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**Agenda Item 2**

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## *Memorandum*

TO: Policy Advisory Council  
Equity and Access Subcommittee

DATE: November 7, 2018

FR: Drennen Shelton, Planner

RE: Sustainable Communities and Climate Resilience for People with Disabilities Project

### **Background**

In May 2018, Caltrans awarded a \$406,000 grant, through the Senate Bill 1 Planning Grants Program, to MTC and the World Institute on Disability (WID) for the Sustainable Communities and Climate Resilience for People with Disabilities project.

People with disabilities are disproportionately low-income, transit-dependent, and more vulnerable to climate change and natural disasters. Transit agencies, planners, and first responders lack sufficient data and insight into their travel and evacuation needs, preferred modes of transportation, and vulnerabilities. The project will define the types of disabilities that are relevant to transportation policies, programs, and projects, and present a needs assessment and recommendations that are relevant to transit agencies, metropolitan planning organizations, and county congestion management agencies. Overall, this project aims to establish a new model of collaboration in which the disability community, transportation planners, service providers, emergency management agencies and partners work together to find creative and innovative solutions and establish long-term partnerships. Attachment A provides more detail on the scope of work and schedule for key elements of the project.

MTC applied for and was awarded the grant in partnership with WID. While MTC will provide oversight, WID will take the lead in demographic and data collection, community engagement, needs assessments, and the development of a policy toolkit and training materials for transportation agencies. WID is well-positioned to undertake this effort, as this organization has worked in communities worldwide to eliminate barriers to full social integration and to achieve employment, economic security and health care for persons with disabilities, and has widespread connections to disability organizations, communities and expertise in the Bay Area and beyond.

### **Next Steps**

As MTC and WID prepare for the community engagement portion of the project, staff may directly reach out to Equity and Access Subcommittee members for input. Staff will report back to and seek input from the Equity and Access Subcommittee periodically throughout the project.

### **Attachment:**

- Attachment A: Project Milestones and Schedule

**Project Milestones and Schedule**

<b>Task</b>	<b>Task Description</b>	<b>Work Products</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
1	Project Management and Coordination	Final project scope of work, timeline and budget; quarterly progress reports; summary memo	October 2018	March 2021
2	Demographic and Travel Data Analysis	Methodology memo for collecting data and conducting analysis; database of disability organizations and groups; county and regional profiles for people with disability; Bay Area census tract level maps; regional profile of transit and paratransit service levels, coverage, affordability, gaps, and unmet needs	October 2018	July 2019
3	Community Engagement and Needs Assessment	Meetings materials and summary notes from advisory group meetings; stakeholder engagement plan; list of meetings in Sonoma and Contra Costa counties; interview and focus group questionnaires, meeting summaries; final survey instrument; summary memo; statistics on participants	January 2019	March 2021
4	Policy Recommendations / Implementation Actions	Summary of key findings; policy framework and implementing actions; Action Plan	October 2019	November 2020
5	Education and Communication Materials	Educational materials and resource book; meeting materials and summary notes; list of meetings in Sonoma and Contra Costa counties; educational materials and resource book	June 2020	November 2020
6	Policy Toolkit / Training for Transportation Agencies	Policy toolkit and collateral materials; workshop materials and summary notes; list of meetings in Sonoma and Contra Costa counties	July 2020	February 2021