



# Memorandum

**TO:** TRANSPORTATION AND  
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

**FROM:** Betsy Shotwell

**SUBJECT:** AB 57 (BEALL), MTC  
REPRESENTATION

**DATE:** 08-10-11

Approved

*Edward Shikada*

Date

*8/12/11*

**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** N/A

## SUPPLEMENTAL

### REASON FOR SUPPLEMENTAL

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) was created by the State Legislature in 1970 to coordinate transportation planning and funding for the nine-county Bay Area. It serves as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the region. MTC's governance structure was defined in its enabling legislation and has not been modified during its 41-year history. The purpose of this supplemental memo is to provide additional information on the background and status of AB 57 (Beall) relating to MTC representation.

There have been past attempts to adjust the membership of MTC to better reflect the current population of the Bay Area. The City of San Jose has supported earlier legislation to secure the City's membership on MTC. As example, in 2004, AB 2741 was introduced by Assembly Members Simon Salinas and Lois Wolk. AB 2741 would have added two additional seats to MTC, but died in the Assembly.

In response to the City's Legislative Priority adopted by the Mayor and Council in 2010 that recognized the need to adjust the membership of MTC to better reflect the population shift to San Jose, MTC Chair Scott Haggerty created an Ad-Hoc committee made up of six Commissioners including Supervisor Ken Yeager to review the governance structure of MTC. After several meetings, the Ad-Hoc committee recommended that the Commission support state legislation to increase the membership of the Commission by two seats, one to be appointed by the Mayor of San Jose and the second to be appointed by the Mayor of Oakland. The MTC recommendation to introduce state legislation was approved by the Commission although it was not supported by the City and County of San Francisco's representatives on the Commission.

AB 57 (Beall), sponsored by MTC, was introduced in December 2010, which if approved will increase the number of representatives on the MTC Commission by two members from 19 to 21 providing a seat for the City of San Jose and a seat for the City of Oakland. The San Jose City Council re-affirmed a support position for AB 57 on April 5, 2011. The bill has passed all relevant Assembly Committees and passed off the floor of the Assembly on May 26, 2011. The bill is currently in the Senate Transportation & Housing Committee, and has been held over to

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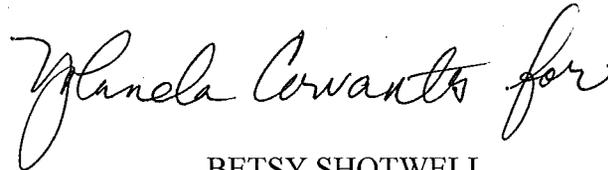
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January at the request of the Chair of the Committee to allow for a discussion of issues related to regional governance during the interim.

Senator Mark DeSaulnier, Chair of the Senate Transportation & Housing Committee, will hold a series of three hearings on regional governance in the Bay Area. The first hearing is scheduled for September 13<sup>th</sup> in San Jose City Hall. City staff has worked with the Senator and his staff to prepare for the hearing.

City staff continues to work with Assembly Member Jim Beall, as author of AB 57 to pursue the bill's passage. The bill will be scheduled for a hearing in the Senate Transportation & Housing Committee in January after the Legislature reconvenes for the second year of the two-year session.

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