

## **TRANSIT TRANSFORMATION TASK FORCE MEETING 12**

### **AGENDA ITEM: 4**

**SUBJECT:** Staff Report on Tranche 2 of the TTTF Report to the Legislature

- a. Principle: "Develop high quality public transit systems to support complete communities" including detailed strategies and recommendations in Appendix B
- b. Appendix A: Detailed Analysis requested under Senate Bill 125 Section 1.E., Sections 8 and 9
- c. Appendix C: Existing Adopted Policy

**ACTION:** Action to receive feedback on:

- 1. Principle: "Develop high quality public transit systems to support complete communities" including detailed strategies and recommendations in Appendix B
- 2. Appendix A: Detailed Analysis requested under Senate Bill 125 Section 1.E., Sections 8 and 9
- 3. Appendix C: Existing Adopted Policy

### **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 2 of the TTTF Report, including the following sections:

- a. Principle: "Develop high quality public transit systems to support complete communities" including detailed strategies and recommendations in Appendix B
- b. Appendix A: Detailed Analysis requested under Senate Bill 125 Section 1E, Sections 8 and 9
- c. Appendix C: Existing Adopted Policy

### **DISCUSSION:**

**a. Principle: “Develop high quality public transit systems to support complete communities” including detailed strategies and recommendations in Appendix B**

This section provides a high-level summary and updates on the strategies and recommendations under the principle: **“Develop high quality public transit systems to support complete communities”**

This principle includes the following topic areas from SB 125:

- Changes to land use, housing, and pricing policies that could improve public transit use (1.f.2)
- Potential of transit-oriented development and value capture of property around transit (1.f.7)

A summary of this principle can be found in ATTACHMENT 1: Tranche 2 Report

A complete list of the detailed strategies and recommendations under this principle can be found in ATTACHMENT 2: Appendix B, Tranche 2

Key changes to this section include:

- New policy recommendations based off Task Force and CalSTA feedback: U.1., U.4., U.5., and U.6 (as shown in list below)
- Removal of recommendations based off Task Force and CalSTA feedback: Q.4., Q.7., R.1., R.2., R.3., R.4., S.2, and T.3.
- Additional information added and rewording of the following recommendations: Q.1., Q.6., S.1., S.4., S.5., T.1., T.7., U.2., U.3., U.6., V.1., and V.3. (as shown in Appendix B in red font)

New recommendations under Strategy U: Allow California to capture value from transit.:

- **U.1.** Utilize the Surplus Lands Act to increase affordable housing on land owned by transit agencies
- **U.4.** Create a new dedicated entity to reform redevelopment to meet current needs for transit and housing, but avoid pitfalls that effected redevelopment
- **U.5.** Streamline Surplus Lands Act to increase effectiveness
- **U.6.** Establish supplemental funding sources through value capture strategies

Receive feedback on principle “Develop high quality public transit systems to support complete communities” including detailed strategies and recommendations in Appendix B.
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**b. Appendix A: Detailed Analysis requested under Senate Bill 125 Section 1E, Sections 8 and 9**

In addition to recommendations, SB 125, in Section 1.E., asked for several analyses to be performed, to inform the work of the Task Force. The analyses include collecting a series of basic information on the state of transit in California today, such as demographics, funding, current costs, and oversight, as well as some more complex analyses around forecasted costs levels, the impact of COVID-19 on the system, and the costs and operational impacts of certain mandates (e.g., ADA, CARB). Many of the analyses here have already been presented in whole, or in part, to the TTTF to inform past TTTF meetings, such as those on funding, workforce, and metrics to measure system performance. Some sections will be new to the TTTF, such as those on demographics, and the impact of COVID-19. Together, they aim to provide a fact base to inform discussions by the TTTF on final recommendations, as well as ultimately support and bolster the recommendations and conclusions of the report.

Senate Bill 125, Section 1.E. states that the report shall include a detailed analysis on 11 topic areas. TTTF Meeting 11, on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, covered SB 125 Section 1.E. (topic areas 1-7, and 10-11.) This staff report covers Section 1.E. Analysis topic areas 8 and 9, as listed below:

8. State and local policies that impact service efficiency and transit ridership, including, but not limited to, transit prioritization on roads, land use, housing, and pricing policies.

9. Identification of state departments and agencies that have responsibility for transit system oversight, grant administration, and reporting.

ATTACHMENT 3 includes Appendix A: Detailed analysis of the required topics listed in SB 125 Section 1.E. topic areas 8 and 9.

Receive feedback on Appendix A: Detailed Analysis requested under Senate Bill 125 Section 1.E., Sections 8 and 9.
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**c. Appendix C: Existing Adopted Policy**

Appendix C compiles a summary of California policies, legislation, and regulatory reforms related to transit, housing, climate, and environmental review. The content is based on enacted statutes, official state agency materials, and other publicly available government sources. The goal of this

section is to inform the reader on what recent actions have occurred in the policy arena and guide how the report recommendations interact with them.

ATTACHMENT 4 includes Appendix C: Existing Adopted Policy.

Receive feedback on Appendix C: Existing Adopted Policy.
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