



STAFF REPORT
Board Meeting of January 21, 2026

AGENDA ITEM: 4-F

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SUBJECT:

SB 125 Transit Transformation Task Force Final Report

Enclosure: Yes

Action: Information and Discussion Only

SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 125 (SB 125) directed the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) to convene a Transit Transformation Task Force (TTTF) to examine the long-term sustainability of public transit in California and to develop recommendations to improve ridership, service quality, equity, and financial stability. The Task Force consisted of transit operators, regional agencies, local governments, advocacy organizations, and subject matter experts and met throughout 2024 and 2025.

[The Transit Transformation Task Force Final Report](#) identifies statewide challenges facing transit systems, including declining ridership, rising operating and capital costs, workforce shortages, regulatory complexity, and limited long-term funding stability. The report outlines guiding principles and a broad set of policy recommendations focused on improving service reliability and coordination, enhancing the rider experience, modernizing governance and funding structures, and supporting transit's role in meeting California's climate and equity goals.

The report is informational in nature and does not mandate specific actions by regional agencies. However, its findings and recommendations may inform future state legislation, funding programs, and planning guidance that could affect regional transportation planning and transit operations in Madera County.

Click [here](#) for a link to the report.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact to the approved 2025-26 Overall Work Program and Budget.