

# MPAC Worksheet

**Agenda Item Title:** Community Connector Transit Study: Report Introduction

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## **Purpose/Objective**

Provide an update on the work done to develop the draft report which is the final milestone for the CCT Study (see Attachment 1).

## **Action Requested/Outcome**

Staff is seeking MPAC's guidance for how the report could best provide a framework to support future implementation and how to best carry forward its findings and recommendations into regional efforts including the 2028 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update. This is an introduction in preparation for future action on Resolution 26-5588 (see Attachment 3).

## **What has changed since MPAC last considered this issue/item?**

In May, MPAC received a written update on the opportunity area readiness results, the recommendations included within the governance strategy, and the initial report outline. Staff has since been working with local agency, business and community partners to incorporate that input provide guidance for how the study report could best provide a framework for future implementation that meets community needs.

## **Draft Study Report**

The draft report documents the findings and recommendations resulting from the study. Most importantly, it discusses how we can work together and what it will take to capitalize on the opportunities for improving access to transit for more people towards achieving our transportation vision for the region. The full report is included as Attachment 3a and an Executive Summary that highlights the key takeaways is included as Attachment 2.

The report opens by describing the study approach and milestones and what Metro and partners were looking to identify solutions for and accomplish through the work. In particular, it highlights how agency partners and community were involved with a focus on its conception from partner and community engagement through the 2023 RTP. It then sets the stage for how the study built from the foundation established by the 2040 Growth Concept, RTP, and RTS; a host of recent planning work by partners; and national and local best practices to develop a policy framework. It takes stock of existing conditions, describes challenges and opportunities for community connectors, and why this work is important to undertake now. The report also describes the collaborative, iterative process for identifying community connector and mobility hub opportunities and determining their readiness. Inclusion in the vision, regardless of categorization, reinforces the need for continued investment both in land use and corridor planning to develop the transit-supportive environment. Call-out boxes throughout the report highlight key points, themes or information, including best practices, what we heard from community, and lessons learned. The appendices incorporate the engagement summaries and technical memos previously reviewed at the other key milestones of the process that further document the detailed work of the study.

Then, most importantly, the report outlines the actions and recommendations supporting implementation of community connectors and mobility hubs. Advancing the identified opportunities will require balancing near-term implementation with long-term flexibility, recognizing that service types may change over time as land use, travel demand, and transit networks continue to grow and adapt. The CCT Study outlines forward-looking actions that, rather than prescribing specific projects or service decisions, focus on implementation readiness, coordination, and Metro's role as a regional convener and technical resource. These are recommended to be incorporated into the RTS which is proposed to be updated following the 2028 RTP update (and as such would also incorporate all revisions adopted, including those above).

Implementation of CCT and mobility hubs will depend on strong regional coordination and shared responsibility. Metro's role as a convener and technical resource will be particularly important in supporting alignment across jurisdictions, facilitating consistent practices, and integrating CCT services into regional planning and funding programs. Local partners — including transit agencies, counties, cities, park agencies, and community organizations — will continue to lead in designing, funding, and operating services that reflect local context and priorities. By continuing to work collaboratively and approaching transit as an integrated regional system, Metro and partners can together advance a flexible and resilient CCT network that supports regional goals for equity, mobility, climate action, and access to opportunity.

#### *Incorporating CCT Study Findings and Recommendations in Regional Efforts*

Local transit like community connectors is one part — a key part, but still one of many parts — of the broader transit strategy. There are many tools in the transit toolbox for implementing the regional vision to better serve growing communities and achieve regional goals of equity, climate, economy, safety, and mobility. Community connector transit is one of these tools. Local connectors can expand the transportation network and improve transit in areas with limited access. The CCT Study includes recommendations for updating the policy framework to reflect the role of community connectors to offer more comprehensive guidance on how each transit tool can be applied to maximize benefits and leverage other tools to best work together as a system.

Exhibit B to Resolution 26-5588 (see Attachment 3b) describes the study's recommendations for updates to the local transit component of the RTP, which complements the RTS and Climate Smart Strategy. The local transit component includes a description of local transit needs, the Regional Transit Vision System Concept and Network Map, local transit policies, a list of 2030 and 2045 Fiscally Constrained and 2045 Strategic local transit projects, and topics for future study and planning efforts. The draft Staff Report for Resolution 26-5588 in Attachment 3c provides additional context about the information that would be included in the recommended updates.

#### *Next Steps*

Staff will return to MPAC in September to request action on Resolution 26-5588 accepting the study findings and recommendations and directing staff to incorporate those into the 2028 RTP.

#### **What packet material do you plan to include?**

1. Workplan: Summer 2026 Update
2. Executive Summary
3. Draft Resolution 26-5588
  - Draft Exhibit A: Full Report
  - Draft Exhibit B: Incorporating CCT Findings & Recommendations in Regional Efforts
  - Draft Staff Report