

Statutes Related to MTC and Transit Coordination

	Topics	Summary	Statutory Language	Relevant Funding	Citation
1	Regional Transit Coordination Council	Provides scope of RTCC duties to include better coordination of routes, schedules, fares and transfers as well as exploration of joint ventures. and that MTC shall be a member	No funds shall be allocated to an entity pursuant to Section 29142.2, after January 1, 1978, unless, as determined by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the transit operator: (a) Is a participating member of a regional transit coordinating council which the commission shall establish to better coordinate routes, schedules, fares, and transfers among the San Francisco Bay area transit operators and to explore potential advantages of joint ventures in areas such as marketing, maintenance, and purchasing. The commission shall be a member of the council.	AB 1107 BART sales tax	Public Utilities Code (PUC) 29142.4

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2	Fares	Requires MTC to adopt rules related to fares and to require that every operator have a revenue sharing agreement with connecting operators	The commission, in coordination with the Regional Transit Coordinating Council... shall adopt rules and regulations to promote the coordination of fares and schedules for all public transit systems within its jurisdiction. The Commission shall require every system to enter into a joint fare revenue sharing agreement with connecting systems consistent with the commission’s rules and regulations.		Government Code 66516
3	Schedules	Requires MTC to adopt rules related to schedules	See language above		Government Code 66516
4	Transfers	Conditions allocation of BART permanent sales tax on an operator being a member of the RTCC and further specifies purpose of the RTCC	No funds shall be allocated to an entity pursuant to Section 29142.2, after January 1, 1978, unless, as determined by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the transit operator: (a) Is a participating member of a regional transit coordinating council which the commission shall establish to better coordinate routes, schedules,	AB 1107 BART sales tax	PUC Code 29142.4

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	Transfers	Requires MTC, as an RTPA, to adopt rules and regulations to provide for transfers between multiple systems	Where there are two or more operators within its area of jurisdiction, the transportation planning agency, the county transportation commission, and the San Diego Metropolitan Transit Development Board, as the case may be, shall adopt, not later than July 1, 1980, rules and regulations to provide for transfers between the public transportation services of the operators so that such services will be coordinated.	STA and TDA	PUC 99282.5
5	Performance Measures	Requires MTC to develop transit service objectives, performance measures	The commission shall develop regional transit service objectives, develop performance measures of efficiency and effectiveness, specify		Government Code 66517.5

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		of efficiency and effectiveness, and specify data requirements to assess transit service benefits and costs	uniform data requirements to assess public transit service benefits and costs...		
6	Transit Agency Efficiency Improvements/Consolidation		The commission may do the following: (a) In consultation with the regional transit coordinating council, identify those functions performed by individual public transit systems that could be consolidated to improve the efficiency of regional transit service, and recommend that those functions be consolidated and performed through inter-operator agreements or as services contracted to a single entity.		Government Code 66516.5
6	Identifying the core regional transit network		The commission may do the following... (b) Improve service coordination and effectiveness in those transit corridors identified as transit		Government Code 66516.5

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			corridors of regional significance by the commission in consultation with the regional transit coordinating council by recommending improvements in those corridors, including, but not limited to, reduction of duplicative service and institution of coordinated service across public transit system boundaries.		
7	State Transit Assistance (STA) Fund Conditioning	In allocating funds for population based or revenue-based STA funding, MTC shall apply eligibility standards: (1) an operator may receive its funds only if it has implemented productivity improvements. The amount withheld is	(a) In allocating funds for operating purposes pursuant to Sections 99313 and 99314, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission shall apply the following eligibility standards to the operators within the region subject to its jurisdiction: (1) An operator is not eligible for its full allocation under this section unless the operator has been found to have made reasonable effort in implementing productivity improvements pursuant to Section 99244. In determining whether a reasonable effort has been made, the		PUC 99314.7.

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		<p>proportionate to the degree of inefficiency; (2) operators must comply with the rules MTC sets related to fares, schedules and revenue-sharing among operators. (3) funds withheld for inefficiency reasons must be reserved for 2 years for that operator but if the operator is still out of compliance, then those funds and funds not allocated due to (2) may be reassigned for purposes of</p>	<p>Metropolitan Transportation Commission shall give consideration to whether the operator would qualify for funding under Section 99314.6. The amount of funds allocated shall be reduced in an amount that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission deems proportionate to the failure of the operator to implement the recommended improvements. The Metropolitan Transportation Commission shall adopt rules and regulations, in cooperation with the affected operators, governing the allocation of any funds withheld under this paragraph, subject to paragraphs (2) and (3). (2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), an operator shall not receive any funds pursuant to Section 99313 or 99314 unless it has complied with the applicable rules, regulations, and recommendations adopted by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission pursuant to</p>		

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		<p>improving coordination or to any operator whose operating costs are rising below inflation.</p>	<p>Sections 66516 and 66516.5 of the Government Code. (3) Funds withheld from allocation to an operator pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be retained by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for reallocation to that operator for two years following the year of ineligibility. With respect to the funds withheld from an operator pursuant to paragraph (1), the Metropolitan Transportation Commission shall reallocate those funds to the operator if the operator complies with that paragraph within two years. Funds not reallocated to the operator, and funds withheld pursuant to paragraph (2), shall be allocated to any eligible operator within the region subject to the jurisdiction of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for the purpose of improving coordination among the operators, or to any operator whose increase</p>		

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			<p>in total operating cost per revenue vehicle hour is less than the increase in the Consumer Price Index. Funds allocated for these purposes are exempt from subdivision (a).</p> <p>(b) For purposes of this section, “operating cost,” “revenue vehicle hour,” and “Consumer Price Index” have the same meaning as defined in Section 99314.6.</p>		
	Regional Transit Connectivity Study		<p>(d) The Metropolitan Transportation Commission shall adopt a regional transit connectivity plan by May 1, 2006. The connectivity plan shall be incorporated into the commission’s Transit Coordination Implementation Plan pursuant to Section 66516.5 of the Government Code. The connectivity plan shall require operators to comply with the plan utilizing commission authority pursuant to Section 66516.5 of the Government Code. The commission shall</p>	Regional Measure 2 Bridge Tolls	S&H Code 30914.5

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			<p>consult with the Partnership Transit Coordination Council in developing a plan that identifies and evaluates opportunities for improving transit connectivity and shall include, but not be limited to, the following components:</p> <p>(1) A network of key transit hubs connecting regional rapid transit services to one another, and to feeder transit services. “Regional rapid transit” means long-haul transit service that crosses county lines, and operates mostly in dedicated rights-of-way, including freeway high-occupancy vehicle lanes, crossing a bridge, or on the bay. The identified transit hubs shall operate either as a timed transfer network or as pulsed hub connections, providing regularly scheduled connections between two or more transit lines.</p> <p>(2) Physical infrastructure and right-of-way improvements necessary to improve system</p>		

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			<p>reliability and connections at transit hubs. Physical infrastructure improvements may include, but are not limited to, improved rail-to-rail transfer facilities, including cross-platform transfers, and intermodal transit improvements that facilitate rail-to-bus, rail-to-ferry, ferry-to-ferry, ferry-to-bus, and bus-to-bus transfers. Capital improvements identified in the plan shall be eligible for funding in the commission’s regional transportation plan.</p> <p>(3) Regional standards and procedures to ensure maximum coordination of schedule connections to minimize transfer times between transit lines at key transit hubs, including, but not limited to, the following:</p> <p>(A) Policies and procedures for improved fare collection.</p>		

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			<p>(B) Enhanced trip-planning services, including Internet-based programs, telephone information systems, and printed schedules.</p> <p>(C) Enhanced schedule coordination through the implementation of real-time transit-vehicle location systems that facilitate communication between systems and result in improved timed transfers between routes.</p> <p>(D) Performance measures and data collection to monitor the performance of the connectivity plan.</p> <p>The connectivity plan shall focus on, but not be limited to, feeder transit lines connecting to regional rapid transit services, and the connection of regional rapid transit services to one another. The connectivity plan shall be adopted following a Metropolitan Transportation Commission public hearing at least 60 days prior to adoption. The commission</p>		

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			shall adopt performance measures and collect appropriate data to monitor the performance of the connectivity plan. The plan shall be evaluated every three years by the commission as part of the update to its regional transportation plan. No agency shall be eligible to receive funds under this section unless the agency is a participant operator in the commission’s regional transit connectivity plan.		
	Regional Measure 3 Funding Performance Measures	Authorizes MTC to adopt performance measures related to fare-box recovery, ridership and other performance measures “as needed”		RM 3	Streets and Highways Code 30914.5
8	AB 1107 BART Sales Tax Authority	Splits the BART permanent sales tax 75% to BART and	Notwithstanding Section 7271 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, after deduction for the cost of the State Board of Equalization in		PUC Code 29142.2

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		<p>25% to BART, SFMTA (rail), and AC on the basis of regional priorities. These allocations must be in accordance with criteria in an annually revised plan developed in coordination with the 3 operators.</p>	<p>administering the transactions and use tax, the amounts collected under the ordinance adopted pursuant to Section 29140* and available for distribution shall be allocated as follows: (a) Seventy-five percent to the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District. (b) Twenty-five percent shall be allocated by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission to the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District, the City and County of San Francisco for its municipal railway system, and the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District for transit services on the basis of regional priorities established by the commission. The allocations by the commission to these transit operators for transit services shall be in accordance with the criteria in the financial management plan which is to be developed and annually revised by the commission in coordination with the Alameda-</p>		

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			Contra Costa Transit District, the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District, and the City and County of San Francisco.		
9	Regional transit funding priorities	Requires MTC to develop procedures for establishing regional transportation priorities in allocation of transportation funds	The commission shall... formulate procedures for establishing regional transportation priorities in the allocation of funds for transportation purposes.		Government Code 66517.5
10	Oversight of local transit operator budgets		The commission shall also establish and maintain standards relating to: (a) A standardized reporting and accounting system under which public transit operators shall make quarterly reports to the commission on their revenues and expenditures and submit their annual proposed and adopted budgets for comment and evaluation. The system shall be consistent with the uniform system of accounts and records adopted by the State Controller		Government Code 66517.5

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			pursuant to Section 99243 of the Public Utilities Code; (b) Maintenance of established levels of local support for public transit system operations; (c) Operating efficiency and cost control.		

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11	STP Conditioning		(k)(4) Selection of projects.- (A) In general.-All Federally funded projects carried out within the boundaries of a metropolitan planning area serving a transportation management area under this title (excluding projects carried out on the National Highway System) or under chapter 53 of title 49 shall be selected for implementation from the approved TIP by the metropolitan planning organization designated for the area in consultation with the State and any affected public transportation operator.		Title 23, USC 134
12	CMAQ Conditioning		(k)(4) Selection of projects.- (A) In general.-All Federally funded projects carried out within the boundaries of a metropolitan planning area serving a transportation management area under this title (excluding projects carried out on the National		Title 23, USC 134

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			Highway System) or under chapter 53 of title 49 shall be selected for implementation from the approved TIP by the metropolitan planning organization designated for the area in consultation with the State and any affected public transportation operator.		
13	Federal Transit Formula Funding	MTC is the designated recipient so responsible for the programming of funds subject to constraint that funds must be spent within the urbanized areas associated with the apportionment			