

TO: Board of Directors

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SUBJECT: Status of AB2057 – Chiu

Background

In March, staff informed the MP&L Committee about AB2057 – Chiu. This bill would call for the creation of the Bay Area Seamless Transit Network Task Force. This task force would be charged with making recommendations for further legislation or action on the creation of a Transportation Network Manager (TNM). The TNM would be charged with planning and possibly implementing a range of items to promote a regional transit system as well as to create a seamless transit system by integrating nearly all aspects of public transit in the nine-county Bay Area region.

The task force would also be charged with making recommendations for action or further legislation on areas of transit governance, transit funding allocations, and institutional arrangements. The task force would be appointed by the Governor, the Legislature and other stakeholders, subject to confirmation by the secretary of the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA). The secretary would appoint a Chair and Vice-Chair of the task force. The task force would include three representatives from the Clipper Executive Board (CEB).

AB2057 is Deferred

On April 28, 2020, confirmation came from Assembly Member Chiu's office that AB2057 will not move this year, largely due to the state legislature needing to focus on its response to COVID-19. However, the seamless principles and interests behind AB2057 do not go away.

Among the strong interests behind the broad principles within AB2057 are regional business leaders and select political leaders. To this end, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) has taken action to establish a Blue Ribbon Transportation Recovery Task Force to look at how MTC should lead the region as public transit in the Bay Area recovers from the economic blows of COVID-19. This MTC task force will make recommendations on how additional funding marked for COVID-19 recovery actions be used to help public transit recover. It also will look at how to use this as an "opportunity" to increase transit seamlessness, and coordination. Thus, it will be looking at many of the issues and principles that had been put forward in AB2057. The Task Force has been named. Both Director Worth and myself are included on it.

Action Requested

As AB2057 has been deferred for now, no action is requested.