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Memorandum

TO: Planning Committee

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FR: Equity Analysis Subcommittee

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RE: Proposed Snapshot Analysis

Over the course of 16 meetings held in 2009 and 2010, the Equity Analysis Subcommittee of the former Minority Citizens Advisory Committee (MCAC) worked with staff on a proposed Snapshot Analysis framework to enhance MTC's planning efforts related to transportation equity. The Subcommittee presented its report from that work to MCAC at its final meeting this past March.

After reviewing and approving staff's draft report and recommendations, the Subcommittee made two additional recommendations related to the Draft Snapshot Analysis Report along with three recommendations for future work, which MCAC approved.

Recommendations Related to the Draft Snapshot Analysis Report

MCAC felt the work summarized in the report represents substantial progress toward addressing the key questions raised by the Subcommittee, and agreed with the recommendations made in the report. In addition to the staff recommendations included in the draft report, MCAC makes the following recommendations:

1. In addition to the metrics and maps included in the staff report, MCAC recommends that maps detailing weekend and evening transit service frequency also be included.*
2. MCAC requests that the snapshot be updated at least every two years as new data becomes available.

*Note: Staff subsequently developed these maps which are now included in the report.

Recommendations for Future Work

The process of exploring the key questions and available data for the Snapshot revealed that data was not always regionally available or consistent to address the Subcommittee's priority questions. Lacking this information, MCAC felt the picture portrayed by the Snapshot Analysis, while a valuable addition to understanding transportation in communities of concern, remains incomplete. Therefore, MCAC has three additional recommendations for future work:

1. Minority and low-income representatives to the new Policy Advisory Council have input on any future redefinition of the communities of concern.
2. MTC should develop online interactive mapping capabilities to make all data in the Snapshot Analysis more widely available. Specifically, MTC should develop an interactive tool that enables Snapshot information to be queried by users to better understand the data underlying the metrics, for example, to extract data for individual transit operators.
3. MTC should continue to work with minority and low-income representatives to the new Policy Advisory Council in order to develop new methods to:
 - Analyze, compute and display transportation investments.
 - Analyze issues related to transit, pedestrian and bicycle safety that provide a more comprehensive picture of safety-related incidents and perceptions of personal safety.
 - Analyze transit reliability.

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