

Metropolitan Transportation Commission

Bay Area Metro Center 375 Beale Street San Francisco, CA 94105

Meeting Agenda

Policy Advisory Council Equity & Access Subcommittee

Veda Florez. Chair

Anne Olivia Eldred. Vice Chair

Members

Richard Burnett, Rick Coates, Richard Hedges, Michelle Hernandez, Michael Lopez, Rahmon Momoh, Terry Scott, and Walter Wilson Alternates Michael Baldini and Frank Welte

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Monday, May 3, 2021

1:00 PM

Yerba Buena - 1st Floor (REMOTE)

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The Policy Advisory Council advises the Metropolitan Transportation Commission on transportation policies in the San Francisco Bay Area, incorporating diverse perspectives relating to the environment, the economy, and social equity.

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1. Welcome

Veda Florez, Equity & Access Subcommittee Chair

2. Roll Call / Confirm Quorum

Quorum: A quorum of this committee shall be a majority of its regular non-ex-officio

voting members (6).

3. 21-0567 Approval of the April 5, 2021 Meeting Minutes

<u>Action:</u> Subcommittee Approval

Attachments: 03 E&A Minutes Apr 5 2021.pdf

4. 21-0568 FasTrak START Program Pilot Update

Action: Information

Presenter: Anne Olivia Eldred

5. 21-0569 Consultant Bench: 2020 Equity Consultant - Cycle 1: (Arup Americas, Inc.

dba Arup North America Ltd.; Marcus Griwsold dba Calm Waters Group

LLC; causeIMPACTS LLC; Center for Neighborhood Technology;

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June 30, 2027 ("Bench").

Action: Information

Presenter: Nalungo Conley

<u>Attachments:</u> 05_2020 Equity Bench.pdf

6. 21-0578 Update from Youth Internship Working Group

Youth Internship Workgroup update.

Action: Information

<u>Presenter:</u> Kỳ-Nam Miller and John Kannegieser

Attachments: 06 E&A Youth Internship Update May 2021.pdf

7. <u>21-0591</u> Communities of Concern: Reconsidering Our Language

Proposal to rename "Communities of Concern" as "Equity Priority

Communities" for use across MTC and ABAG work products and projects.

Action: Information

Presenter: Anup Tapase

Attachments: 07 RethinkingCommunitiesofConcern May2021.pdf

8. New Business

Members of the subcommittee may bring up new business for discussion or addition to a future agenda.

9. Public Comments / Other Business

Note: The subcommittee will not take action on items not listed on today's agenda.

Equity and Access Subcommittee Members and members of the public participating by Zoom wishing to speak should use the "raise hand" feature or dial *9.

10. Adjournment / Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Policy Advisory Council Equity and Access Subcommittee will be held Tuesday, June 3, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. by webcast as appropriate depending on the status of any shelter in place orders. Any changes to the schedule will be duly noticed to the public.

Public Comment: The public is encouraged to comment on agenda items at Committee meetings by completing a request-to-speak card (available from staff) and passing it to the Committee secretary. Public comment may be limited by any of the procedures set forth in Section 3.09 of MTC's Procedures Manual (Resolution No. 1058, Revised) if, in the chair's judgment, it is necessary to maintain the orderly flow of business.

Meeting Conduct: If this meeting is willfully interrupted or disrupted by one or more persons rendering orderly conduct of the meeting unfeasible, the Chair may order the removal of individuals who are willfully disrupting the meeting. Such individuals may be arrested. If order cannot be restored by such removal, the members of the Committee may direct that the meeting room be cleared (except for representatives of the press or other news media not participating in the disturbance), and the session may continue.

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Attachments are sent to Committee members, key staff and others as appropriate. Copies will be available at the meeting.

All items on the agenda are subject to action and/or change by the Committee. Actions recommended by staff are subject to change by the Committee.

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Recommended Action:

Subcommittee Approval

Attachments:





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Meeting Minutes - Draft

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Michael Baldini and Randi Kinman

Monday, April 5, 2021

1:00 PM

Yerba Buena - 1st Floor (REMOTE)

1. Welcome

2. Roll Call / Confirm Quorum

Present: 10 - Council Member Burnett, Council Member Coates, Chair Florez, Council Member

Hedges, Council Member Lopez, Vice Chair Eldred, Council Member Hernandez,

(Alternate) Kinman, Council Member Scott and (Alternate) Baldini

Excused: 2 - Council Member Momoh and Council Member Wilson

3. <u>21-0435</u> Approval of the March 1, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Action: Subcommittee Approval

Attachments: 03 E&A Minutes Mar 1 2021.pdf

Upon the motion by Council Member Lopez and second by Council Member Coates, the March 1, 2021 Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Council Member Burnett, Council Member Coates, Chair Florez, Council Member

Hedges, Council Member Lopez, Vice Chair Eldred, (Alternate) Kinman, Council

Member Scott and (Alternate) Baldini

Absent: 3 - Council Member Momoh, Council Member Hernandez and Council Member Wilson

Hernandez arrived after the approval of the March 1, 2021 Meeting Minutes.

4. <u>21-0436</u> Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force Update

Presenter: Randi Kinman, Policy Advisory Council Chair

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20-1642 MTC Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Update and Title VI Report Follow

Up

SBE Update and Title VI Report Follow Up.

Action: Information

Presenter: Michael Brinton

Attachments: 05 SBE-DBE Update and Title VI Follow Up Summary Sheet, Attchs

A&C.pdf

05 Attachment B - FTA Circular Title VI FINAL.pdf

Aleta Dupree spoke on this item.

6. <u>21-0437</u> FasTrak START Program Pilot Update

Update on the FasTrak START Program Pilot of a means-based toll discount on MTC's Interstate 880 (I-880) Express Lanes with a focus on stakeholder and community engagement as well as a draft equity

statement for the pilot.

Action: Information

Presenter: Pierce Gould, Lysa Hale and Chelsea Gamulo

Attachments: 06 EL FasTrak START Toll Discount Pilot Engagement.pdf

Aleta Dupree spoke on this item.

7. New Business

8. Public Comments / Other Business

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FasTrak START Program Pilot Update

Presenter:

Anne Olivia Eldred

Recommended Action:

Information



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Subcommittee

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Presenter:

Nalungo Conley

Recommended Action:

Information

Attachments:

Metropolitan Transportation Commission Policy Advisory Council: Equity & Access Sub-Committee

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Consultant Bench: 2020 Equity Consultant - Cycle 1:

(Arup Americas, Inc. dba Arup North America Ltd.; Marcus Griwsold dba Calm Waters Group LLC; causeIMPACTS LLC; Center for Neighborhood Technology; CivicMakers, LLC; Contigo Communications Corp.; Colette M. Luckie dba Cornerstone Consulting HR; Cooperative Personnel Services dba CPS HR Consulting; Davis & Associates Communications, Inc.; Eastern Research Group Inc.; Ana Lugo Bedolla dba Equity First Consulting; Exygy, Inc.; Guidehouse Inc.; HR&A Advisors, Inc.; ICF Incorporated, L.L.C.; Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.; Lowe Consulting Group, Inc.; Christopher Jerome Lepe dba Mariposa Planning Solutions; Nelson\Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc.; Melanie Nutter dba Nutter Consulting, LLC; RSCA Corporation dba Redwood Resources; Reflex Design Collective, LLC; Tiasia O'Brien dba Seam Social Labs, Inc.; Diane Burbie dba The Aspire Group; The Mark USA, Inc.; Urban Habitat Program; WSP USA Inc.)

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Background:

MTC is working towards further incorporating equity into its operations and portfolio of work on a wide range of agency and project-specific matters. On January 11, 2021 the Policy Advisory Council's Equity and Access Sub-Committee was provided with an update and informed that staff would be issuing a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to seek on-call equity services to support MTC's work program. Through this RFQ, MTC is seeking equity services to advance our equity platform and increase access for staff to a diverse group of thought leaders in this space.

A list of pre-qualified firms is provided in Attachment A: List of Pre-Qualified Panel of Consultants for the 2020 Equity Consultant Bench – List of Firms and Service Categories, and attached hereto.

Any firms approved in Cycle 1 will be eligible for work throughout the approved term of the Equity Bench. Selection for entry into a contract with one of the prequalified consultants may take place by direct selection or via a miniprocurement, pursuant to MTC's Third-Party Contracting Policies and Procedures. Additional firms may be added to the Equity Bench in response to re-issuance of the RFQ in later cycles. Contract periods of performance and amounts will be determined on a per-contract basis based on the project solicited to the Equity Bench. Staff will go before the Administration Committee for authorization of any contracts exceeding the Executive Director's signature authority.

Cooperative use language included in the RFQ allows other public entities to utilize firms on the Equity Bench for their own equity projects and programs.

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Issues: None identified.

Recommendation: Information only

Attachments: Attachment A: List of Pre-Qualified Panel of Consultants for the 2020 Equity

Consultant Bench – List of Firms and Service Categories

Attachment B: Disadvantaged Business Enterprise and Small Business Enterprise

Status

Attachment C: PowerPoint

2020 Equity Consultant Assistance List of Firms and Service Categories (revised April 14, 2021)

	FIRM NAME	A. Internal Operations	B. Investments and Policy	C. Community and Partner Engagement	D. Innovation	E. Environmental Justice
1	Arup Americas, Inc. dba Arup North America Ltd.		1		1	1
2	Marcus Griwsold dba Calm Waters Group LLC		1	1		1
3	causeIMPACTS LLC	1	1			1
4	Center for Neighborhood Technology	1	1	1	1	1
5	CivicMakers, LLC				1	
6	Contigo Communications Corp.	1		1	1	1
7	Colette M. Luckie dba Cornerstone Consulting HR	1			1	1
8	Cooperative Personnel Services dba CPS HR Consulting	1				
9	Davis & Associates Communications, Inc.	1	1	1	1	1
10	Eastern Research Group Inc.		1			1
11	Ana Lugo Bedolla dba Equity First Consulting	1	1	1		1
12	Exygy, Inc.	1	1	1	1	1
13	Guidehouse Inc.	1	1		1	1
14	HR&A Advisors, Inc.	1	1	1	1	1
15	ICF Incorporated, L.L.C.	1				1
16	Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.				1	1

	FIRM NAME	A. Internal Operations	B. Investments and Policy	C. Community and Partner Engagement	D. Innovation	E. Environmental Justice
17	Lowe Consulting Group, Inc.			1		
18	Christopher Jerome Lepe dba Mariposa Planning Solutions		1	1	1	1
19	Nelson\Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc.		1	1	1	1
20	Melanie Nutter dba Nutter Consulting, LLC				1	1
21	RSCA Corporation dba Redwood Resources	1				1
22	Reflex Design Collective, LLC	1	1	1	1	1
23	Tiasia O'Brien dba Seam Social Labs, Inc.			1		
24	Diane Burbie dba The Aspire Group			1		
25	The Mark USA, Inc.	1			1	1
26	Urban Habitat Program		1	1		1
27	WSP USA Inc.		1	1		1
	Total Number of Applicants	16	21	25	19	23
	Total Number of Accepted Applicants	14	15	15	15	22
	Total Number of Accepted Prime DBE Firms*	3 out of 4	2 out of 4	4 out of 7	2 out of 4	3 out of 4
	Total Number of Accepted Prime SBE Firms*	6 out of 7	5 out of 7	6 out of 10	6 out of 7	7 out of 8

^{*}NOTE: DBE firms may also be SBE firms and vice versa.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise and Small Business Enterprise Status (revised April 14, 2021)

Service	Category A: Internal Operations		DBE		SBE			
ROLE	FIRM	No	Yes	if Yes, List #	No	Yes	if Yes, List #	
Prime	causeIMPACTS LLC		X	44729		X	2014558	
Prime	Center for Neighborhood Technology	X			X			
Sub	Mobility Development Partners	X			X			
Sub	Sapodilla Group	X			X			
Prime	Contigo Communications Corp.		X	45724		X	2009764	
Sub	Rosales Business Partners LLC		X	40711		X	1740220	
Sub	Reynolds Consulting	X			X			
Prime	Colette M. Luckie dba Cornerstone Consulting HR		X	41857	X			
Prime	Cooperative Personnel Services dba CPS HR Consulting	X			X			
Prime	Davis & Associates Communications, Inc.		X	26344		X	1785923	
Sub	Tamika L. Butler Consulting, LLC	X			X			
Sub	Estolano Advisors		X	42483		X	2002042	
Sub	Left Lane Advisors	X			X			
Prime	Ana Lugo Bedolla dba Equity First Consulting	X			X			
Sub	Trillium Advisors	X			X			
Prime	Exygy, Inc.	X				X	2001043	
Sub	The Justice Collective	X			X			
Prime	Guidehouse Inc.	X			X			
Sub	Pivot Strategies	X			X			
Sub	Brian Ansari & Associates Inc.		X	46571	X			
Sub	Othering and Belonging Institute	X			X			
Sub	The Unity Council	X			X			
Prime	HR&A Advisors, Inc.	X			X			
Sub	Tamika L. Butler Consulting, LLC	X			X			

Service Category A: Internal Operations			DBE			SBE		
ROLE	FIRM	No	Yes	if Yes, List #	No	Yes	if Yes, List #	
Sub	Redwood Resources	X			X			
Prime	ICF Incorporated, LLC	X			X			
Prime	RSCA Corporation dba Redwood Resources		X	42714		X		
Sub	Refolda	X			X			
Prime	Reflex Design Collective LLC		X	46293		X	2011622	
Prime	The Mark USA, Inc.		X	49217		X	2020665	

Service	Category B: Investments and Policy		DBE			SBE	
ROLE	FIRM	No	Yes	if Yes, List #	No	Yes	if Yes, List #
Prime	Arup Americas, Inc. dba Arup North America Ltd.	X			X		
Sub	Tamika L. Butler Consulting, LLC	X			X		
Sub	Stuart Cohen Strategies	X			X		
Sub	Mariposa Planning Solutions		X	49323	X		
Sub	Toole Design	X			X		
Prime	Marcus Griwsold dba Calm Waters Group LLC	X				X	2018313
Sub	Bio Studio LLC	X				X	2022766
Sub	Aplomb Design Inc. dba JUST Design	X			X		
Prime	causeIMPACTS LLC		X	44729		X	2014558
Prime	Center for Neighborhood Technology	X			X		
Prime	Davis & Associates Communications, Inc.		X	26344		X	1785923
Sub	Estolano Advisors		X	42483		X	2002042
Sub	Tamika L. Butler Consulting, LLC	X			X		
Sub	Mariposa Planning Solutions		X	49323	X		
Sub	Fehr & Peers	X			X		
Sub	InterEthnica	X			X		
Prime	Eastern Research Group Inc.	X			X		

Service	Category B: Investments and Policy		DBE			SBE	
ROLE	FIRM	No	Yes	if Yes, List #	No	Yes	if Yes, List #
Prime	Ana Lugo Bedolla dba Equity First Consulting	X			X		
Sub	Trillium Advisors	X			X		
Prime	Exygy, Inc.	X				X	2001043
Sub	The Justice Collective	X			X		
Sub	Street Level Advisors	X			X		
Sub	FrameWorks Institute	X			X		
Prime	Guidehouse Inc.	X			X		
Sub	Pivot Strategies	X			X		
Sub	Brian Ansari & Associates Inc.		X	46571	X		
Sub	Othering and Belonging Institute	X			X		
Sub	The Unity Council	X			X		
Sub	Hatch LTK	X			X		
Prime	HR&A Advisors, Inc.	X			X		
Sub	Mariposa Planning Solutions		X	49323	X		
Prime	Christopher Jerome Lepe dba Mariposa Planning Solutions		X	49323	X		
Sub	Stuart Cohen Strategies	X			X		
Sub	Tamika L. Butler Consulting, LLC	X			X		
Sub	The Nova Rose Group	X			X		
Sub	Espousal Strategies	X			X		
Prime	Nelson\Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc.	X			X		
Sub	Tamika L. Butler Consulting, LLC	X			X		
Sub	Reflex Design Collective LLC		X	46293		X	2011622
Sub	Cambridge Systematics	X			X		
Prime	Reflex Design Collective, LLC		X	46293		X	2011622
Prime	Urban Habitat Program	X			X		
Prime	WSP USA Inc.	X			X		

Service	Category C: Community and Partner Engagement		DBE		SBE			
ROLE	FIRM	No	Yes	if Yes, List #	No	Yes	if Yes, List #	
Prime	Marcus Griwsold dba Calm Waters Group LLC	X				X	2018313	
Sub	Bio Studio LLC	X				X	2022766	
Sub	Aplomb Design Inc. dba JUST Design	X			X			
Prime	Center for Neighborhood Technology	X			X			
Sub	Mobility Development Partners	X			X			
Sub	Sapodilla Group	X			X			
Prime	Contigo Communications Corp.		X	45724		X	2009764	
Sub	Reynolds Consulting	X			X			
Prime	Davis & Associates Communications, Inc.		X	26344		X	1785923	
Sub	InterEthnica	X			X			
Sub	Slow Clap Productions LLC	X				X	2016514	
Sub	Mariposa Planning Solutions		X	49323	X			
Sub	Fehr & Peers	X			X			
Sub	Tamika L. Butler Consulting, LLC	X			X			
Sub	Estolano Advisors		X	42483		X	2002042	
Prime	Ana Lugo Bedolla dba Equity First Consulting	X			X			
Sub	Trillium Advisors	X			X			
Prime	Exygy, Inc.	X				X	2001043	
Sub	Propose LLC dba Sagent Marketing		X	37643		X	38182	
Sub	Street Level Advisors	X			X			
Sub	Brink	X			X			
Prime	HR&A Advisors, Inc.	X			X			
Sub	Tamika L. Butler Consulting, LLC	X			X			
Sub	Ground Works Consulting	X			X			
Sub	Ogilvie Labs	X			X			
Prime	Lowe Consulting Group, Inc.		X	38055		X	49380	
Prime	Christopher Jerome Lepe dba Mariposa Planning Solutions		X	49323	X			

Service	Category C: Community and Partner Engagement		DBE		SBE			
ROLE	FIRM	No	Yes	if Yes, List #	No	Yes	if Yes, List #	
Sub	Stuart Cohen Strategies	X			X			
Sub	Tamika L. Butler Consulting, LLC	X			X			
Sub	The Nova Rose Group	X			X			
Prime	Nelson\Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc.	X			X			
Sub	Reflex Design Collective		X	46293		X	2011622	
Sub	Circlepoint	X				X	40528	
Prime	Reflex Design Collective LLC		X	46293		X	2011622	
Prime	Tiasia O'Brien dba Seam Social Labs, Inc.	X			X			
Sub	Diana Reyna Strategic Consulting, LLC	X			X			
Prime	Diane Burbie dba The Aspire Group		X	48761	X			
Prime	Urban Habitat Program	X			X			
Prime	WSP USA Inc.	X			X			
Sub	Kearns & West	X			X			
Sub	Raimi & Associates	X			X			

Service	Category D: Innovation		DBE			SBE		
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Prime	Arup Americas, Inc. dba Arup North America Ltd.	X			X			
Sub	Tamika L. Butler Consulting, LLC	X			X			
Sub	Stuart Cohen Strategies	X			X			
Sub	Mariposa Planning Solutions		X	49323	X			
Sub	Toole Design	X			X			
Prime	Center for Neighborhood Technology	X			X			
Sub	Mobility Development Partners	X			X			
Prime	CivicMakers, LLC	X				X	2004377	
Prime	Contigo Communications Corp.		X	45724		X	2009764	

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Prime	Davis & Associates Communications, Inc.		X	26344		X	1785923
Sub	Fehr & Peers	X			X		
Sub	Mariposa Planning Solutions		X	49323	X		
Prime	Exygy, Inc.	X				X	2001043
Prime	Guidehouse Inc.	X			X		
Sub	Pivot Strategies	X			X		
Sub	Brian Ansari & Associates Inc.		X	46571	X		
Sub	Hatch LTK	X			X		
Prime	HR&A Advisors, Inc.	X			X		
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Prime	Christopher Jerome Lepe dba Mariposa Planning Solutions		X	49323	X		
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Prime	Nelson\Nygaard Consulting Associates, Inc.	X			X		
Sub	Tamika L. Butler Consulting, LLC	X			X		
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Sub	Cambridge Systematics	X			X		

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Prime	Reflex Design Collective, LLC		X	46293		X	2011622
Prime	The Mark USA, Inc.		X	49217		X	2020665

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Sub	Bio Studio LLC	X				X	2022766
Sub	Aplomb Design Inc. dba JUST Design	X			X		
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Prime	Center for Neighborhood Technology	X			X		
Sub	Mobility Development Partners	X			X		
Sub	Sapodilla Group	X			X		
Prime	Contigo Communications Corp.		X	45724		X	2009764
Sub	Reynolds Consulting	X			X		
Prime	Colette M. Luckie dba Cornerstone Consulting HR		X	41857	X		
Sub	Next Steps Marketing, Inc.		X	41733		X	1037598
Prime	Davis & Associates Communications, Inc.		X	26344		X	1785923
Sub	Better World Group		X	46330		X	2017586
Sub	Estolano Advisors		X	42483		X	2002042
Sub	Fehr & Peers	X			X		

Service Category E. Environmental Justice		DBE			SBE		
ROLE	FIRM	No	Yes	if Yes, List #	No	Yes	if Yes, List #
Sub	Tamika L. Butler Consulting, LLC	X			X		
Sub	Mariposa Planning Solutions		X	49323	X		
Prime	Eastern Research Group Inc.	X			X		
Prime	Ana Lugo Bedolla dba Equity First Consulting	X			X		
Sub	Trillium Advisors	X			X		
Prime	Exygy, Inc.	X				X	2001043
Sub	The Justice Collective	X			X		
Sub	Propose LLC dba Sagent Marketing		X	37643		X	38182
Sub	Street Level Advisors	X			X		
Prime	Guidehouse Inc.	X			X		
Sub	Pivot Strategies				X		
Sub	Brian Ansari & Associates Inc.		X	46571	X		
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Prime	HR&A Advisors, Inc.	X			X		
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Sub	Espousal Strategies	X			X		

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Prime	RSCA Corporation dba Redwood Resources		X	42714		X		
Prime	Reflex Design Collective LLC		X	46293		X	2011622	
Prime	The Mark USA, Inc.		X	49217		X	2020665	
Prime	Urban Habitat Program	X			X			
Prime	WSP USA Inc.	X			X			
Sub	Kearns & West	X			X			
Sub	Raimi & Associates	X			X			

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Approved Consultants

- Arup Americas
- Waters Group
- causeIMPACTS
- Center for Neighborhood Technology
- CivicMakers
- Contigo Communications Corp.
- Cornerstone Consulting
- CPS HR Consulting
- Davis & Associates Communications
- Eastern Research Group
- Equity First Consulting
- Exygy
- Guidehouse
- HR&A Advisors

- ICF Incorporated
- Kimley-Horn and Associates
- Lowe Consulting Group
- Mariposa Planning Solutions
- Nelson\Nygaard
- Nutter Consulting
- Redwood Resources
- Reflex Design Collective
- Seam Social Labs
- The Aspire Group
- The Mark USA
- Urban Habitat
- WSP

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Youth Internship Workgroup update.

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Youth Internship Workgroup update.

Presenter:

Kỳ-Nam Miller and John Kannegieser

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May 3, 2021 Agenda Item 6

Update from Youth Internship Workgroup

Subject: Youth Internship Workgroup update.

Background: The Youth Internship Working Group was created in the fall of 2020 to guide the

reorganization of the college and high school internship programs at MTC.

Workgroup members include representatives from the Policy Advisory Council as well as staff from MTC and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District. Staff has designed a mentorship program for college age students and a Bay Area Summer Academy to serve underrepresented high school age youth from low-income and communities of color who want to learn more about our regional governments. The Academy will include deeper dives into policy issues relevant to their lives, including resiliency to climate change, housing affordability, and equity issues. The six-part webinar series will take place in July and include a capstone project presentation open to MTC community members, including the Policy Advisory Council, currently scheduled for the afternoon of July 29, 2021.

Issues: Equity, career pipelines, youth engagement, environmental justice, inter-agency

partnerships.

Recommendation: Information only

Attachments: Attachment A: PowerPoint

MTC 2021 Summer High School & College Programs

John J. Kannegieser Ky-Nam Miller May 3, 2021

Agenda

- Updates for the Summer 2021 College and High School Programs
 - Pathway to Government College Mentorship
 - Bay Area Summer Academy (High School)
- Next steps
 - Implementation
 - Assessment

Pathways to Government College Mentorship

- Pilot class will have 5-10 mentees for Summer 2021
- Remote work (Hot Spots provided)
- Targeting students from historically underrepresented and underserved communities
- Career/Resume Writing Workshop planned
- Invitation to attend Regional Government seminars

Bay Area Summer Academy (High School)

- General Updates
- Curriculum
 - Introduction to Regional Government
 - Four deep dives topic areas
 - Capstone Project presentation

Next Steps

College Program

➤ May 28, 2021: Mentees hired and assigned with mentor

➤ June 14, 2021: Mentorship program begins

August 2021: Assessment and future planning

High School Program

➤ July 8, 2021: Bay Area Summer Academy begins

August 2021: Assessment and future planning



Questions

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Proposal to rename "Communities of Concern" as "Equity Priority Communities" for use across MTC

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Subject:

Communities of Concern: Reconsidering Our Language

Proposal to rename "Communities of Concern" as "Equity Priority Communities" for use across MTC and ABAG work products and projects.

Presenter:

Anup Tapase

Recommended Action:

Information

Attachments:

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May 3, 2021 Agenda Item 7

Communities of Concern: Reconsidering Our Language

Subject: Proposal to rename "Communities of Concern" as "Equity Priority Communities" for use across MTC and ABAG work products and projects.

Background: The "Communities of Concern" framework has been in use by MTC and ABAG since 2001 to identify communities with significant concentrations of historically underserved populations, primarily people of color and people with low incomes. Staff has made continual updates to the definition, the demographic factors considered and the methodology over the last two decades. For Plan Bay Area 2050,

staff employed the same framework adopted by MTC and ABAG during Plan Bay Area 2040, with updates to the underlying demographic data using best available information from the U.S. Census Bureau. This adopted framework is shown in

Table 1.

Table 1. Communities of Concern Framework for Plan Bay Area 2050

Demographic Factor	% Regional Population	Concentration Threshold
1. People of Color	60%	70%
2. Low Income (<200% Federal Poverty Level)	21%	28%
3. Limited English Proficiency	8%	12%
4. Zero-Vehicle Household	9%	15%
5. Seniors 75 Years and Over	6%	8%
6. People with Disability	10%	12%
7. Single-Parent Family	13%	18%
8. Severely Rent-Burdened Household	10%	14%

Definition – census tracts that have a concentration of BOTH people of color AND low-income households, OR that have a concentration of 4 or more factors, above the listed thresholds

The Communities of Concern designations are used widely at MTC and ABAG, as well as by county and city agencies within the Bay Area. They are used in planning efforts and equity analyses, prioritization criteria in programming of funds (e.g. Community-Based Transportation Plan Planning Grants, Active Transportation Program), and alignment of resources for public engagement.

Nomenclature Update:

The year 2020 was an opportunity for reckoning in our region and beyond. Acknowledging the power of language and that words can shape people, actions and culture, staff began reconsidering the nomenclature "Communities of Concern" in mid-2020. With sufficient internal consensus that the existing name is "antiquated", "paternalistic" and "empathy-evoking", staff embarked on an inclusive process to identify new nomenclature by engaging with underserved communities, the Policy Advisory Council's Equity & Access Subcommittee and the Regional Equity Working Group.

Despite this being an abstract topic to discuss, the small group discussions with underserved communities were rich and offered diverse feedback. The discussions began with an open-ended question: "What does the term *Communities of Concern* mean to you?" Staff then provided more context on the definition and use of these designations by MTC/ABAG and our partners, and highlighted why these

designations are important given historical context. Staff then sought opinions on the overall framework itself and the nomenclature by providing a variety of new options, including:

- Equity Priority Communities, Equity Focus Communities, Equity Priority Neighborhoods, and Equity Action Areas
- Underserved Communities, Equity Prioritized Investment Communities, Opportunity Zones, and Historically Marginalized Communities
- Economically Distressed Areas, Disadvantaged Communities and Environmental Justice Communities

Staff will share synthesized feedback and a recommendation for new terminology, included in **Attachment A**. In summary, reactions to the existing terminology were almost unanimously adverse. To many, the term "Communities of Concern" is problematic, triggering, demeaning, negative, vague and passive. Recurring feedback themes for a new term were that the term needs to be positive, empowering and uplifting, be forward-looking and action-oriented, communicate "priority" and intentionality and be short and easily understood. Based on the feedback received, staff is recommending the term "Equity Priority Communities" to describe these places going forward.

This small but meaningful change can communicate to the region at large that MTC and ABAG intend to prioritize these historically underserved and under-represented communities to advance toward equitable outcomes. Staff acknowledges that there is much work to be done beyond simply changing the nomenclature in the years ahead, and that there must be concerted ongoing effort toward truly achieving the equitable outcomes.

Next Steps:

Staff is recommending to update the Community of Concern nomenclature with the new term "Equity Priority Communities" across work products, including the upcoming Plan Bay Area 2050, and will seek approval from the MTC Planning Committee and ABAG Administrative Committee. Furthermore, if approved, staff will share this update with other agencies across the region that frequently use this framework. Beyond the nomenclature, defining and measuring equity-focused populations is a continuous ongoing effort as part of the MTC-ABAG Equity Platform. While a broad reexamination of the existing framework was not possible during the Plan Bay Area 2050 timeline due to resource constraints, staff is looking to refresh the framework and methodology, starting next year in advance of the next long-range planning cycle.

Recommendation: Information only

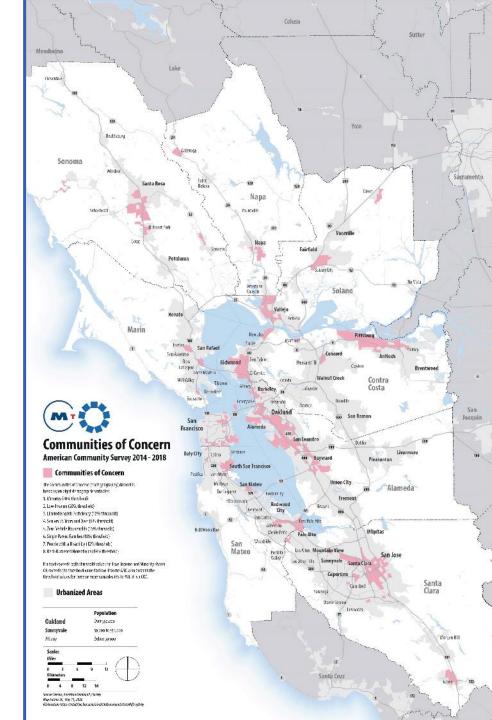
Attachments: Attachment A: Presentation



MTC/ABAG has used the "Communities of Concern" framework since 2001.

Communities of Concern are designated geographies (census tracts) that have high concentrations of underserved populations. Designations are based on calculated thresholds for 8 demographic factors, including race and income.

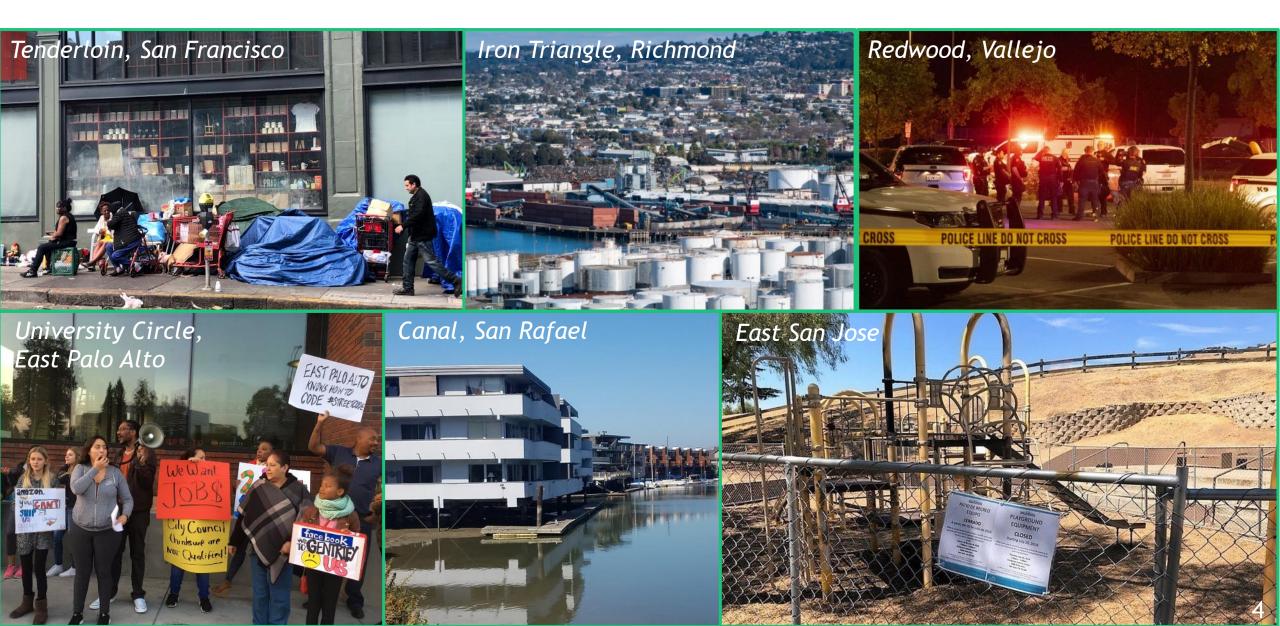
Communities of Concern are updated every plan cycle with most recent census demographic data, in this case in 2020.



These communities are diverse and vibrant...



...but also grapple with various issues.



How does MTC/ABAG use this framework?

- Planning (e.g. Plan Bay Area, TIP, various equity analyses)
- Programming (e.g. Active Transportation Program, OBAG Grants, Community-Based Transportation Plan Planning Grants, Lifeline Transportation Program)
- Engagement
- Used beyond MTC/ABAG (by county/city agencies)

Within Plan Bay Area 2050...

Plan Strategies

- Support Community-Led Transportation
 Enhancements in Communities of Concern
- Provide Targeted Mortgage, Rental and Small Business Assistance to Communities of Concern
- Invest in High-Speed Internet in Underserved Low-Income Communities
- Prioritization of other strategies within Communities of Concern (complete streets, incubator programs, parks, clean vehicle initiatives, building retrofits subsidies, etc.)

Engagement

- 70% of pop-up workshops in Communities of Concern
- Outreach through community-based organizations serving Communities of Concern

Performance and Equity Analysis

 Outcomes and disparities measured for Communities of Concern relative to the region and High-Resource Areas

What's in a name?

- The year 2020 was an opportunity for reckoning in our region and beyond.
- In mid-2020, staff began reconsidering the nomenclature "Communities of Concern".
- After sufficient internal consensus that the existing name is...
 "antiquated" "paternalistic" "empathy evoking" "concerns who?"
- Staff consulted with
 - Policy Advisory Council
 - Regional Equity Working Group
 - Under-represented communities, through seven small group discussions facilitated by Community-Based Organizations

How did residents respond to "Communities of Concern" nomenclature?

Across the board, there is a resounding desire to use a different name.

Problematic

- "Sounds like problem with the communities"
- "Sounds like a dog whistle"
- "Triggers fear"

Demeaning

- "Makes it sound like the communities' fault"
- "May bring stigma"

Negative

- "Concern is a negative word"
- "Sounds like communities we should be concerned about in a defensive way"

Vague/ Passive

- "Detached from communities"
- "Does not address struggles"
- ""Concern" feels passive for people from these communities, the community is always a concern /a priority; but from an agency perspective, there are problems to be addressed"

Recurring Feedback Themes for New Name

- Term needs to be "empowering", "forward-looking" "positive"
- Communicate "priority" and "action"
- "We already know these communities are marginalized - the term should show what we are going to do about it"
- "Communities are continuously changing, so term should not feel stagnant"
- Term should "not be too long", but should be "clear and understood across audiences"

What nomenclature do other regions use?

Environmental Justice Areas; Communities of Concern (SCAG)

Environmental Justice Communities (SACOG) Areas of Concentrated Poverty (Met Council, Twin Cities metro)

Historically
Marginalized
Communities;
Equity Focus Areas
(Oregon Metro)

Transportation Equity
Zones
(Boston Region MPO)

Equity Emphasis Areas (MWCOG, Washington DC metro)

Staff acknowledges the power of language and recommends changing the nomenclature.

from Communities of Concern...

...to Equity Priority Communities

Prioritized Requirements for Nomenclature

- Positive, empowering, uplifting
- ✓ Forward-looking, action-oriented
- Communicate "priority" and intentionality
- ✓ Short and easily understood

Some of the Other Names Considered:

Equity Focus Communities; Equity Priority Neighborhoods; Equity Action Areas;

Underserved Communities; Equity Prioritized Investment Communities; Historically Marginalized Communities;

Disadvantaged Communities; Environmental Justice Communities

Beyond the nomenclature, defining and measuring is a continuous ongoing effort.

MTC-ABAG **Equity Platform**



Define and Measure



Listen and _earn



Focus and Deliver



Train and Grow

Near Term within Plan Bay Area 2050

Revise Nomenclature

Augment Methodology:

- Measure disparities for populations AND geographies
- Measure disparities with High-Resource Areas.

Long Term Part of Equity Platform in 2022+

Re-examine Framework

- Revise overall framework to be more issue specific; e.g. transit deficient, rent burdened, displacement pressure, food deserts, etc.
- Address known gaps in methodology; e.g. definition of low-income, lowered concentrations due to displaced populations, etc.
- Recognize place-based framework is only one dimension

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Next Steps

Seek approval from the Joint MTC Planning Committee and ABAG Administrative Committee to rename Communities of Concern as Equity Priority Communities for use across MTC and ABAG work products and projects.



