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### **Are You Ready to Roll Up Your Sleeves... And Join MTC's Policy Advisory Council?**

#### **MTC Seeks Policy Advisors**

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission is recruiting for 27 individuals to jump into the thicket of transportation, learn about the complexities of funding, and help identify the connections between transportation and land use, air quality and climate change. MTC is the Bay Area's transportation planning and financing agency, and there may be a place for you as part of the agency's Policy Advisory Council that begins a new four-year term in September 2013.

The mission of this citizen panel is to advise MTC on transportation policies in the San Francisco Bay Area, incorporating diverse perspectives relating to the environment, economy and social equity. Advisors are eligible for a stipend to cover cost of meeting attendance. Some of the issues the panel advises the Commission on include:

- Regional planning efforts linking transportation, housing and land use plans to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- An MTC project to improve the cost-effectiveness of the region's public transit system and pursue strategies to secure new revenues for this system.

Created by MTC in November 2009, the Policy Advisory Council merged the Commission's three former advisory committees – the MTC Advisory Council, the Elderly and Disabled Advisory Committee, and the Minority Citizens Advisory Committee. The new council held its first meeting in April 2010.

#### **Membership Appointments and Structure**

Membership of the Policy Advisory Council is structured around issues relating to the economy, the environment and social equity. In the areas of economy and the environment, a total of nine members will be appointed, with four members representing economic interests and four bringing an environmental perspective; the ninth member will be selected from either category. In addition, five of the nine must be from each of the five most populous Bay Area counties – Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, San Mateo and Santa Clara.

In the area of social equity, nine members (one from each county) will represent communities of color and issues affecting low income communities or environmental justice. Of these, four members will represent communities of color and four members will represent environmental justice/low-income issues; the ninth member will be selected from either category.

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In addition, nine members (one from each county) will represent issues related to transportation for seniors and persons with disabilities. Four members will represent seniors and four members will represent people with disabilities; the ninth member will be selected from either category.

Policy Advisory Council members serve a four-year term beginning in September 2013. Appointees should maintain an ongoing engagement with organizations and individuals from the categories and communities they represent. Council members are expected to attend committee meetings regularly (typically held on selected Wednesday afternoons at MTC's offices in Oakland.) All meetings are open to the public and are audio cast via MTC's web site.

### **Recruitment Process**

Recruitment for the Policy Advisory Council began on April 5 and will continue through May 10, 2013. MTC Commissioners are scheduled to recommend selections in early June 2013, and the full Commission is slated to appoint the new panel at its Commission meeting on June 26, 2013. The new Council is expected to hold its first meeting on September 11, 2013.

For more information, contact the MTC Public Information Office at 510.817.5757 or via e-mail at [info@mtc.ca.gov](mailto:info@mtc.ca.gov). Visit [www.mtc.ca.gov/get\\_involved](http://www.mtc.ca.gov/get_involved) to fill out an online application or download the application form.

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