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METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (MTC)

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Board Qualifications:

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission consists of 19 members, one voting member of whom is appointed by the Board of Supervisors and must be an officer or employee of the City and County of San Francisco. Sixteen of the nineteen members are voting members.

The composition of the members are as follows: Fourteen voting members are appointed directly by local elected officials. In each of the more populous counties, Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, San Mateo and Santa Clara -- two commissioners are appointed, one by the county's council of mayors and council members (in San Francisco, by the mayor) and one by the county board of supervisors. In each of the less populous counties, Marin, Napa, Solano and Sonoma--the county's council of mayors and council members nominates up to three candidates to the board of supervisors, which selects one commissioner. Because of this system, most commissioners are local elected officials. In addition, one voting representative each is appointed by the Association of Bay Area Governments and the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission.

The three nonvoting members are as follows: One representative of the state's Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, as well as the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the United States Department of Transportation.

The MTC was created to plan the transportation network for the nine Bay Area counties. In addition to preparing a long-range plan, MTC looks at specific travel routes, weighs the relative

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merits of various travel options (new rail or roads, or upgrades to what is already in place), then decides on the needed improvements.

Compensation: \$100 for each meeting with a limit of 5 meetings a month for reimbursement.

Reports: The Commission adopted a regional transportation plan for the region. Any new transportation project in the region must be included in the plan before it can move forward. Each county within the jurisdiction of the commission, together with the cities and transit operators within the county, may, every two years, develop and update the transportation plan for the county and the cities within the county. The commission shall develop an emergency transportation system management plan which defines the continuing emergency services required during reconstruction of highway facilities which have been rendered inoperable by the earthquake. The plan shall be in effect for the period of time needed to restore the damaged sections of State Route 880 in the County of Alameda and State Route 280 and the Embarcadero Freeway in the City and County of San Francisco.

Sunset Clause: None referenced.
