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System Development Policy

PURPOSE:

To obtain Board adoption of the System Development Policy.

DISCUSSION:

Future development of the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) system must consider the continued growth and change of the region, and the role of the BART system in meeting the needs of the region and megaregion. The BART System Development Policy is being established to guide evaluation of line extensions and new stations, including infill stations, and to provide a framework for decision making. The policy ensures that proposed extensions and stations provide clear, measurable benefits to the system and its riders, and address the region's goals to grow transit ridership, address the climate emergency, improve mobility, and ensure equitable outcomes.

BART's original System Expansion Policy was adopted in December 1999 and subsequently updated in December 2002. Since the original adoption of this Policy, other related BART policies have been updated, as well as those of BART's funding partners. In November 2021, BART staff brought the Policy to the BART Board of Directors as an informational item for initial feedback on updating the Policy, and then completed outreach to the public, staff at the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), and County Transportation Authorities (CTAs). Based on this feedback, in September 2022, BART staff brought a draft System Development Policy (to replace the original System Expansion Policy) as an informational item to the BART Board that included policy language more consistent with BART's current priorities and a proposed policy implementation process that focuses on a business case approach. Staff made further refinements to the draft System Development Policy and these refinements were discussed at the BART Board meeting on September 14, 2023.



The goals and objectives of the updated Policy are to:

- Support regional livability and a sustainable, equitable, and prosperous Bay Area;
- Better serve communities and improve the rider experience; and
- Support stewardship of the BART District & taxpayer investment.

Further, the updated Policy includes an implementation process that evaluates a proposed project within a business case framework. This framework provides reasoning and justification for initiating a project and how the project supports BART's vision and mission.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no known fiscal impact expected with adoption of the System Development Policy at this time.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Do not adopt the System Development Policy.
2. Adopt a modified System Development Policy.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board adopt the following motion:

MOTION:

The attached System Development Policy is adopted.