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Memorandum

TO: Legislation Committee

DATE: November 12, 2009

FR: Minority Citizens Advisory Committee

RE: Policy Advisory Committee

The Minority Citizens Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, November 10, and, following a discussion of MTC staff's recommendations for the new Policy Advisory Committee structure, has the following comments on the proposal before the Legislation Committee.

1. The Minority Citizens Advisory Committee recommends an increase in committee membership from the staff proposed 27-member panel to a maximum of 36 members. The committee further recommends that the additional nine members, as well as the nine at-large members, be appointed on a proportional basis by county population and not solely on an at-large basis.
2. If the Legislation Committee decides to approve a 27-member advisory committee, the Minority Citizens Advisory Committee recommends that the nine at-large members be appointed on a proportional basis by county population and not solely on an at-large basis.

The above statement was moved, seconded and voted on unanimously by the MCAC members present* to be forwarded via memo to the Legislation Committee for its meeting on Friday, November 13, 2009.

* Note: At this point in the meeting the committee was short of a quorum by one member.

>>> CATHY JACKSON

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Good Day,

In response to the proposed Resolution 3931 Policy Advisory Council, the Advisory Council supports the draft proposed for re-structuring of the advisory body for the Metropolitan Transportation Commission but urges that the groups currently represented on the Advisory Council yet not included in the new structure, such as, labor, media, academia, safety, non-motorized transportation, architecture, construction, transit user, engineering, ought also to have specific seats, such that the size of the proposed new advisory body be increased from 27 up to a maximum of 36.

We appreciate the opportunity to work with MTC in this public effort.

Cathy Jackson, Chair
MTC Advisory Council



**SAN MATEO COUNTY
PARATRANSIT COORDINATING COUNCIL**

October 27, 2009

MTC
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Dear Commissioners,

On behalf of the San Mateo County Paratransit Coordinating Council (PCC), I would like to express our concerns about a proposal before the Commission to revise and restructure the three separate public advisory committees into one unified committee. The proposed committee structure would allow for one representative from San Mateo County to represent both seniors and people with disabilities. The PCC feels strongly that these groups have very specialized and distinct perspectives on transportation and land use, pedestrian safety, and many other issues the committee would address. *For this reason, the PCC believes it is important for San Mateo County to have two representatives from our county – one to represent elderly citizens and a second to represent people with disabilities.*

While the San Mateo County PCC understands there are some opportunities to improve communication between advisors and commissioners/executive staff and for advisors to better understand their roles, we are not in a position to recommend a preferred new structure. However, we do encourage you to consider the relevance of including representatives from each county to reflect the needs, interests and perspectives of elderly citizens and persons with disabilities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kent Mickelson
Chair
San Mateo County PCC