



Metropolitan
Transportation
Commission

Advisory Committee
Structure Review

September 11, 2009



Purpose of the Report

- Review of structure and function of Advisory Committees
- Research regarding process at similar agencies
- Recommendations to improve structure and function



Key Issues

- Communication between Advisors and Commissioners is limited and one-directional.
- Communication between Advisors and executive staff is limited and one-directional.
- Each advisory committee's mission, goals and objectives are not clearly defined or understood by Advisors.

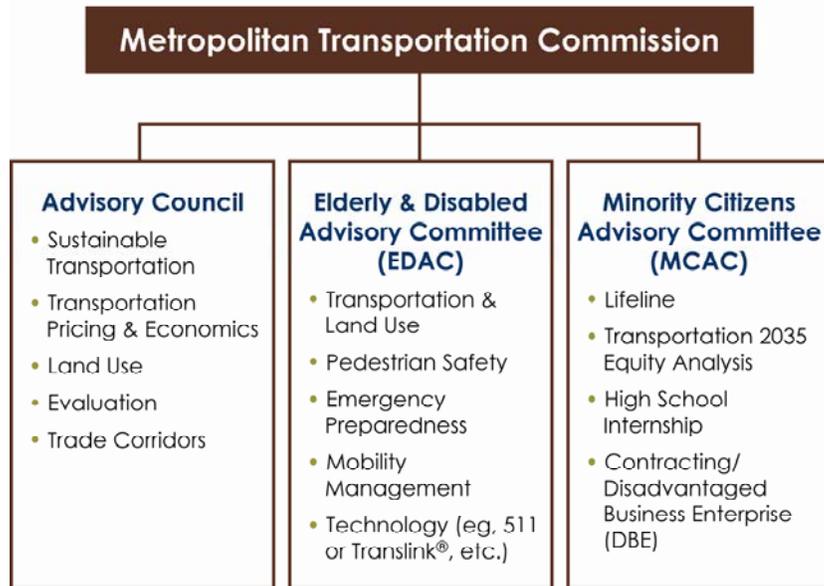


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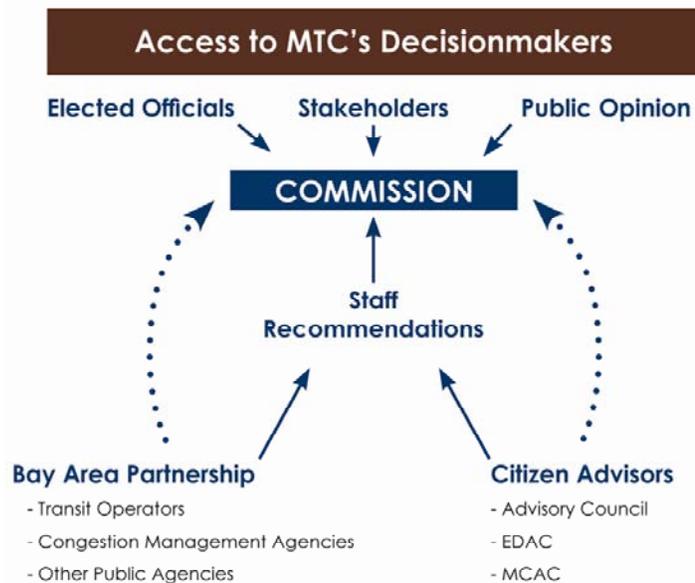
- The Commission's expectations of advisory committees are not clearly conveyed to Advisors.
- More opportunities for cross-pollination of ideas, or integration of MCAC and EDAC issues into the larger advisory committee context, are needed.



Existing Advisory Committee and Subcommittee Organization



Access to MTC's Decisionmakers





• Recommendation #1

1. Replace the existing structure with a new Citizen Policy Advisory Committee.



New Advisory Committee and Subcommittee Organization

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Citizen Policy Advisory Committee

1 minority member
from each of
the 9 counties

1 elderly or disabled
member from each
of the 9 counties

18 members divided
between MTC's
current issue areas

Other technical Advisory Groups
(see recommendation #4)



Recommendation #2

- Provide strategic direction to Citizen Advisors.
 - Annually develop Mission, Purpose and Goals for Policy Committee
 - Annual training session for Policy Committee members



Recommendation #3

- Strengthen Communication between Advisors and Commissioners, and Advisors and Executive staff.
 - Quarterly reports agendized
 - Commissioner Attendance (2)
 - Senior Exec Staff Attendance



Recommendation #4

- Solicit project- and program-specific technical advice.
 - Greater participation – topic specific
 - More flexibility
 - Develop broader technical base

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