

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission**  
**Policy Advisory Council**

**December 16, 2025**

**Agenda Item 6b**

**Policy Advisory Council Ad Hoc Legacy and Transition Group**

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**Subject:**

Recommendations from the Ad Hoc group to inform the new MTC ABAG Community Advisory Council.

**Background:**

With its current four-year term coming to a close and nearly sixteen years as an advisory body, the Policy Advisory Council's leaders created an ad hoc committee comprised of Chair Lieu, Vice Chair Orantes, and Council Members Baldini, Benitez, Parker and H. Wong to examine lessons learned and make recommendations to the successor MTC ABAG Community Advisory Council. The group met twice between the October and December Council meetings and developed a series of recommendations that will be shared for discussion and potential adoption by the Council.

The Ad Hoc meetings were informed by a Council-wide survey, 18 Councilmembers responded, yielding the following results:

**How did you find the volume of material to review each month?**

- There could have been more (0%)
- The amount shared was just right (41%)
- There was too much (18%)
- I lacked the bandwidth to regularly review (12%)
- 88% agreed or strongly agreed that the packet materials were clear, relevant, and appropriately complex in supporting and informing presentations.

**How did you find the timing for when the Council reviewed issues?**

- The timing was appropriate (41%)

- The timing was too late (12%)
  - Other (47%) Nine members wrote in responses, which generally pointed to the timing as adequate but at times their feedback arrived too late to influence decisions and there was limited visibility into its impact; recent schedule changes with meetings scheduled the day before the Commission meeting caused some members to question the Council's influence on the Commission.
- 96% agreed that MTC staff were consistently courteous, professional, and supportive.

The Ad Hoc Committee noted recurring themes during their discussions, including an emphasis on Council empowerment; a focus on equity; providing institutional support for onboarding and refreshing Councilmembers with background information; enhanced transparency in decision making and processes; and bringing intentional support for a culture of collaboration on the Council.

**Next Steps:**

Staff will provide a handout at your final meeting summarizing the Ad Hoc committee's recommendations to the incoming MTC ABAG Community Advisory Council for onboarding.

**Recommendations:**

The Council has the option to adopt the Ad Hoc Committee's recommendations. If they are not adopted by the Council, they could still be shared with the new MTC ABAG Community Advisory Council as recommendations of a subset of members of the Policy Advisory Council.

**Attachments:**

None