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Agenda 9A - Comments on PlanBayArea 2050+ / Connected Network Plan -

Honorable Commissioners and staff,

We are very pleased to see MTC and transit agencies working together to advance the Connected Network Plan called for in the Bay Area Transit Transformation Action Plan. A well thought out, service-focused vision for how Bay Area transit can operate as a single connected network is a foundational tool that will help us make better transit investments over time and guide needed improvements to the system in the near term. We are also excited that MTC has decided to integrate connected network planning into the Plan Bay Area process - a step that will help ensure this plan is closely tied to the region's larger policy goals and investment priorities.

The goals and outreach plan were presented and discussed earlier this month by the Transformation Action Plan subcommittee on which our organizations serve. While we are excited to see progress on this critical work, we also urge staff to treat the Connected Network Plan as a unique effort that is tied to, but ultimately distinct from, the process of updating the regional transportation plan. This means focusing not just on developing the required inputs to update Plan Bay Area, but also on collecting the rider feedback and developing the analysis and practices needed to develop a comprehensive connected network plan and ensure the delivery of improvements in the near-term.

Time is of the essence in growing ridership and building public confidence. Please make sure that Transit2050+ delivers on the promise of a Connected Network Plan included in the Transit Transformation Action Plan by ensuring that this summer's outreach gathers information on how the Bay Area can achieve a more connected network in the near term.

Thank you for your consideration

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