



Metropolitan Transportation Commission

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

Meeting Agenda

Policy Advisory Council Equity & Access Subcommittee

Ilaf Esuf, Chair Genay Markham, Vice Chair

Members

*Christine Fitzgerald, Dwayne Hankerson,
Gabriela Orantes, Vinay Pimple, Terry Scott,
Frank Welte, Walter Wilson, and Howard Wong*

Alternates

Pamela Campos and Anne Olivia Eldred

Thursday, June 23, 2022

1:00 PM

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.

1. Call Meeting to Order / Roll Call / Confirm Quorum

Quorum: A quorum of this subcommittee shall be a majority of its regular voting members (6).

2. Welcome - Ilaf Esuf, Policy Advisory Council Equity & Access Subcommittee Chair

3. [22-1016](#) Approval of the May 20, 2022 Meeting Minutes

 Action: Subcommittee Approval

 Attachments: [03_05-20-2022_Policy_Advisory_Council_Equity_and_Access_Subcommittee](#)

4. [22-1019](#) Blue Ribbon Action Plan Access and Mobility Work Plan Update

 Action: Information

 Presenter: Drennen Shelton

5. [22-1017](#) Small Business Enterprise (SBE) and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Update and Title VI Update

 SBE/DBE Update and Title VI Report Follow Up.

 Action: Information

 Presenter: Michael Brinton

 Attachments: [05i Small Business Enterprise and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Up](#)
 [05ii PowerPoint Small Business Enterprise and Disadvantaged Business E](#)
 [05iii Comments and Questions Small Business Enterprise and Disadvanta](#)

6. [22-1014](#) Staff Liaison Report from Preceding Meeting

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

 Action: Information

 Presenter: Ky-Nam Miller, Staff Liaison

 Attachments: [06 June 2022 Staff Liaison Report from Preceding Meeting.pdf](#)

7. New Business

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

8. Public Comments / Other Business

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

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9. Adjournment / Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Policy Advisory Council Equity and Access Subcommittee will be held Friday, July 22, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. Any changes to the schedule will be duly noticed to the public.

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Metropolitan Transportation Commission

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Agenda Item 3

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Policy Advisory Council Equity & Access Subcommittee

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Members

*Christine Fitzgerald, Dwayne Hankerson,
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Frank Welte, Walter Wilson, and Howard Wong*

Alternates
Pamela Campos and Anne Olivia Eldred

Friday, May 20, 2022

1:00 PM

REMOTE (In person option available)

1. Call Meeting to Order / Roll Call / Confirm Quorum

Present: 11 - Member Pimple, Member Welte, Member Hankerson, Member Wilson, Member Scott, Member Wong, Member Fitzgerald, Member Orantes, Vice Chair Markham, Chair Esuf and (Alternate) Campos

Absent: 1 - (Alternate) Eldred

Policy Advisory Council Members Randi Kinman, Adina Levin, and Richard Hedges were also in attendance.

2. Welcome

3. [22-0776](#) Elections for 2022-2023 Policy Advisory Council Equity and Access Subcommittee Chair and Vice Chair

Elections for 2022-2023 Policy Advisory Council Equity and Access Subcommittee Chair and Vice Chair.

Action: Subcommittee Approval

Presenter: Ky-Nam Miller, Staff Liaison

Attachments: [03 Elections.pdf](#)

The Policy Advisory Council Equity & Access Subcommittee voted to appoint Ilaf Esuf as Chair of the Policy Advisory Council Equity & Access Subcommittee. The actions marked as "Nay" was a vote for Subcommittee Member Hankerson. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Member Pimple, Member Welte, Member Wilson, Member Scott, Member Fitzgerald, Member Orantes, Vice Chair Markham and Chair Esuf

Nay: 2 - Member Hankerson and Member Wong

Subcommittee Member Wilson departed before the vote for vice chair.

3. [22-0776](#) Elections for 2022-2023 Policy Advisory Council Equity and Access Subcommittee Chair and Vice Chair

Elections for 2022-2023 Policy Advisory Council Equity and Access Subcommittee Chair and Vice Chair.

Action: Subcommittee Approval

Presenter: Ky-Nam Miller, Staff Liaison

Attachments: [03 Elections.pdf](#)

Upon the motions by Esuf for Marham, Wilson for Hankerson and Fitzgerald for Fitzgerald, the Policy Advisory Council Equity & Access Subcommittee voted to appoint Vice Chair of the Policy Advisory Council Equity & Access Subcommittee. The actions marked as "Nay" were a vote for Subcommittee Members Markham and Fitzgerald. The motion failed by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Member Pimple, Member Hankerson, Member Scott and Member Wong

Nay: 5 - Member Welte, Member Fitzgerald, Member Orantes, Vice Chair Markham and Chair Esuf

Absent: 1 - Member Wilson

3. [22-0776](#) Elections for 2022-2023 Policy Advisory Council Equity and Access Subcommittee Chair and Vice Chair

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Action: Subcommittee Approval

Presenter: Ky-Nam Miller, Staff Liaison

Attachments: [03 Elections.pdf](#)

The Policy Advisory Council Equity & Access Subcommittee voted to appoint Genay Markham as Vice Chair of the Policy Advisory Council Equity & Access Subcommittee. The actions marked as "Nay" was a vote for Subcommittee Member Hankerson. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Member Welte, Member Fitzgerald, Member Orantes, Vice Chair Markham and Chair Esuf

Nay: 4 - Member Pimple, Member Hankerson, Member Scott and Member Wong

Absent: 1 - Member Wilson

4. [22-0775](#) Approval of the April 22, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Action: Subcommittee Approval

Attachments: [04 04-22-2022 Policy Advisory Council Equity and Access Subcommittee Meeting Minutes Draft.pdf](#)

Upon the motion by Member Scott and second by Member Orantes, the April 22, 2022 Meeting Minutes were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Member Pimple, Member Hankerson, Member Scott, Member Wong, Member Fitzgerald, Member Orantes, Vice Chair Markham and Chair Esuf

Nay: 1 - Member Welte

Absent: 1 - Member Wilson

5. [22-0744](#) Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force Action Plan: Proposed Accessibility Work Plan

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

Action: Information

Presenter: Drennen Shelton

Attachments: [05 Blue Ribbon Action Plan Proposed Accessibility Work Plan Summary Sheet and Attachment A.pdf](#)

The following individuals spoke on this item:

Jane Kramer;
Adina Levin;
Warren Cushman; and
Daveed Mandell.

6. [22-0831](#) Next Generation Freeways Study: Equity and Engagement

Overview of the equity framework and planned community engagement for the Next Generation Bay Area Freeways Study.

Action: Information

Presenter: Anup Tapase and Leslie Lara-Enríquez

Attachments: [06i NextGen Freeways Study Summary Sheet Attachments A and B.pdf](#)
[06ii PowerPoint NextGen Freeway Study Attachment C.pdf](#)

Jane Kramer was called to speak.

7. New Business

8. Public Comments / Other Business

9. Adjournment / Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Policy Advisory Council Equity and Access Subcommittee will be held Thursday, June 23, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. Any changes to the schedule will be duly noticed to the public.

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Policy Advisory Council Equity and Access Subcommittee**

June 23, 2022

Agenda Item 5

**Small Business Enterprise (SBE) and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Update
and Title VI Update**

Subject:

SBE/DBE Update and Title VI Report Follow Up.

Background:

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and partner agencies adopted an updated SBE Program in March 2020, and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) adopted the same program in March 2021. Staff will present information regarding the performance and outreach plans for the MTC, partner agency and ABAG SBE and DBE Programs. This will be the 2nd annual report to this Subcommittee.

Additionally, staff will present information regarding recent and upcoming Title VI activities.

Issues:

None identified.

Recommendations:

Information

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Presentation



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Small Business Enterprise Program, Disadvantaged Enterprise Program Update, and Title VI Program Update

Policy Advisory Council Equity & Access Subcommittee

June 23, 2022

Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Program

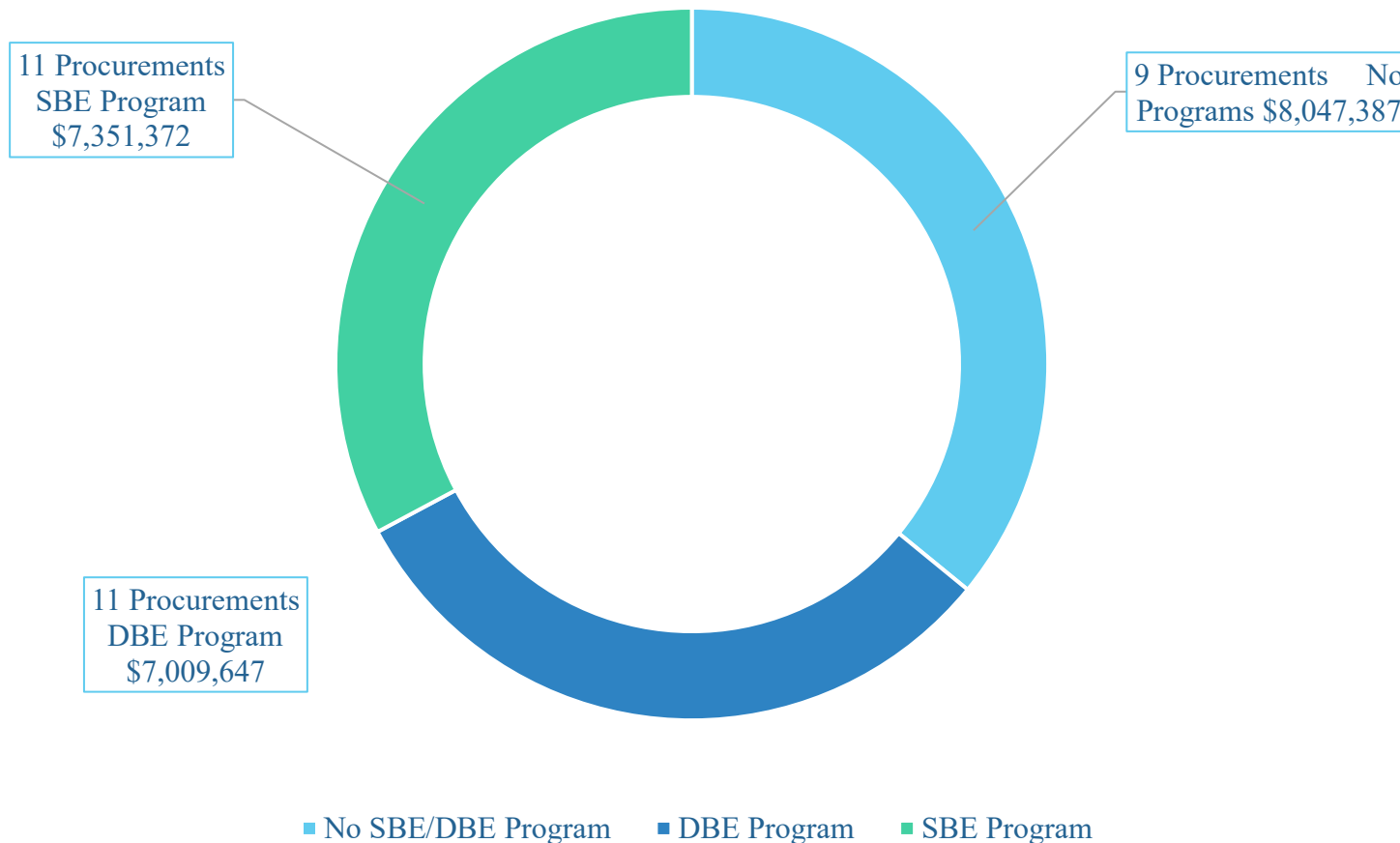
MTC/ABAG SBE Program

Applicable to:	Acceptable Certifications:	Bid/Evaluation Preference:
The Program applies to non-federally funded, non-Architectural & Engineering (A&E) materials, equipment, supplies, services and construction contracts with a budget in excess of \$25,000	State of California Department of General Services (DGS) SBE Program, California Unified Certification Program DBE certification, City and County of San Francisco Local Business Enterprise (LBE) as certified by the Contract Monitoring Division (CMD) Directory Certification Unit, Alameda County Small Local and Emerging Business (SLEB) program as certified by the Alameda County SLEB Certification Unit; as well as any DVBE/LBE/LGBTBE/MBE/SBE/WBE certification from a formal certifying agency in the nine-county Bay Area, provided that the certification can be verified through a searchable database and meets the requirements of the State of California Small Business Program	<p>Two-tiered:</p> <p>An Evaluation Preference of five percent (5%) or five (5) points will be applied to the total evaluation when the Proposer meeting specifications commits to twenty-five percent (25%) SBE participation for the work</p> <p>An Evaluation Preference of ten percent (10%) or ten (10) points will be applied to the total evaluation when the Proposer meeting specifications commits to forty percent (40%) SBE participation for the work</p>

Procurement Breakdown (MTC) 31 Procurements

Results from April 2021 through March 2022

Procurement Breakdown (MTC)
April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2022

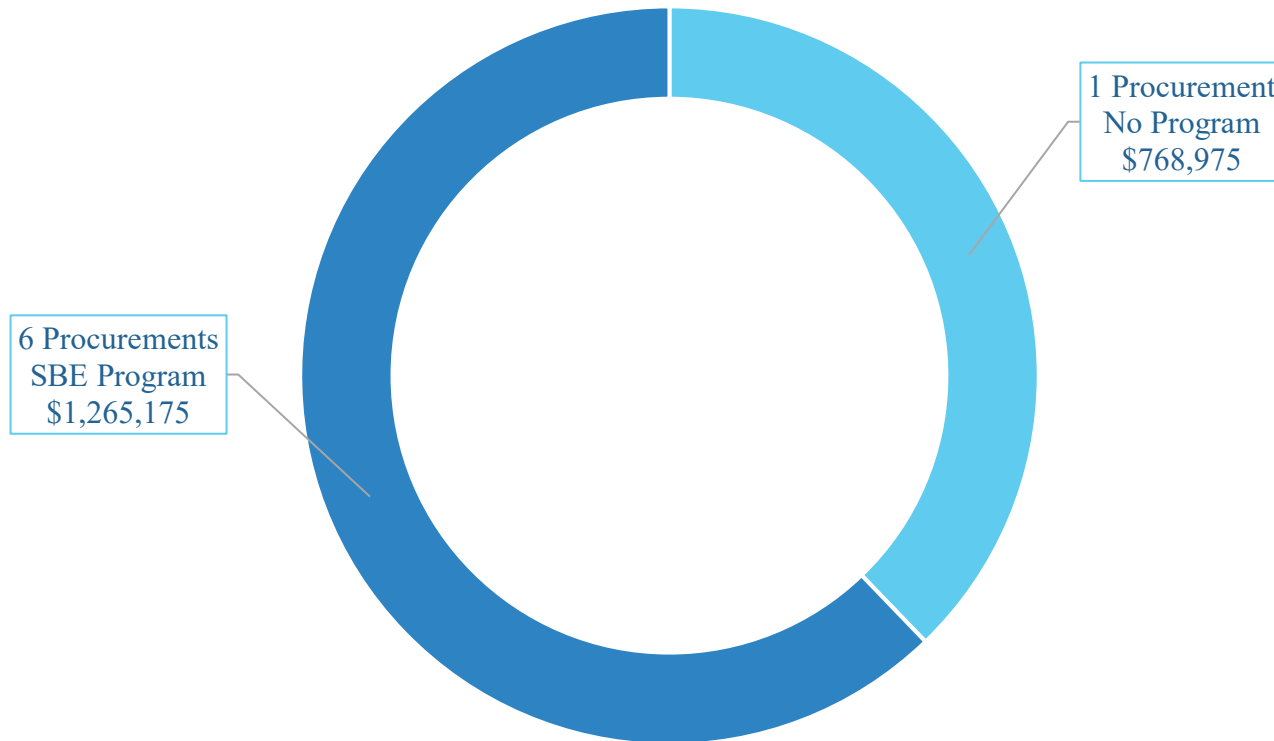


- Fluctuations in \$ volume from year to year to be expected due to
 - Overall procurement \$ volume is down
 - DBE Program procurement \$ volume is up
 - SBE Program procurement \$ volume is down

Procurement Breakdown (ABAG) 7 Procurements

Results from April 2021 through March 2022

Procurement Breakdown (ABAG)
April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2022



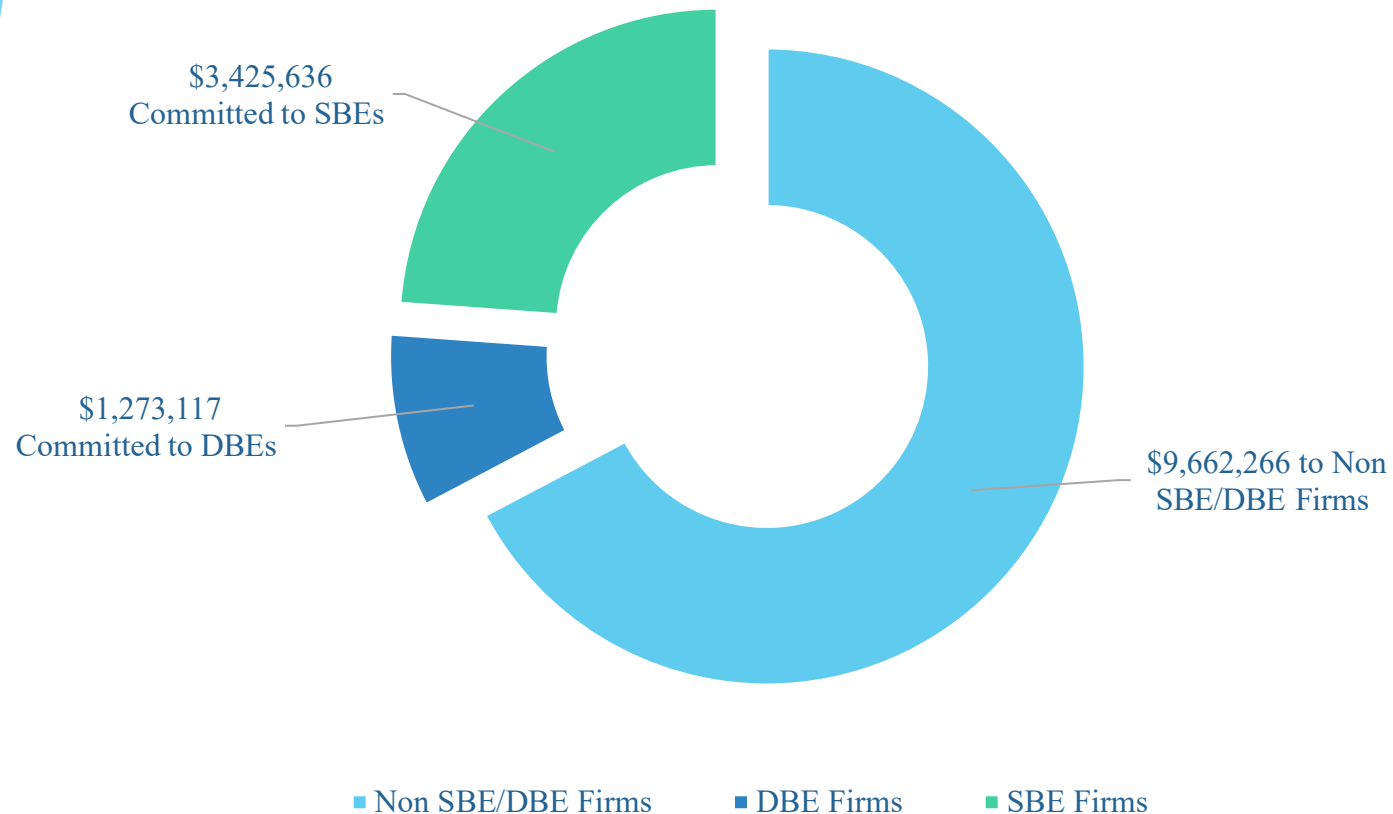
- 1st year of ABAG Program
- 86% of procurements fell under the SBE Program

■ No SBE/DBE Program ■ SBE Program

SBE & DBE Program Commitments (MTC)

Results from April 2021 through March 2022

SBE / DBE Commitments (MTC)
22 Procurements
(4/1/2021 - 3/31/2022)

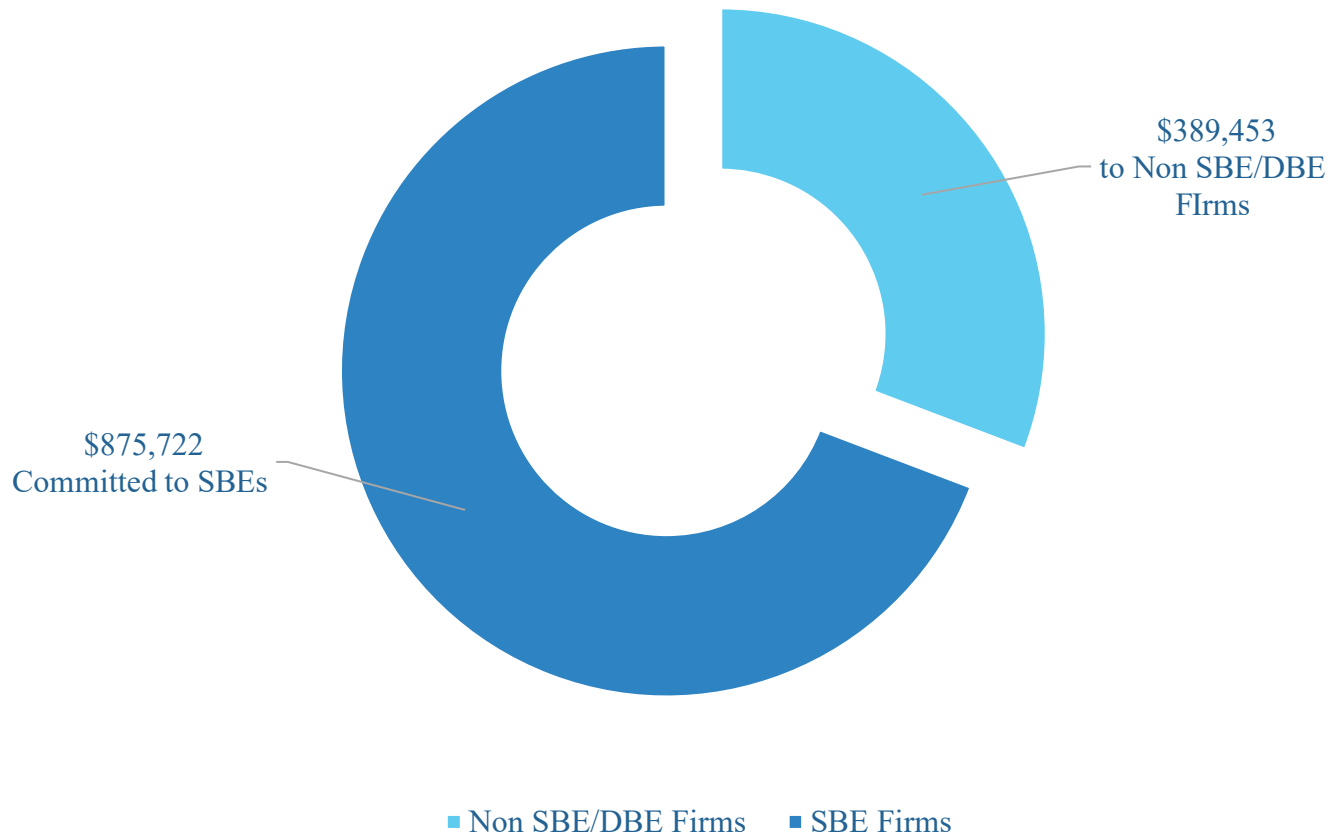


- 18% of total awards under DBE Program to DBE Firms
- 47% of total awards under SBE Program to SBE Firms

SBE Program Commitments (ABAG)

Results from April 2021 through March 2022

SBE / DBE Commitments (ABAG)
7 Procurements
(4/1/2021 - 3/31/2022)

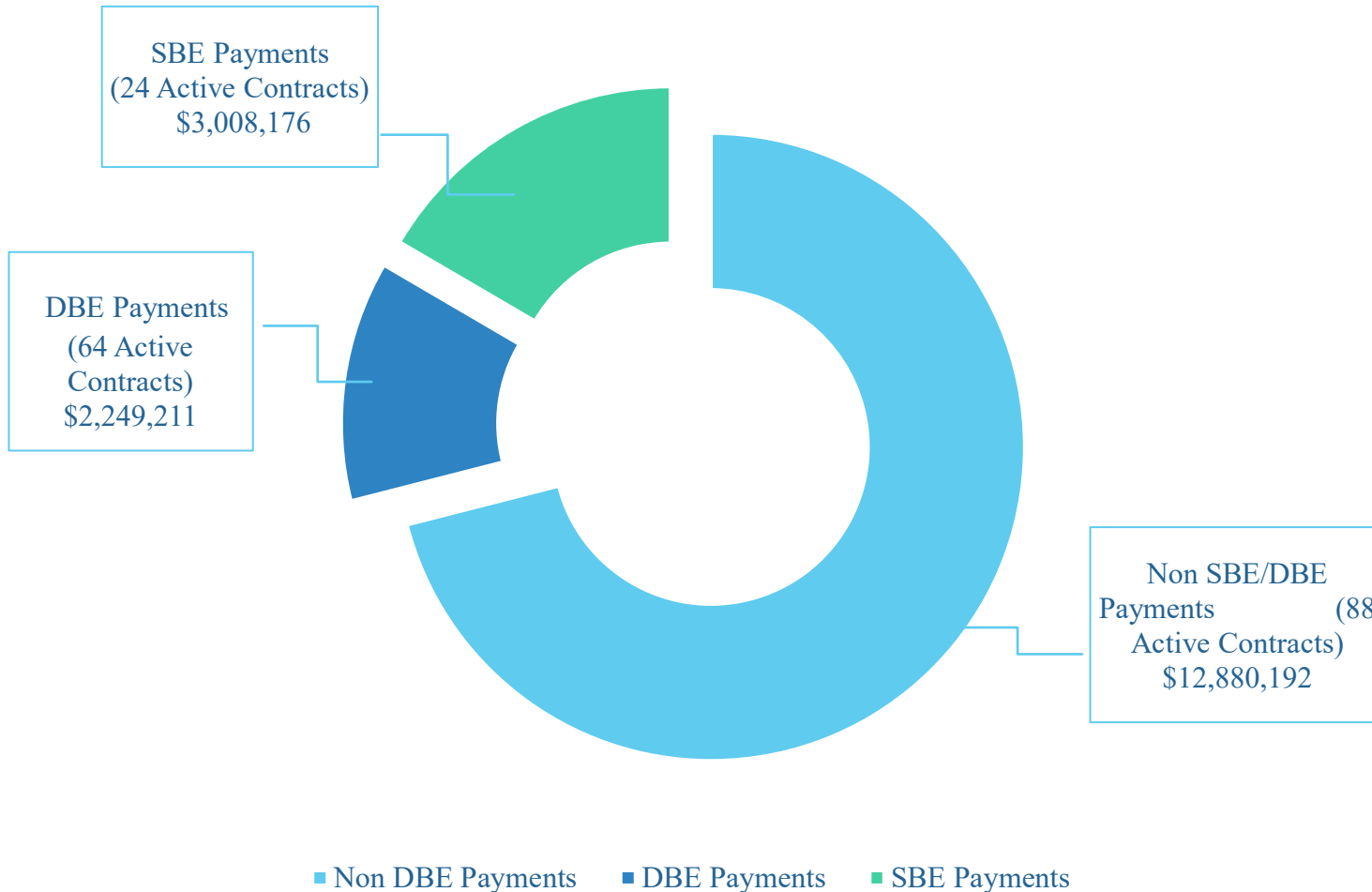


- 69% of awards under ABAG SBE Program committed to SBE Firms

Agency Payments (MTC)

Results from April 2021 through March 2022

Payments to SBE / DBE Firms
(4/1/2021 - 3/31/2022)



- Project delays resulted in a decrease in the % of DBE Payments for this reporting period
- SBE Payments are up 92% as payments from procurements in prior reporting period began 7/1/2021

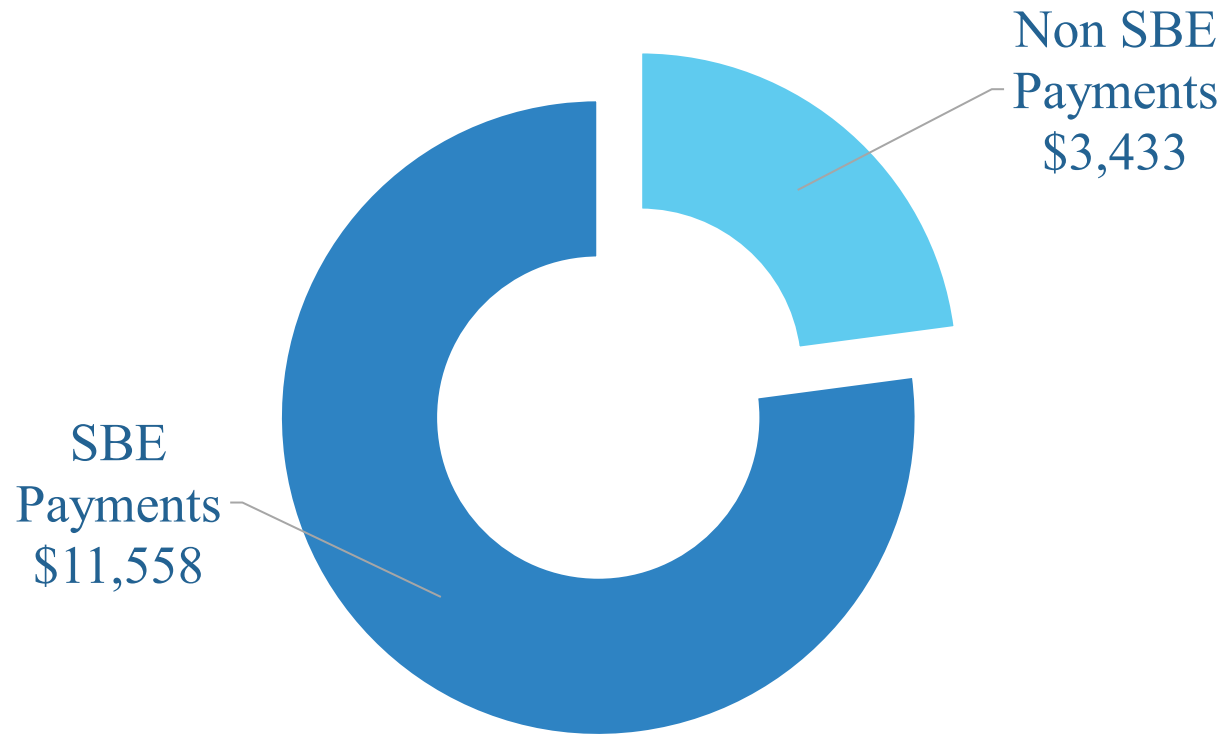
Agency Payments (ABAG)

Results from April 2021 through March 2022

Payments to SBE / DBE Firms (ABAG)

4 Active Contracts

(4/1/2021 - 3/31/2022)



■ Non DBE Payments ■ SBE Payments

- Minimal payment activity due to program only being in effect for 12 months and limited procurement activity

SBE / DBE Program Outreach

- Engaged with local advocacy groups to discuss our DBE and SBE efforts
- Begin hosting information sessions in the 2nd half of FY 2022/23 for SBEs & DBEs
- Evaluate MTC web pages and make improvements to assist with SBE & DBE outreach
- Starting FY 2022/2023, utilize SBE, Inc. newsletter to advertise procurements (<https://www.sbeinc.com>)
- Continued participation in and support of local and regional organizations and working groups to educate SBE & DBE firms about the MTC programs
- Formalize Annual Outreach Plan/Strategy Document to be completed by Fall 2022

Annual SBE / DBE Program Outreach Calendar

Organization	Description	Type of Events	Frequency
Business Outreach Committee (BOC)	A consortium of Bay Area transit and transportation agencies working together to assist DBEs and SBEs. As of May 2022, there are 26 agencies that are active members	Training, technical assistance, and relationship-building with agency staff and the contracting community of the San Francisco Bay Area.	Quarterly
Calmentor Program, Caltrans District 4	Program designed to encourage and support small businesses through voluntary partnerships with established firms.	'Look-ahead' reports of upcoming A&E contracting opportunities and best practices for small business to access information about contracting with partner agencies and Caltrans.	Quarterly
Conference of Minority Officials (COMTO)	Premier organization for the training, education, and professional development of minority transportation professionals.	Legislative initiatives, scholarship, and program opportunities. MTC staff is part of the executive board.	Monthly & Quarterly
California Unified Certification Program CUCP part 26 & 23	Certification services to small, minority and women businesses seeking to participate in the USDOT DBE Program.	Certification updates, information discussion and DBE/ACDBE certification issues. Certifying and non-certifying agencies share resources and information about upcoming events.	Monthly
Norcal PTAC	No cost procurement technical assistance for government contracting serving the counties: Del Norte, Humboldt, Shasta, Siskiyou, Trinity, Mendocino, Sonoma, Napa, Solano, Marin, Contra Costa, San Francisco, Alameda, San Mateo, and Santa Clara.	One-on-one counseling, custom bid matching, training, and networking opportunities. Resources for federal and state certification and contracting.	As requested

Ongoing Efforts

- Staff to work with the Administration and Human Development (AHD) Section Director to coordinate Facilities and Contract Services (FCS) activities and continue on-going collaboration
- Explore ways to continuously improve reporting, management and outreach for the SBE and DBE Programs.

Title VI

- Update/Refresh Title VI Training Tools for staff to come in FY 22/23
- Title VI Complaint Process to be documented for:
 - Formal Complaints
 - Basic Inquiries
- Title VI Triennial 2023 process to begin in Fall 2022
- Exploring a joint procurement effort with the Air District for a review of our Language Assistance Plan and the most recent Census results
- Assist staff with project related Title VI needs
- On going support of Title VI Working Group (encompasses agencies from entire state)

Questions

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To: [Martha Silver](#)
Subject: FW: Agenda Item 5: MTC Policy Advisory Council Equity & Access Subcommittee Meeting Packet - June 23, 2022 (925+Staff)
Date: Thursday, June 23, 2022 9:43:20 AM

From: Martha Silver <MSilver@bayareametro.gov>
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Cc: Kỳ-Nam Miller <kmiller@bayareametro.gov>; Michael Brinton <MBrinton@bayareametro.gov>; Martha Silver <MSilver@bayareametro.gov>
Subject: Agenda Item 5: MTC Policy Advisory Council Equity & Access Subcommittee Meeting Packet - June 23, 2022 (925+Staff)

Good day, Chris,

Please view Michael Brinton's response below:

Thank you for your inquiry, Ms. Fitzgerald. Every contract that is awarded by MTC/ABAG includes an evaluation of the Prime Contractor and their proposed team of subcontractors to ensure that the team has and will exercise the degree of professional care, skill, efficiency, and judgment of consultants with special expertise in providing such services. The procurements and contracts discussed in this presentation cover a wide range of services including Tow Truck Operators, civil construction, professional consulting and operations management. Small Business and Disadvantaged Business firms that participate in our contracts provide a similarly wide range of services under our contracts.

The DBE Program is applied to all federally funded contracts and is established per FHWA and FTA requirements. MTC is a participant in the Caltrans DBE Program and follow Caltrans guidelines for setting DBE goals and monitoring performance. The SBE Program was developed by MTC to apply to all contracts that are not federally funded and are not related to architectural and engineering related work.

The commitments presented on slides 5 & 6 under the DBE Program and SBE Program are contractual commitments that are enforced throughout each contract's period of performance. Failure to meet the commitment can result in a wide range of consequences from withholding payment to the prime contractor to contract termination. In the case of federally funded contracts, failure to meet the contractual commitments can result in suspension or debarment from receiving federal funds in the future. Fortunately, in our history at MTC it is extremely rare for a Prime contractor to fail to meet the DBE or SBE Commitments and when it does occur, staff ensures that all federal and state requirements are followed in addressing the situation.

MTC's Contracts staff is currently exploring the legalities and resources required to collect demographic data of our prime and subcontractors. We can potentially also include the types of services provided by our SBE and DBE business partners and data on the employment of people with disabilities on our projects. When staff completes its

analysis, we will report back to this committee on what future information we will be able to include in the annual reports.

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Thank you
Martha

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Subject: RE: Submit your Questions: MTC Policy Advisory Council Equity & Access Subcommittee Meeting Packet - June 23, 2022 (925+Staff)

+ [Michael Brinton](#)

From: Christine Fitzgerald <christinef@svilc.org>
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Cc: Kÿ-Nam Miller <kmiller@bayareametro.gov>
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External Email

I am very concerned. If I understand what the small business projects are, or have been doing, I am not seeing any deep dives on who exactly the contractors are and what kinds of services they are purporting to provide. Moreover, I am not seeing or hearing any definite commitments, and how they will be provided to and including people with disabilities at every level of the process- from volunteer focus groups to employees with disabilities.

To appears that \$\$\$\$ have been spent on creating this process, I am just confused as to where things have been and where they're going in the future.

If I have misunderstood any of this presentation, I appologize. Just seeking clarification.

Thanks,

~Chris

Christine Fitzgerald

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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

Staff Liaison Report from Preceding Meeting

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.