



NAPA VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Agenda Memo

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SUBJECT: Bay Area Transit Priority Policy for Roadways Update

RECOMMENDATION

Information only

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

NVRTA staff will provide an overview of a proposed regional Transit Priority Policy for Roadways that is intended to support the implementation of transit priority projects in Napa County as well as the larger Bay Area. The Draft Transit Priority Policy for Roadways was taken to the Regional Network Management Committee in September of 2025 and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission is expected to adopt a Final Policy in December of 2025. This would mean that the Policy would apply to projects seeking more than \$250,000 of regional discretionary funds starting in 2027.

BACKGROUND

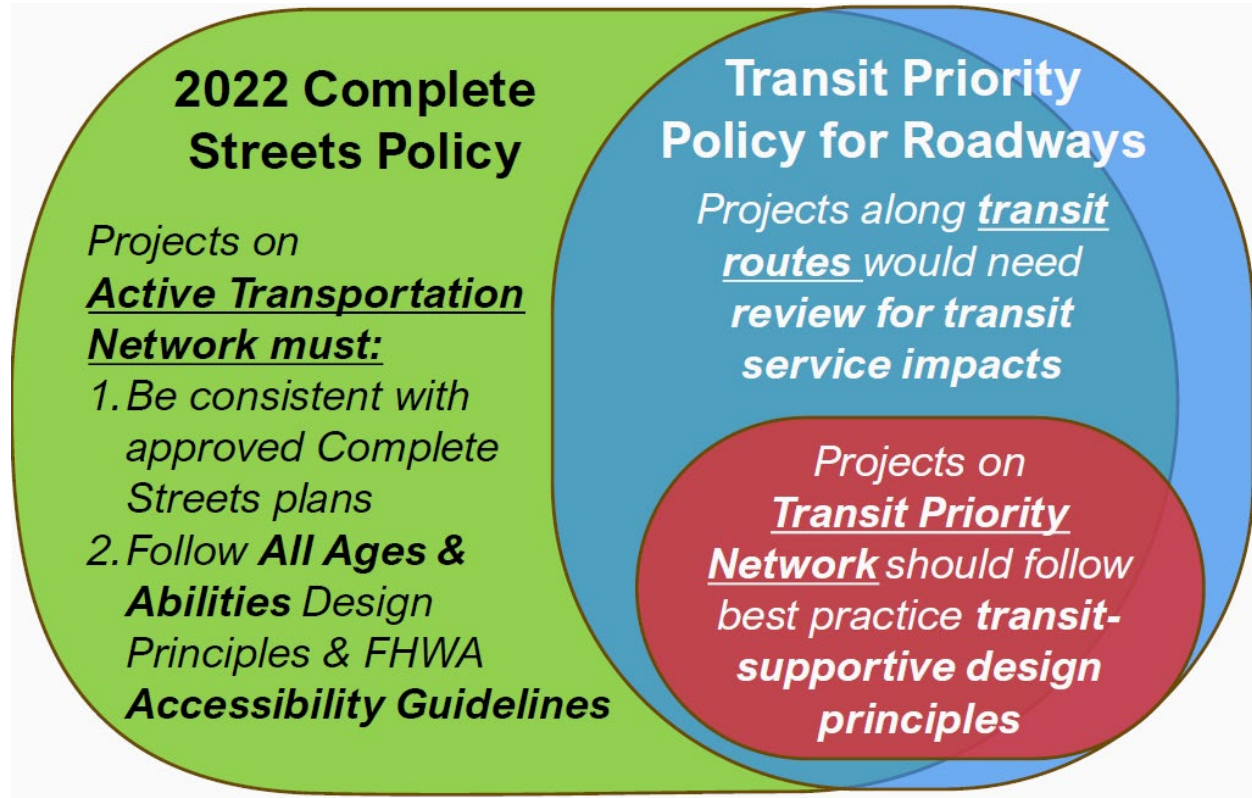
MTC is developing the Bay Area Transit Priority Policy for Roadways (Policy) to enhance the transit rider experience by supporting the implementation of transit priority infrastructure and policies that improve transit travel times and reliability and promote active interagency engagement necessary to be successful. The goals of the Policy are to:

- Improve transit travel times and reliability; and
- Help transit better serve people's needs and move more people in the Bay Area.

The purpose of the Policy is to promote stronger interagency coordination during project development, including more opportunities for transit agencies to provide feedback on

projects and ensure the needs of transit are considered. To streamline implementation, MTC is proposing to add additional transit priority elements to the existing MTC Complete Streets (CS) Checklist process. The Policy would apply to projects on roadways with scheduled public transit service (existing or planned).

Figure 1: Integration of Complete Streets Policy with Transit Priority for Policy Roadways



The Policy would apply to roadway projects with scheduled public transit service (including detours and non-revenue) and would require transit agency review, not just transit agency acknowledgement. In addition, projects on key transit corridors (Transit Priority Network) would be required to *consider* transit-supportive design principles. The Transit Priority Network for Napa County and the greater Bay Area will be established in 2026. There will be an optional step where local jurisdictions can adopt a resolution of support of this regional Policy or update their local Complete Streets Resolution to include this new regional Policy.

ATTACHMENTS

None