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Memorandum

Date: February 26, 2025
To: Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)
From: Ky-Nam Miller, Staff Liaison, Policy Advisory Council
Regarding: February 2025 Council Report to Commission

Summary:

This memo provides a summary of the activity of the Policy Advisory Council (Council) over the previous month.

January 28, 2025 Meeting:

The Policy Advisory Council meeting on January 28, 2025 originally included two items, but due to an extended and ultimately unresolved leadership vote (discussed below), the Council only heard an item on youth programming.

Youth Programming:

MTC staff provided an update on youth programs aimed at providing Bay Area youth with an engaging and informative internship in the public sector and fostering a diverse pipeline of future public servants. The presentation highlighted the Commission's two youth programs: the Ann Fitzgerald Flemer College Mentorship Program and the Norman Mineta Bay Area Summer Academy for high school students.

The Councilmembers provided a range of feedback and suggestions for the youth programs. Key points included the importance of helping students access bicycles; connecting with their elected officials; expanding outreach beyond the inner core of the Bay Area; and the value of internships, especially for community college students. There was strong support for the programs' growth and their impact on students' career trajectories, particularly for those from underrepresented backgrounds.

Other suggestions included enhancing the mentorship component, reducing the group sizes for capstone projects, and incorporating more technical fields into the program. There were also calls for more in-person sessions (currently there are four remote sessions leading up to a single in-person Capstone session hosted by MTC in San Francisco) and to increase participation from students with disabilities. Concerns about budget constraints affecting internship opportunities and the need for better attendance tracking were also raised. Overall, the feedback emphasized the programs' positive impact and the desire to continue improving and expanding their reach.

Leadership Election:

Two candidates stood for the election to become the next Chair of the Council with former Chair Pamela Campos having recently stepped down. Three rounds of voting yielded ties, and the Council voted to conduct the leadership elections again in February. In the interim, with acting Chair Michael Baldini having stepped down from his Vice Chair role in order to run for the Chair position, staff will conduct the Council meetings until a new Chair is elected.