



STAFF REPORT
Board Meeting of December 22, 2021

AGENDA ITEM: 5-B

PREPARED BY: Patricia Taylor, Executive Director

SUBJECT:

Draft – MCTC 2022 State Legislative Platform

Enclosure: Yes

Action: Information and Discussion Only

SUMMARY:

Gus Khouri, Khouri Consulting, prepared the attached Draft MCTC 2022 State Legislative Platform in coordination with MCTC staff. The draft provides 5 issues, goals, and strategies. The issues and goals are as follows:

1. MCTC's Priority Projects – aggressively pursue funds through the State Budget, CTC allocation process or any other state resources.
2. Regional Partnerships – Coordinate with the SJV Policy Council to raise awareness for the Highway 99 Corridor and highlight its importance as a transportation facility of state and national significance.
3. Transit Funding Reform – Support potential changes to the TDA that will assist local public transportation systems with funding eligibility.
4. Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Mandates – Monitor activities on conversations regarding jobs-housing imbalance and the impact on VMT. Protect transportation funding from being withheld or diverted and find other alternatives to address meeting affordable housing goals. Support state funding to expand infrastructure and incentives for conversion to electric vehicles to reduce GHG emissions. Monitor the implementation of SB 743 and protect the ability to continue addressing congestion management and safety on the state highway system. Ensure predictability and stability of transportation revenue should conversion occur due to lack of reliance on petroleum consumption to address GHG emission reduction.
5. Passenger Rail – Provide enhanced passenger rail commuter service connecting the Valley to the Bay Area and Southern California. Maintain and increase funding for commuter and intercity passenger rail for Ace/San Joaquin's. Pursue funding opportunities made available through CalSTA.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact to the approved 2021-22 Overall Work Program and Budget.