

Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Policy Advisory Council Equity and Access Subcommittee

June 23 2022

Agenda Item 6

Staff Liaison Report from Preceding Meeting

Subject:

Observations from the previous Policy Advisory Council Equity & Access Subcommittee meeting.

Issues:

None identified.

Recommendations:

Information

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Staff Liaison Report from Preceding Meeting

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Hi all,

One more time-sensitive item to flag for the subcommittee (from the [BayLink blog](#), see below). Please post/share with your networks, folks have until this Friday to complete the survey, and will be eligible for one of three \$100 gift cards.

Thank you,

-Ky-Nam

Extended: Input from senior, disabled and low-income communities sought for MTC transit planning

Seniors, people with disabilities and those with low incomes now have until **Friday, May 27** [to provide input on the transportation challenges they face in the region](#).

Residents who identify with these categories are invited to share their thoughts via a survey (links below). Respondents can win one of three \$100 gift cards.

The MTC is preparing the next update to the [Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan](#), which coordinates transit agencies and other transportation providers so that all Bay Area residents can get to where they need to go.

The public's input will help prioritize funding and align services to better meet the needs of these communities.

- [Take the survey in English](#)
- [Conteste la Encuesta en Español](#)
- [參加中文問卷調查](#)

View the current [Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan](#) and learn more about the plan.

Greetings all,

Congratulations to the Subcommittee's new Chair and Vice Chair (Ilaf and Genay) , and big thanks to all who stepped up during the nominations process.

Here is a brief review of the action items and key questions that came up during last week's Equity and Access Subcommittee meeting.

Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force Action Plan: Proposed Accessibility Work Plan

(Drennen Shelton) dshelton@bayareametro.gov

- Drennen asked members for specific individuals, agencies or community groups for stakeholder engagement during this project. Members can email or call Drennen directly.
- Drennen confirmed that changing the requirements for renewals is on the table so that permanently disabled transit users will not be forced to renew their paratransit eligibility.
- Frank Welte and others pointed to need to focus on people with disabilities accessing conventional transit systems as well as paratransit. Frank offered to follow up with a list of potential community partners.

Public Comment:

- Jane Kramer offered public comments seeking to bring broader public awareness to the accessibility work plan; and further asked if it'd be possible to have neighborhood-level resources for shared micro-mobility options.
- Warren Cushman offered public comment emphasizing that paratransit was just one corner of a huge tapestry of concerns when it comes to serving the disabled community.
- Daveed Mandell serves on the transportation committee of the American Council for the Blind, and shared that the United States Department of Transportation is accepting applications to join the Transportation Equity Advisory Committee, pointing to need for disability advocates to be included in this body. Ky-Nam would be happy to support Council Members seeking to serve on this federal body.

Next Generation Freeways Study: Equity and Engagement (Anup Tapase & Leslie Lara-Enriquez) atapase@bayareametro.gov; llara-enriquez@bayareametro.gov

- Frank Welte pointed out that the slides were inaccessible. Staff will share materials directly with Frank and any other Council Members who request additional access and support to test out comparative platforms to review which slides and materials are problematic and provide additional guidance to MTC staff presenters.
- Chris Fitzgerald pointed out that independent truckers are often low-income people of color and would be heavily burdened by tolled freeways. The California Trucking Association is on the advisory body for NextGen Freeway study.
- Ilaf Esuf asked what other projects could be studied in lieu of the NextGen Freeway study.

New Business:

- Newly elected E&A Chair Esuf invited Subcommittee members to share items to review. Please share any suggested items to Martha and KyNam.
- Frank Welte requested information from MTC staff around the processes that are used in planning to address disability issues in the plans that are made by MTC. He also requested information on what efforts are being taken at MTC to address issues of disability awareness, disability employment at MTC, and related issues.