called to speak.

11. Adjournment / Next Meetings:

The next meeting of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, November 15, 2023. Any changes to the schedule will be duly noticed to the public.

***The November meeting is scheduled to take place on the 3rd Wednesday due to the Thanksgiving holiday.***