Metropolitan Transportation Commission

Policy Advisory Council Equity and Access Subcommittee

August 26, 2022

Agenda Item 7

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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Norman Mineta Bay Area Summer Academy

Here is the link to the <u>Academy Syllabus</u>, which includes recording links to previous all four sessions that took place in July 2022. John Kannegieser and Ky-Nam Miller will present on the college and high school summer programs at the August 26, 2022, Equity and Access Subcommittee meeting.

Agenda Item 5: Express Carpool Check Smartphone App Pilot

Several Subcommittee Members raised privacy concerns about the Express Carpool Check Smartphone App Pilot, particularly with respect to sharing car rider information with law enforcement. MTC's General Counsel Kathleen Kane responded to the question of whether MTC has a policy about sharing its data with law enforcement: while there is no policy per se on collaborating with law enforcement, if the police have a valid warrant and asks for information, MTC complies with those requests. There is no agreement to collaborate with ICE or other particular law enforcement agencies, they must go through the correct legal process like any other law enforcement agency. MTC goes beyond the basic requirements in protecting Personally Identifiable Information (PII), with a dedicated attorney who ensures that any PII the agency shares is protected to the fullest extent of the law. Since January 1, 2022, MTC has received 33 search warrants and two court orders. In addition, MTC has received 17 subpoenas in that time frame, which are treated differently with greater latitude to protect PII sought in that process. Ms. Kane offered to attend an upcoming Council Meeting to dive deeper into this issue and answer any questions the Council may have.

Staff was also asked to share target percentages for pilot participants, broken down by race, income, and Limited English Proficiency (LEP) populations. Councilmember Walter Wilson asked for further information on how the company tasked with outreach, <u>Atkins</u>, was selected. MTC Staffer Michael Brinton is preparing a response.

Other Information

Finally, flagging this New York Times article "<u>Transportation Dept. Opens Program to Make</u> <u>Public Transit Accessible</u>" as key reading for the E&A subcommittee