

Transit Transformation Task Force (TTTF) – Meeting #1
California State Transportation Agency
December 19, 2023 | 8:30 - 10:00 am
APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Location: Virtual

Background: [SB125](#) established the Transit Transformation Task Force (TTTF) to develop policy recommendations to grow transit ridership, improve the transit experience, and address long-term operational needs. The California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) appointed 25 members to the TTTF, including representatives from state government, local agencies, academic institutions, advocacy organizations, and other stakeholders. CalSTA, in consultation with the TTTF, will prepare a report of findings and policy recommendations based on the TTTF's efforts and submit it to the Legislature by October 31, 2025.

Attendees

(X indicates attendee was present)

X	Kome Ajise, Southern California Association of Governments	X	Kate Miller, Napa Valley Transportation Authority/Vine Transit	X	David Sforza, Assembly Transportation Committee
X	Rashidi Barnes, Eastern Contra Costa Transit Authority	X	Lorelle Moe-Luna, Riverside County Transportation Commission	X	Tony Tavares, Caltrans
X	Alix Bockelman, Metropolitan Transportation Commission	X	Seamus Murphy, San Francisco Bay Water Emergency Transportation Authority	X	Laura Tolkoff, SPUR
X	Sharon Cooney, San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS)	X	Toks Omishakin, CalSTA	X	Mark Tollefson, CalSTA
X	Martin Greenstein, CalSTA	X	Laurel Paget-Seekins, Public Advocates	X	Michael Turner, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
X	Ian Griffiths, Seamless Bay Area	X	Michael Pimentel, California Transit Association	X	Kari Watkins, UC Davis

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X	Amy Hance, City of Clovis		Robert Powers, San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District [BART]	X	Mark Watts, Transportation California
X	James Lindsay, Amalgamated Transit Union	X	Carl Sedoryk, Monterey-Salinas Transit District		Melissa White, Senate Transportation Committee
	Eli Lipman, Move LA	X	Anthony Serna, CalSTA	X	Jim Wunderman, Bay Area Council
X	Juan Matute, UCLA Institute of Transportation Studies				

Agenda Topics:

1. **Call to Order, Introduction of Chair, Roll Call, and Establishment of a Quorum** (Mark Tollefson, Undersecretary, CalSTA, TTF Chair)
 - Creation and overview of TTF
 - Roll call and housekeeping items
 - Questions can be directed to: SB125transit@calsta.ca.gov

2. **Opening Remarks** (Toks Omishakin, Secretary, CalSTA)

3. **Introduction of Task Force Members** (All)

Summary from Introductions and Open Discussion:

 - Consensus on the importance of a robust and sustainable transit system for California
 - Public transit is the backbone of future mobility options, and it is crucial to keep this a viable choice for all.
 - Importance of the “Core 4” this effort: safety, equity, climate action, and economic prosperity.
 - Can connect communities across all different types (urban, suburban, rural)
 - Variety of challenges facing California’s transit systems discussed
 - Funding and revenue decline, workforce shortages, disconnected systems and lack of alignment
 - Safety concerns on transit impact ridership and employee well-being

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- Accessibility concerns and unique challenges faced by low-income, vehicle-less, disabled, rural and smaller communities
- Increasing ridership, revenue, and ridership experience
 - Attendees emphasized the need for safe, reliable, affordable, and accessible public transportation options for all Californians
 - Provide convenient options for low-income and vulnerable populations, increased frequency and access points, paratransit inclusion
 - Explore land use and pricing strategies to encourage transit use
 - Communicate positive changes and education about transportation benefits
- Importance of equity
 - Affordable and accessible transportation is key to equity and ensuring transit benefits for all
 - Need to include not only urban, but rural and suburban communities as well
 - Ensure equitable representation on planning committees and decision-making bodies
 - Important to represent rural and small agencies, transit drivers and operators, low-income riders and paratransit riders, construction and labor organizations, planners, and other institutional players

4. **Identification of Next Steps and Potential Items for Future Agendas** (Mark Tollefson, Undersecretary, CalSTA, TTF Chair)

- Next steps will include identifying the meeting schedule for the year and establishing a technical working group to support TTF.
- Next TTF meeting: 2/29/2024

5. **Open Discussion / Q & A** (All)

- TTF members discussed the upcoming meeting schedule, the intent and purpose of the technical working group, the TTF process and vision, and other topics.

6. **Public Comment**

- Two members of the public offered their comments.

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7. **Meeting Adjourned** (Mark Tollefson, Undersecretary, CalSTA, TTF Chair)

For any further questions please contact SB125transit@calsta.ca.gov or visit our webpage: <https://calsta.ca.gov/subject-areas/sb125-transit-program>