

Agenda Item 6



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Memorandum

TO: Policy Advisory Council

DATE: November 6, 2013

FR: Pam Grove, Staff Liaison

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RE: Policy Advisory Council Orientation – Legislation and Public Affairs

Legislation and Public Affairs (LPA) Director Randy Rentschler will attend your next meeting to give you an overview of the LPA section. Attached for your preview are the slides Mr. Rentschler will use for his presentation.

As always, please feel free to contact me if you have questions or need assistance.

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Policy Advisory Council Orientation



Legislation and Public Affairs
Randy Rentschler, Director

November 2013

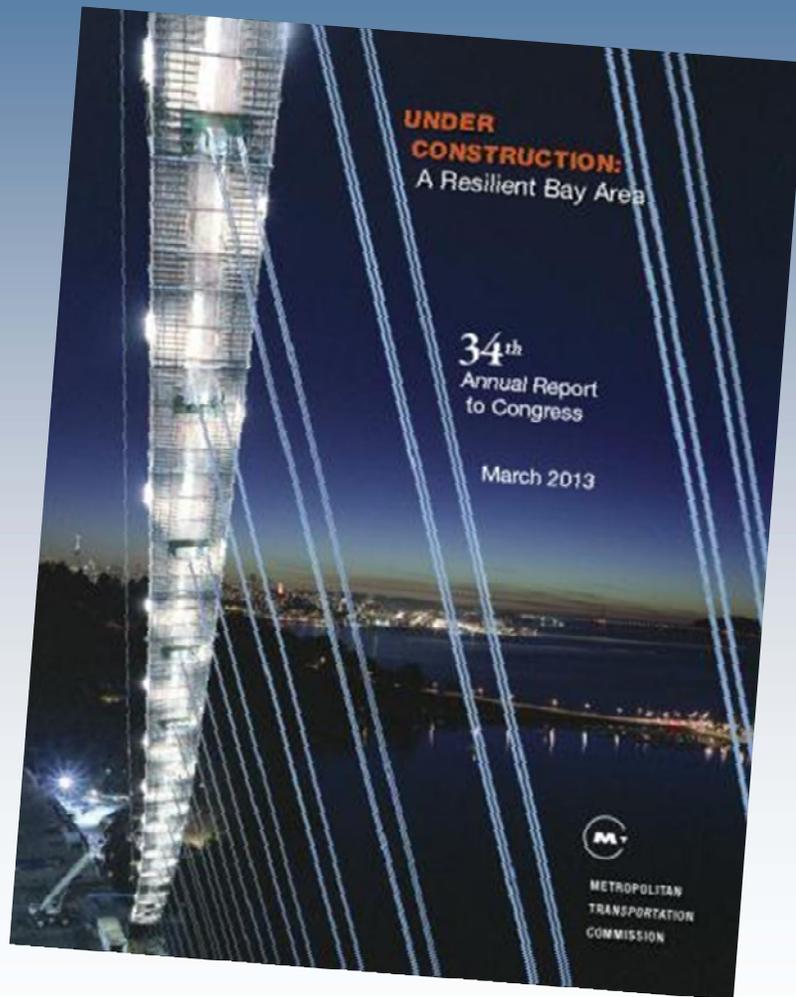
Legislation

MTC Legislative Advocacy

- **Advocate at the federal, state and local level to advance our transportation and land-use goals**
- **Develop a legislative platform**
- **Analyze bills and make recommendations to the Legislation Committee**



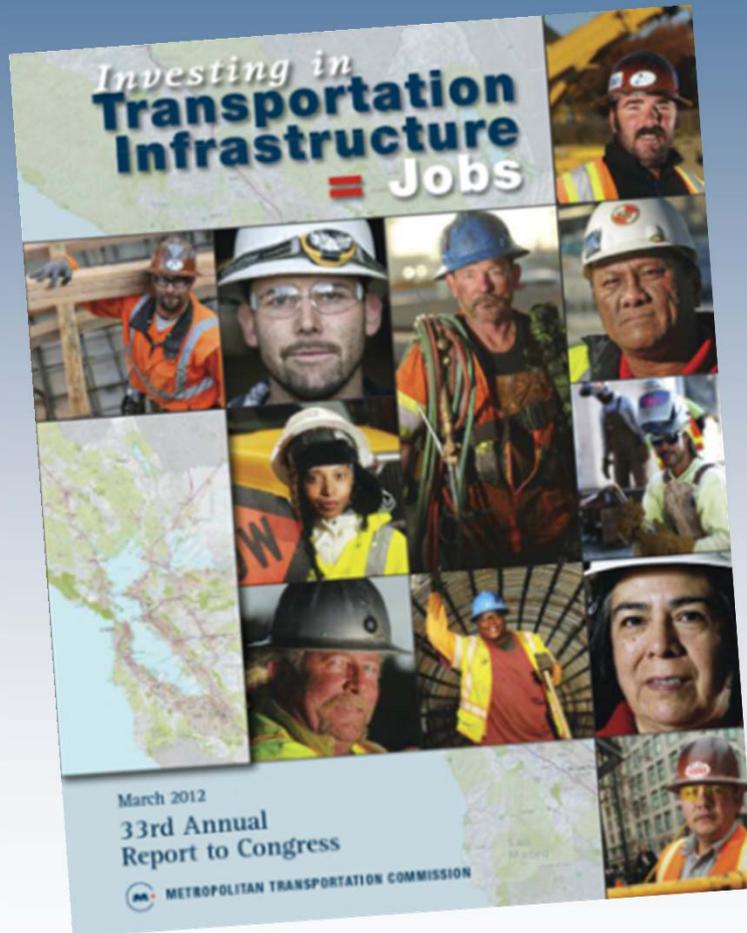
MTC Advocacy Efforts in Washington



A long history of advocacy:

- Seek funding for high priority projects through the Federal Transit Administration's New Starts Program
- Current projects with Full Funding Grant Agreements:
 - SF Central Subway
 - BART to Silicon Valley

MTC Advocacy Efforts in Washington



Key Messages to Congress:

- Increase funding levels
- Fix the Highway Trust Fund by switching from a flat per gallon gas tax to a sales tax on gas
- Adopt a Metropolitan Mobility program
- Adopt a national freight program

MTC Advocacy Efforts in Sacramento



Key Issues in Sacramento:

- Lowering vote threshold to pass local special taxes for transportation
- Securing cap-and-trade funds for transportation
- Replacement fund source for redevelopment
- Maintaining state transit funding

Public Involvement

Policy Advisory Council

- Created in 2009 to advise the Commission on transportation policies
- Incorporates diverse perspectives relating to the environment, the economy and social equity



The screenshot displays the MTC website's 'Get Involved' section for the Policy Advisory Council. The page features a navigation menu on the left with categories like Home, About MTC, News, and Get Involved. The main content area includes a search bar, a list of links to 'Policy Advisory Council Fact Sheet (PDF)' and 'Resolution 3821 - Revised (PDF)', and a photograph of a meeting. Text on the page describes the council's mission, membership structure, and meeting information.

MTC — Get Involved — Policy Advisory Council

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Get Involved

Advisory Council

Policy Advisory Council

- Policy Advisory Council Fact Sheet (PDF)
- Resolution 3821 - Revised (PDF)

Policy Advisory Council biographies

MTC's Policy Advisory Council is a citizen advisory committee created by the Commission in November 2009. The mission of the Council is to advise MTC on transportation policies in the San Francisco Bay Area, incorporating diverse perspectives relating to the environment, the economy and social equity.

The Policy Advisory Council advises MTC on a range of dynamic topics including regional planning efforts linking transportation, housing and land use plans to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, public transit service productivity improvements, cost-effectiveness measures for the region's transportation system; and strategies to secure new revenues for transportation in the Bay Area, among other items.

Membership Appointments and Structure

Membership of the Policy Advisory Council is structured around interests related to the economy, the environment and social equity. In the areas of economy and the environment, a total of nine members are appointed, with four members representing economic interests and four bringing an environmental perspective; the ninth member is selected from either category. In addition, five of the nine must be from each of the five most populous Bay Area counties – Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, San Mateo and Santa Clara. The environment and economy representatives are considered at-large seats, and appointment recommendations are made by the MTC Chair and Vice Chair.

In the area of social equity, nine members (one from each county) represent communities of color and issues affecting low income communities or environmental justice. Of these, four members represent communities of color and four members represent environmental justice/low-income issues; the ninth member is selected from either category.

Also in the area of social equity, nine members (one from each county) represent issues related to transportation for seniors and persons with disabilities. Four members represent seniors and four members represent people with disabilities; the ninth member is selected from either category. Equity representatives for each county are recommended by Commissioners in that county.

Current appointments are for a four-year term, beginning in September 2013 and continuing through July 2017. Committee meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month in the afternoon at MTC's offices in Oakland. All meetings are audio cast on the MTC web site and are open to the public.

For more information, contact the MTC Public Information Office at 510.817.5757 or via e-mail at info@mtc.ca.gov.

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Public Involvement

- **Public engagement on planning studies and other MTC programs**
- **Maintain the MTC Web site**
- **Respond to inquiries from the public and the media**



Other Public Involvement

- Social Media
- Public Records Requests
- Public Hearings
- Awards Program
- Special Events



Spare the Air Youth

- **Part of MTC's Climate Initiatives Program**
- **Implemented in partnership with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District**
- **Goal is to educate, inspire and empower youth and their families to make healthy transportation choices**



Bike-to-Work Day

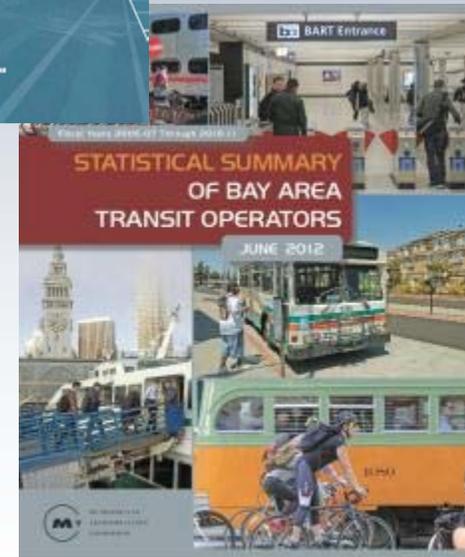
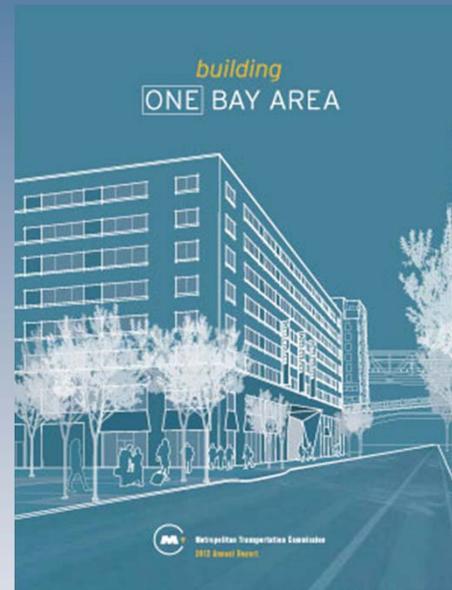
- **Nationally recognized event**
- **Held annually in May**
- **Sponsored by MTC and county bicycle organizations**



Publications and Graphics

Reports

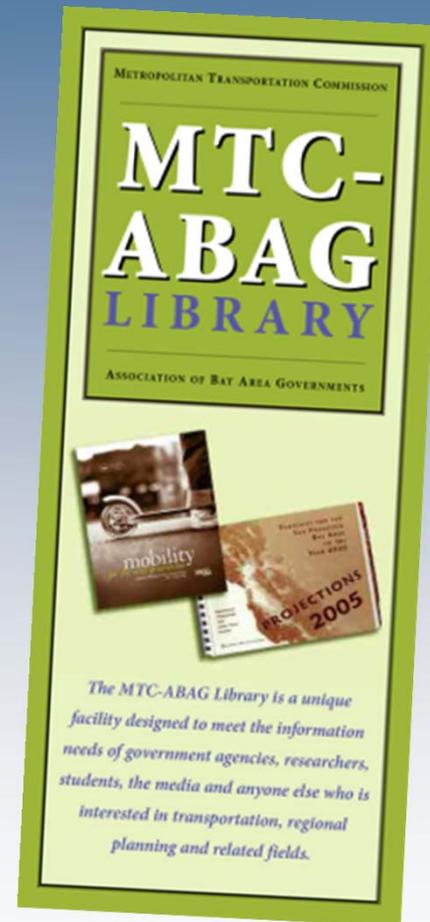
- Annual Report
- Annual Report to Congress
- Annual Report to the State Legislature
- ABCs of MTC
- Plan Bay Area
- Statistical Summary of Bay Area Transit Operators



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