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ABSTRACT

MTC Resolution No. 4610

This resolution defines the role and responsibilities of the Commission's Customer Advisory Group.

This resolution contains the following attachments:

- Attachment A – which outlines the mission statement, roles, responsibilities, procedures, appointment process and membership criteria for the Customer Advisory Group.
- Attachment B – a table listing the currently appointed advisors and their term.

On April 24, 2024, Attachment B was revised to appoint a member to the Customer Advisory Group, to fill a vacancy.

On February 28, 2024, Attachment B was revised to appoint an additional member to the Customer Advisory Group.

Further discussion of this action is contained in the Regional Network Management Committee memorandum dated October 13, 2023 and February 9, 2024.

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Re: Commission Customer Advisory Group Charter

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 4610

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) is the regional transportation planning agency for the San Francisco Bay Area pursuant to California Government Code Section 66500 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, MTC is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), pursuant to Section 134(d) of Title 23 of the United States Code (USC) for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area region (the Bay Area or region); and

WHEREAS, MTC convened the Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force (Task Force) in 2020 and 2021 to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and the impacts to transit; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Ribbon Transit Recovery Task Force developed and endorsed the Transit Transformation Action Plan (Action Plan) in July 2021, which identifies near-term actions needed to achieve a more connected, efficient, and user-focused mobility network across the Bay Area and beyond and the Action Plan was received and accepted by MTC in September 2021; and

WHEREAS, MTC approved Resolution No. 4564 on February 22, 2023, which expressed policy support for a Regional Network Management Framework (RNM) to achieve the desired near-term outcomes in the Action Plan and to improve the Bay Area's regional transit network towards a longer-term transformation; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Network Management Framework outlines initial regional transit focus areas, committees and their roles, and a review process to evolve the RNM structure as needed over the long term; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Network Management Framework proposes a Customer Advisory Group of stakeholders who represent the customer and can help inform decision-making with the customer in mind, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Commission convene the Customer Advisory Group; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the members of the Customer Advisory Group will be appointed according to the process and shall have the roles and responsibilities as described in Attachment A to this resolution, attached hereto and incorporated herein as though set forth at length; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Customer Advisory Group roster is contained in Attachment B to this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director is instructed to secure nominations to fill expired terms and other vacancies and present them to the Commission for confirmation by periodically revising Attachment B.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Nick Josefowitz, Vice Chair

The above resolution was entered into by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission at a regular meeting of the Commission held in San Francisco, California, and at other remote locations, on October 25, 2023.

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Metropolitan Transportation Commission
Regional Network Management: Customer Advisory Group Charter

A. Regional Network Management Mission, Vision, and Objectives

The mission of the Regional Network Manager (“RNM”) is to drive transformative improvements in the customer experience for regional Bay Area transit.

The vision for the RNM is to advance regional goals in equity, livability, climate, and resiliency through a unified regional transit system that serves all Bay Area populations.

The objectives of the RNM are to deliver regional customer benefits, network management benefits, and other public benefits.

The RNM is intended to deliver its mission, vision and goals, by providing regionalized efforts across functional areas of activities required to deliver regional transit outcomes.

The RNM focus is centered on delivering operational changes that will directly benefit present and future customers. An initial set of focus areas has been defined as:

1. Fare Integration Policy;
2. Wayfinding, and Mapping;
3. Connected Network Planning;
4. Bus Transit Priority (BTP);
5. Rail Network Management
6. Accessibility

B. Customer Advisory Group Purpose, Roles and Responsibilities

The Customer Advisory Group is one component of the overall RNM Framework (MTC Resolution No. 4564). The purpose of the Customer Advisory Group is to provide diverse customer perspectives to the RNM Committee to help shape regional transit policy and implementation planning.

1. Identifying Customer Perspectives and Needs

The Customer Advisory Group shall meet to discuss customer perspectives and needs on certain topics as determined by its Work Plan. Customer Advisory Group members are expected to obtain input from their networks, communities and customers for discussion in these meetings.

2. Customer Advisory Group Work Plan

The MTC RNM Committee leadership will provide input to the Customer Advisory Group leadership to set the Customer Advisory Group's work plan and schedule for the year. The RNM Committee will identify priority areas in which it desires feedback and/or deeper inquiry from the Customer Advisory Group and will establish appropriate goals and performance measures. Customer Advisory Group leaders will be given the opportunity to recommend priority areas to the RNM Committee for inclusion in the work plan. As the Customer Advisory Group is intended to be agile and responsive in nature, the MTC RNM Committee and Customer Advisory Group may update, and re-prioritize the work plan, as needed.

3. Advising the MTC RNM Committee

Customer Advisory Group members are invited to attend MTC RNM Committee meetings. The Customer Advisory Group Chair shall be responsible for reporting back on the Group's meetings and perspectives to the MTC RNM Committee meeting to support regional visioning, policy development, and implementation planning by the MTC RNM Committee. The Customer Advisory Group shall have a standing agenda item at the MTC RNM Committee meeting, as appropriate. The Customer Advisory Group Chair may designate other Customer Advisory Group Members to provide reports to the MTC RNM Committee as they see fit.

4. Advising Other RNM Components

The Customer Advisory Group may be asked by the MTC RNM Committee to meet with the RNM Council, MTC Staff and/or Task Forces and Sub-Committees as needed to report on customer perspectives in support of policy development and implementation planning.

5. Limitation on Advisor Activities

The role of the Customer Advisory Group members is to advise the MTC RNM Committee. The Customer Advisory Group members are not to convey positions to outside agencies on behalf of the Customer Advisory Group or the RNM Committee, independent of MTC RNM Committee direction.

C. Customer Advisory Group Membership and Roles

1. Membership

The Customer Advisory Group shall be composed of twenty (20) members. Ten (10) members from MTC's Policy Advisory Council and Ten (10) members shall be selected to represent the interests of customers. Of the 10 customer interest members:

- a) Four members shall represent policy organizations
- b) One member shall represent transit rider groups
- c) Two members shall represent students and/or youth
- d) One member shall represent business
- e) One member shall represent a city transportation department
- f) One member shall represent the disability community

There shall be no alternates to the appointed membership.

2. Appointment Process

MTC Staff shall secure nominations to fill terms and vacancies for the Customer Advisory Group and present them to the appropriate MTC Commission members for confirmation. Appointments will be made by the Commission's Chair and Vice Chair. Nominations for members of the Customer Advisory Group will be solicited from a wide range of sources including, but not limited to: Commission members, current advisors, relevant organizations in the community, and via news releases or display ads sent to media outlets in the nine-county Bay Area.

In general, Customer Advisory Group members will serve four-year terms. Terms shall be concurrent with the MTC Policy Advisory Council, to the degree feasible. Although there are no term limits, Commission members are to consider length of service and effectiveness before recommending the reappointment of Customer Advisory Group members. All Customer Advisory Group members wishing to be reappointed must reapply.

3. Chair and Vice Chair

There are two subgroups within the Customer Advisory Group: members of the Policy Advisory Council, and non-Policy Advisory Council stakeholder representatives. A Chair and Vice Chair of the Customer Advisory Group will be elected, with both subgroups represented in leadership. For example, if the Chair is from the Policy Advisory Council, the Vice Chair should be selected from the non-Policy Advisory Council members. Similarly, if the Chair is not from the Policy Advisory Council, the Vice Chair should be from the Policy Advisory Council. The only exception will be if no candidate from the non-represented group stands for election. In the event of a vacancy, replacement candidates should come from the same subgroup as the person who vacated the office.

The Chair shall be the person who receives the most votes from all Customer Advisory Group members. The Vice Chair shall be the person from the non-represented group who receives the most votes from all Customer Advisory Group members.

The Chair and Vice Chair shall be responsible for the agenda-setting and facilitation of Customer Advisory Group meetings and presentations. The Chair and Vice Chair of the Customer Advisory Group shall be elected by the Customer Advisory Group members for a two-year term. Although Customer Advisory Committee leaders may be re-elected, regular rotation of these positions among the Customer Advisory Group membership is strongly encouraged.

4. Membership Requirements

Customer Advisory Group members are expected to attend, in person, the Customer Advisory Committee's regularly scheduled meetings throughout the year and make constructive contributions to the work of the Customer Advisory Group. Customer Advisory Group members must attend at least two-thirds of the meetings; those who do not do so may be subject to dismissal at the discretion of the Customer Advisory Group Chair, in consultation with MTC staff. Exceptions will be made for properly noticed remote attendance. Customer Advisory Group members must live or work in the nine-county Bay Area.

5. Compensation

Subject to the Commission Procedures Manual (MTC Resolution No. 1058, Revised, Appendix D), Customer Advisory Group members will receive a stipend for each Customer Advisory Group meeting attended as well as for attending a Regional Network Management meeting as the designated speaker for the Customer Advisory Group report to that body. Members will be reimbursed for actual expenses for travel, with a maximum of five meetings per month. Meetings are defined as a) publicly noticed meetings the Customer Advisory Group; b) noticed Regional Network Management meetings where the designated Member attends to speak on behalf of the Customer Advisory Group; or c) attendance at a community meeting at the request of the Commission, MTC staff, Dedicated RNM staff or MTC RNM Committee to provide outreach assistance (i.e., when he/she attends a community meeting with MTC staff to provide an introduction to a particular community).

6. Conflicts of Interest Policy

To avoid potential conflict of interest, no person shall sit on the Customer Advisory Group and concurrently be in a business relationship with MTC/BATA. A member is considered to have a business relationship with MTC/BATA when that member is employed by or serves on the Board of Directors of an organization that has received a grant or contract award from MTC – where MTC staff alone reviews proposals and recommends an organization or organizations for award of that grant or contract. In such cases, the member shall resign from the Customer Advisory Group for the duration of the contract or grant but may reapply for any vacancies upon completion of the contract or grant.

7. Ethics Training

All members of the Customer Advisory Group shall complete an ethnics training course within the first year of their term on the Customer Advisory Group.

D. Customer Advisory Group Meetings

1. Meeting Cadence

The Customer Advisory Group will meet on a bi-monthly basis or as required by its annual work plan. As needed, the Customer Advisory Group may hold additional, special meetings at the discretion of the Customer Advisory Group Chair and Vice Chair or by a majority vote of the Customer Advisory Group Members. Customer Advisory Group members shall be notified of special meetings no less than one week prior to a meeting's occurrence.

2. Meeting Location

Public meetings will be held at the MTC offices or other locations at a regular time to be agreed upon by the members of the Customer Advisory Group.

3. Agenda Setting

In consultation with MTC Staff, the Customer Advisory Group Chair and Vice Chair will determine the agenda for Customer Advisory Group Meetings. Customer Advisory Group members may provide input to the Chair and Vice Chair. The agenda should be reflective of the Customer Advisory Group Work Plan.

4. Quorum Requirements

At least 50 percent plus one of the Customer Advisory Group appointed members must be present to constitute a quorum, conduct a meeting, and vote on issues. The Customer Advisory Group cannot hold discussions in the absence of a quorum.

5. Ad Hoc Working Groups

To implement the Customer Advisory Group Work Plan, the Customer Advisory Group may establish working groups, with participation from MTC and Transit Operator Staff, on an ad hoc basis.

6. Public Meetings

All Customer Advisory Group meetings will be noticed and open to the public.

E. Continuous Improvement of the Customer Advisory Group

The Customer Advisory Group, as described above, is subject to change. The MTC RNM Committee will review all RNM components to identify continuous improvement opportunities for each component, including the Customer Advisory Group. These reviews are expected to occur every 2 years.

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**Customer Advisory Group Membership
 (October 25, 2023 to Dec. 31, 2025)**

Advisor Name	Representing
Adina Levin	Policy Advisory Council Member
Carina Lieu	Policy Advisory Council Member
Dwayne Hankerson	Policy Advisory Council Member
Gerry Glaser	Policy Advisory Council Member
Phillip Pierce	Policy Advisory Council Member
Wendi Kallins	Policy Advisory Council Member
Zack Deutsch-Gross	Policy Advisory Council Member
Terry Scott	Policy Advisory Council Member
Anne Olivia Eldred	Policy Advisory Council Member
Charley Lavery	Policy Advisory Council Member
Abibat Rahman-Davies	Policy Organization – TransForm
Sebastian Petty	Policy Organization – SPUR
Bob Allen	Policy Organization - Urban Habitat
Ian Griffiths	Policy Organization – Seamless Bay Area
Dylan Fabris	Transit Riders Group – SF Transit Riders
vacant	Student Advocate
Hillary Brown	Student Advocate
Emily Loper	Business – Bay Area Council
Brian Stanke	City DOT – City of San Jose DOT
Warren Cushman	Disability Community – CA Council of the Blind