

## **TRANSIT TRANSFORMATION TASK FORCE MEETING 13**

### **AGENDA ITEM: 6**

**SUBJECT:** Staff Report on Edits to Tranches 1 and 2 of the TTTF Report

**ACTION: Action to:**

- a. Approve B.5., as suggested by Kate Miller.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Senate Bill (SB) 125 established and convened the Transit Transformation Task Force (TTTF) to include transit representatives from various organizations to establish a structured, coordinated process for engagement of all parties to develop policy recommendations to grow transit ridership and improve the transit experience for all users of those services. The TTTF Report, which is due to the Legislature on October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025, shall include findings and policy recommendations based on the task force's efforts. The report is required to include a detailed analysis of specified issues and recommendations on specified topics, including, among others, reforming the Transportation Development Act.

The following staff report includes Tranche 1 and Tranche 2 of the TTTF Report, including the following sections:

- Introduction, Executive Summary, and Guiding Principles
- Principle: "Boost the speed, frequency, and reliability of transit services" including detailed strategies and recommendations in Appendix B
- Principle: "Deliver an exceptional customer experience with a strong focus on safety for all" including detailed strategies and recommendations in Appendix B
- Principle: "Develop high quality public transit systems to support complete communities" including detailed strategies and recommendations in Appendix B
- Appendix A: Detailed Analysis requested under Senate Bill 125 Section 1E
- Appendix C: Existing Adopted Policy

Tranche 1 was reviewed with the Task Force on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 during TTTF Meeting 11. Tranche 2 was reviewed with the Task Force on August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025, during TTTF Meeting 12. Staff received feedback from Task Force Members during both meetings. Staff also circulated a consolidated Tranche 1 and Tranche 2 MSWord document (per Task Force members' request) to the Task Force and invited members to provide optional feedback. Two Task Force members provided written feedback via email.

Staff worked to address the comments prior to the TTTF Meeting #13. In response to Task Force member feedback, staff made wordsmithing changes (minor additions, deletions, etc.) throughout the report, as well as the more substantive changes outlined below. The Discussion below summarizes substantive changes made to Tranche 1 and Tranche 2 of the report. Please note that Tranche 1 and 2 Materials are edited using Track Changes and red text to easily identify changes between the previous versions.

## **DISCUSSION:**

### ***a. Edits made to Tranches 1 and 2 Report v0.7***

The following is a high-level summary of changes made in version 0.7:

- In the Executive Summary, added a paragraph about the need for transit funding.
- In Section 2.0, noted that the challenges were not limited to California, and added a separate bullet with more detailed discussion on the challenges created for transit agencies by the mandated ZEV transition.
- In Section 2.0, added a new paragraph on administrative and policy barriers discussing these barriers and recent legislation designed to break these barriers.
- In Section 2.0, added references to the subprime auto loan market, the need for additional resources, the impact of manufacturing delays on the ZEV transition, and the significant portion of transit agencies' budgets devoted to insurance and fuel costs.
- In Section 3.0, added requested language to the following principles: "provide transit that is accessible and easy to use for all," and "develop high quality public transit systems to support complete communities"
- In Section 4.0, added graphics from Appendix A to the transit prioritization topic area to further illustrate cost to provide bus transit and average bus speeds.
- In the transit prioritization topic area overview, added language about the need for the State, cities, and counties to implement transit-supportive policies, practices, and infrastructure.
- Drafted a new topic area overview on service and fare coordination/integration and coordinated scheduling, mapping, and wayfinding.

At the time of this meeting, staff had no updates on Appendix A and Appendix C. Appendix B, an attachment, includes consolidation of all the principles, strategies, and recommendations.

**ACTION:** No action on edits made to Tranches 1 and 2.

***b. Additional recommendation B.5., suggested by Task Force Member Miller***

Task Force member, Kate Miller, also recommended an additional recommendation to be added under strategy B.

Strategy B: Expedite delivery of transit-supportive infrastructure and strategies.

**Potential Recommendation B.5.:** Establish a streamlined process for adding stops and stations, and a process that involves members of the transit riding community before a stop or station can be removed.

**Action:** Approve B5, as suggested by Kate Miller.