



STAFF REPORT
Board Meeting of January 21, 2026

AGENDA ITEM: 5-A

PREPARED BY: Patricia Taylor, Executive Director

SUBJECT:

State Legislative Update – 2026 State Legislative Program Draft Summary and Draft MCTC 2026 State Legislative Platform

Enclosure: Yes

Action: Approve MCTC 2026 State Legislative Platform

SUMMARY:

Gus Khouri of Khouri Consulting prepared the following enclosures:

1. State Legislative Update – 2026 State Legislative Program Draft Summary
Key highlights from the memorandum include:
 - State budget forecast and potential impacts on transportation funding
 - Overview of the MCTC 2026 Draft State Legislative Platform, including the following priority focus areas:
 1. Acquiring funding for priority projects
 2. Leveraging regional partnerships
 3. Enhancing transit service
 4. Addressing mobility needs and meeting climate mandates
 5. Expanding passenger rail service
2. MCTC 2026 State Legislative Platform – Draft
This memorandum outlines proposed goals and strategies associated with the five priority issue areas listed above.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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