

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission: Proposed Citizens Policy Advisory Committee

Joint Advisor Workshop
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Key Points from Commissioners

- Support for a single Citizens Policy Advisory Committee
- Advisors serve to advise the Commission
- Regarding structure, an overall goal for:
 - Balanced representation
 - A diversity of views and opinions (including persons of color, low income, disabled)
 - A manageable committee size
- Commissioners lay-out advisory committee's work plan at annual meeting with advisors
- The region's growing senior population
- Advisors may establish work groups with finite completion dates to implement work plan
- Minority (dissenting) opinion should be reported back to Commission as well



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Schedule

- **November 6 – Legislation Committee packet with advisory committee proposal scheduled for e-mail to advisors**
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Key Points from Commissioners

- **Support from Commission to define advisors' role by establishing an advisory committee mission statement**
- **Logistics:**
 - November 2009 Legislation Committee meeting: MTC Commissioners will review a draft mission statement and resolution to recommend for approval
 - November 2009 Commission meeting: Final approval of mission statement and resolution



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Key Points from Commissioners

An annual meeting with commissioners & advisors

- Review mission and purpose of advisory committee
- Commissioners spell out specific work plan items for Citizen Policy Advisory Committee (CPAC) to tackle in the coming year
- Commissioners set measurable goals tied to CPAC's work plan
- Establish a schedule for CPAC to report progress to MTC Committees on key milestones
- To implement annual work plan, CPAC may establish work groups, with participation from MTC staff



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Considerations Regarding Composition

- **Balanced representation**
 - Geographic coverage
 - Proportional representation
- **A diversity of views and opinions**
 - Multiple interest groups (stakeholders)
 - Equity
 - Economy
 - Environment
- **A manageable committee size**
 - 36 members too unwieldy?
 - 18-27 more ideal?
 - Any recommendations?



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Considerations Regarding Composition

- Every Bay Area county should be represented
- There are multiple stakeholder interest groups that could be represented on the advisory committee. Should every interest group have a seat from every county?
- Advisory committee members could represent more than one interest group



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Considerations Regarding Composition

- Which major stakeholder interest groups should be represented to meet Commission's request for a diversity of opinions and views?

Economy	Environment	Equity/Access
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Architecture ➤ Business ➤ Construction ➤ Development ➤ Engineering ➤ Freight ➤ Housing ➤ Labor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Environmental Advocate ➤ Bicyclist ➤ Pedestrian ➤ Public Transit Advocate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Community ➤ Minority ➤ Low-Income ➤ Senior ➤ Disabled ➤ Safety



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Composition: Two Options

- **Proportional Option: Generally Based on Population**
- **Hybrid Option: County Based and At-Large Stakeholder**



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Composition: Proportional Option

- **A 28-member committee, with a county proportional representation (generally based on population) as follows**
 - Santa Clara County 4 representatives
 - Alameda County 4 representatives
 - Contra Costa County 4 representatives
 - San Francisco 3 representatives
 - San Mateo County 3 representatives
 - Sonoma County 3 representatives
 - Solano County 3 representatives
 - Marin County 2 representatives
 - Napa County 2 representatives
- **Within each county, members would be selected to fill the Three E categories: Economy, Environment, and Equity.**



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Composition: Hybrid Option

- **A 27-member committee**
- **By County**
 - 9 minorities/persons of color (1 from each county)
 - 9 senior or disabled members (1 from each county; of the nine, at least 3 to be seniors and at least 3 to be disabled)
- **By Interest Categories, At-large Seats**
 - 9 stakeholder seats from the following categories:
 - 2 Business advocate seats
 - 2 Housing interest seats (For example, developers, low-income housing advocates, etc.)
 - 2 Construction, Architecture, Engineering or Transportation Technology seats
 - 2 Environmental seats
 - 1 Low-income seat



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Terms of Appointment: Length of Service

- **Advisors currently serve for two-year terms.**
- **Would potential advisors be willing to commit to three-year terms?**
- **Which do you think is preferable?**
 - Two-year terms
 - Three-year terms



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Terms of Appointment

- Term limits
- MTC Commissioners would be encouraged to consider length of service and effectiveness before making appointments and reappointments.
- Lifetime term limit, or a limit on consecutive number of years one can serve?



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Typical Annual Schedule

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 - Recruitment for expiring terms each winter (Nov/Dec/Jan)
 - New advisors approved by the Commission in February
 - Annual meeting with Commission in March, to coincide with development of MTC's annual work plan
 - Orientation in April
 - Begin work plan in May
 - NOTE: First-year's schedule may differ slightly



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