



Memorandum

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To: Transportation Authority Board: Commissioners Peskin (Chair), Tang (Vice Chair), Breed, Cohen, Farrell, Fewer, Kim, Ronen, Safai, Sheehy and Yee (11)

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Subject: Executive Director's Report – **INFORMATION**

REGIONAL, STATE AND FEDERAL ISSUES

Regional Measure 3 (RM3) – MTC Commission Workshop December 20: This summer, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) worked with the state Legislature to authorize a new ballot measure that could increase tolls on the region's seven state-owned toll bridges by up to \$3. Senate Bill 595 allows MTC to submit Regional Measure 3 to the voters as early as June 2018. On December 20, the MTC Commission will be participating in a workshop to discuss ballot timing, potential ballot language - including the amount and timing of potential toll increases, and coordinated public messaging about the measure. MTC has commissioned a poll of 3000 voters in the nine counties, and we expect to hear results from that poll at the December 20th meeting as well. This workshop will be for discussion only. The Commission could act as soon as January 24th, after this workshop. If the Commission acts to recommend placing RM3 on the June 2018 ballot, the next step would be for each of the nine Bay Area Board of Supervisors' to take local legislative action to place the measure on the ballot in their respective counties. More information is available on MTC's website (<https://mtc.ca.gov/our-work/advocate-lead/regional-measure-3>).

Caltrans District 4 Bicycle Plan Draft Project List - Opportunity to Comment by December 22: Caltrans District 4 has been working on a bicycle plan for the district that encompasses the Bay Area and has released a draft list of potential projects that were identified through technical analysis, community outreach, and a technical advisory committee that includes staff from the Transportation Authority, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Authority (SFMTA), and the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition. This is a high-level plan that does not get into the nitty-gritty issues and solutions for each potential project location, but we believe that this plan will help facilitate future conversations with Caltrans about improving bicycling along and across state highways. Further, it will help build a robust pipeline of bicycle safety projects that would be strong candidates for state and federal funding. Caltrans is welcoming feedback on this draft project list by December 22 and has created a very user-friendly website with project locations mapped out for the public to view and comment on: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/d4/bikeplan/>.

Priority Development Area (PDA) Planning Grants - Calls for Projects Released: On December 6, the MTC announced that up to \$8 million will be available through a competitive grant program for planning, technical assistance, and staffing assistance in and around PDAs, or areas near transit a jurisdiction has designated to focus growth. In the past, the city has competed well for regional funding, with awards including specific plans around the Caltrain terminus, at Market/Octavia, and across the Bi-County area. Over the next several months, we will work with city partners to identify projects to submit by the March 5 deadline, and provide support for applicants.

LOCAL ISSUES

San Francisco Transportation 2045 Task Force - The final meeting of the Transportation 2045 Task Force is scheduled for December 18. Over the past 6 months this group has met regularly to discuss San Francisco's transportation funding needs, and strategies to help close the funding gap. The Task Force is anticipated to finalize its recommendations on a package of local revenue measures, including at least one recommended for 2018, and on proposed investment priorities next week. The meeting will be held at 4 p.m. on Monday, December 18 at the Transportation Authority's offices at 1145 Market Street, 22nd floor. Task Force agendas and materials are available on the Transportation Authority's website (<http://sftransportation2045.com/>).

PROJECT DELIVERY

For more information about Transportation Authority funded projects, visit <http://www.sfcta.org/mystreetsf-projects-map>.

Upcoming Shutdown of Cable Car Line for Propulsion Gearboxes Work: Beginning January 19, 2018, the Powell Street cable car line will be shut down for a 10-day period to allow the SFMTA to upgrade one of the four aging traction power gearboxes at the Cable Car barn at 1580 Mason Street, a project funded by the Prop K sales tax. The SFMTA will provide bus service along the Powell Street route during this time. With the 10-day shutdown last September of the California line, the SFMTA began its effort to rebuild the traction power gearbox for each cable car line. A shutdown of the Mason line is expected in Fall 2018.

Eddy and Ellis Traffic Calming Improvement Project – Streetscape Amenities Installed, Project Completion Expected in January: Construction continues to progress on Eddy and Ellis between Jones and Mason streets and Leavenworth and Mason streets, respectively, with completion of the traffic signal upgrades, pedestrian countdown signals, curb ramps and bulbouts in November. The final stage of the project, converting portions of Eddy and Ellis Streets to two-way streets, as recommended in the Transportation Authority's Tenderloin-Little Saigon Community Transportation Study, is on track for completion by the end of January 2018. The project includes funding from the Lifeline Transportation Program, Prop K and Prop AA, all sources administered by the Transportation Authority.

Civic Center BART Station Entrance Canopy Construction – Update: BART has temporarily closed the Civic Center Station entrance at 7th and Market on the south-side of Market Street, for the construction of a canopy over the entrance. The canopy will increase escalator reliability, and provide security for customers. The closure is expected to last approximately 6 months. Once completed, the canopy will include a digital display to show train arrival times, new security grille, new LED lighting, security cameras, and other improvements. The canopy will shield the escalator from the elements, extending the life of the escalator unit and help limit breakdowns. For more information, please visit <https://www.bart.gov/about/planning/sfentrances>.

Neighborhood Transportation Improvement Program (NTIP) – Upcoming requests for Districts 4 and 11: We have recently been coordinating with Commissioners' offices and the SFMTA to advance NTIP projects in District 4 and District 11 and we expect to see allocation requests for these projects soon. In District 4, the SFMTA has been working with Commissioner Tang's office to scope out a project to improve safety and pedestrian access along Lower Great Highway. In District 11, Commissioner Safai's office has expressed interest in an NTIP project to implement early recommendations from the Excelsior Neighborhood Traffic Calming Project, which is conducting outreach in the community beginning this fall. More information on the NTIP program can be found on our website (<http://www.sfcta.org/prop-k-NTIP>).

Management Changes at Central Subway and Caltrain - On Friday December 8, Caltrain announced that John Funghi has accepted the position of Chief Officer of the Caltrain Modernization Program where, among other duties, he will be responsible for Caltrain Electrification and the Communication Based Overlay Signal System/Positive Train Control programs. As you are aware, Mr. Funghi has been serving as the Program Director for Muni's Central Subway project over the past eleven years, where he has led the project from early design, through tunnel completion to station construction. The Yerba Buena/Moscone and Union Square stations are nearing completion of their structural elements and, at the Chinatown Station, completion of heavy construction is anticipated for January 2018. John will begin his new duties on February 1, 2018. Although we will be missing John's leadership and expertise on Central Subway, we are gaining it back on another of Prop K signature projects. We wish him the best on his new endeavors and look forward to working with him in his new capacity.

MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

Update on Independent Analysis and Oversight Services - Sjoberg Evashenk Consulting, Inc to Begin Evaluation in January: At the request of the Transportation Authority Chair, Sjoberg Evashenk Consulting, Inc., will aid on a variety of potential areas as a means of supporting Transportation Authority Commissioners and their staffs in assessing the agency's effectiveness and efficiency in achieving its mission. To make this determination, Sjoberg Evashenk Consulting will gain an initial understanding of three functional areas of analysis: 1) Prop K Capital Program Summary; 2) Budget Review and Analysis; and 3) Prop K Sponsor Reimbursements. Data collection and analysis are scheduled to begin in January 2018, with a final report and Board presentation scheduled for March 2018.