

Agenda Item 6



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Memorandum

TO: Policy Advisory Council

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FR: Pam Grove, Staff Liaison

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RE: Staff Liaison Report – January 2014

Free Muni for Youth Pilot Program

At the Council's last two meetings, a request was made for an update on Muni's free bus pass pilot program. This is not an MTC program, and since it is still in pilot phase, there is not much to report at this time.

However, by way of background, the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) decided to use a portion of its Transit Performance Initiative (TPI) incentive funds allocated by MTC to implement a pilot youth pass program. In January 2013, SFMTA began accepting applications for the 16-month pilot program, which provides low- and moderate-income students residing in San Francisco free access to Muni when using a Clipper card. The pilot is expected to run through June 2014.

More information on the pilot program can be found on the SFMTA web site at:

<https://www.sfmta.com/getting-around/transit/fares-passes/free-muni-youth>

Final Version of Plan Bay Area Now in Print

The final version of Plan Bay Area was released in print on December 17 and is now available on MTC's web site and in limited quantities through the MTC-ABAG Library. Staff will have copies available at your January 8 meeting, and you can also download the document at:

http://files.mtc.ca.gov/pdf/Plan_Bay_Area_FINAL/Plan_Bay_Area.pdf

Executive Director's Report

The following items of interest were in the December 2013 Executive Director's Report to the Commission:

Rockefeller Foundation Selects Resilient Cities, New York, December 3

The Rockefeller Foundation announced the selection of the first 33 of 100 cities from around the world that it will select for its Resilient Cities Centennial Challenge program. Of the 11 North American cities selected in this first round, four are located right here in the Bay Area: Alameda, Berkeley, Oakland, and San Francisco. Cities selected for the program will receive staffing support and technical assistance to plan for a more resilient future. Congratulations especially to Commissioners Bates and Quan, who serve as mayors of two of the Bay Area cities selected.

Senate Budget Subcommittee Hearing, San Jose, December 16

I testified before Senate Budget Subcommittee #2, chaired by Senator Jim Beall, about the road and transit rehabilitation shortfalls facing the State of California. Commissioner Pirzynski also testified as chair of the Valley Transportation Authority. (Note: Steve Heminger's presentation given at this subcommittee meeting can be found at:

http://files.mtc.ca.gov/pdf/Pavement_StateSenateSubcom_SH12-13.pdf.)

To read the December 2013 Executive Director's report to the Commission in its entirety, go to http://www.mtc.ca.gov/news/ed_report.htm