

Metropolitan Transportation Commission

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

Meeting Agenda

Policy Advisory Council Equity & Access Subcommittee

Randi Kinman, Acting Chair

Members

Pamela Campos, Ilaf Esuf, Christine Fitzgerald,
Gabriela Orantes, Johnny Parker Jr., Vinay Pimple,
Terry Scott, Walter Wilson, and Howard Wong
Alternate
Anne Olivia Eldred

Friday, July 28, 2023 10:35 AM Board Room - 1st Floor

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Due to the current circumstances there may be limited opportunity to address comments during the meeting. All comments received will be submitted into the record.

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.

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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 - Randi Kinman, Acting Policy Advisory Council Equity & Access Subcommittee Chair

3. Action

3a. 23-0939 Elections for 2022-2023 Policy Advisory Council Equity & Access

Subcommittee Chair and Vice Chair

Elections for 2022-2023 Policy Advisory Council Equity and Access

Subcommittee Chair and Vice Chair.

Action: Subcommittee Approval

<u>Presenter:</u> Kỳ-Nam Miller, Staff Liaison

Attachments: 3a 23-0939 Elections for Equity and Access Subcommittee Chair and Vice

3b. <u>23-0676</u> Approval of the May 26, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Action: Subcommittee Approval

Attachments: 3b 23-0676 05-26-2023 Policy Advisory Council Equity and Access Subco

4. Information

4a. 23-0888 Blue Ribbon Action Plan Access and Mobility Work Plan Update

Action: Information

<u>Presenter:</u> Drennen Shelton

4b. 23-0936 MTC's Community Action Resource and Empowerment (CARE) Program

Overview of MTC's CARE Program and Call for Projects Process.

<u>Action:</u> Information
<u>Presenter:</u> Judis Santos

Attachments: 4bi 23-0936 Summary Sheet MTC CARE.pdf

4bii 23-0936 Attachment A CARE Program Guide Call for Interest Proces

5. New Business

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

6. Public Comments / Other Business

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

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7. Adjournment / Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Policy Advisory Council Equity & Access Subcommittee will be held on Friday, October 27, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at the Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, San Francisco, CA. Any changes to the schedule will be duly noticed to the public.

Public Comment: The public is encouraged to comment on agenda items at Committee meetings by completing a request-to-speak card (available from staff) and passing it to the Committee secretary. Public comment may be limited by any of the procedures set forth in Section 3.09 of MTC's Procedures Manual (Resolution No. 1058, Revised) if, in the chair's judgment, it is necessary to maintain the orderly flow of business.

Meeting Conduct: If this meeting is willfully interrupted or disrupted by one or more persons rendering orderly conduct of the meeting unfeasible, the Chair may order the removal of individuals who are willfully disrupting the meeting. Such individuals may be arrested. If order cannot be restored by such removal, the members of the Committee may direct that the meeting room be cleared (except for representatives of the press or other news media not participating in the disturbance), and the session may continue.

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Attachments are sent to Committee members, key staff and others as appropriate. Copies will be available at the meeting.

All items on the agenda are subject to action and/or change by the Committee. Actions recommended by staff are subject to change by the Committee.

MTC's Chair and Vice-Chair are ex-officio voting members of all standing Committees.

Metropolitan Transportation Commission Policy Advisory Council Equity and Access Subcommittee

July 28, 2023 Agenda Item 3a

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

Subject:

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

Background:

At the July 28, 2023, meeting, we will begin with the election of a chair and vice chair for the remainder of the two-year term that ends in December 2023. The election for the next two-year term will take place in January 2024, lasting through December 2025. Following is the most recent list of nominees:

Nominees for Equity and Access Subcommittee Chair: Christine (Chris) Fitzgerald

Nominees for Equity and Access Subcommittee Vice Chair: No nominees

A copy of the biographies of the nominees is attached. Should you have further nominations, please do not hesitate to contact Kỳ-Nam Miller at kmiller@bayareametro.gov and Martha Silver at MSilver@bayareametro.gov .

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the beginning of the July 28, 2023, meeting. The Chair and Vice Chair positions are two-year terms (effective upon election) ending December 2023.

Rules:

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- Every Subcommittee Member must state their preference or abstain from voting via roll call vote.
- The winning candidate gets 50% + 1 of the present eligible votes (i.e., with ten current subcommittee members, the magic number is 6 to be elected).
- If no candidate wins, another round with the lowest voted candidate(s) is removed.
- In the event of a tie, candidates may opt to remove themselves from the vote; and Subcommittee Members may change votes.

Key Instructions for nominating and voting:

- To be included in the packet, self-nominations are due to Martha by 5:00 p.m. Thursday, July 27, 2023.
- Nominations can be made during the item and before the vote.
- For the actual vote, when your last name is called, please share your vote.

Issues:

None identified.

Recommendations:

Approval

Attachments:

• Attachment A: Candidates' Statements

Candidates' Statements

Nominees for Chair:

Christine Fitzgerald has been in the disability community since birth. Throughout school and beyond, she has been actively interested in social justice issues concerning women, LGBT and disability — you might say, these focuses are so much a part of who she is, to not actively be involved in any of these issues would be like being a fish out of water! Christine firmly believes that lacking good infrastructure that can help people with disabilities get from one place to another would seriously decrease a person's ability to attain a job, go to school, or in so many other ways be an active participant in the larger community.

Christine serves on many different community commissions and committees, including the County Voters Accessibility Advisory Committee, the Committee for Transportation Mobility Access, and the Access and Functional Needs Task Force.



Christine Fitzgerald
Representing the Disabled
Community of Santa Clara
County



Metropolitan Transportation Commission

Agenda Item 3b

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Policy Advisory Council Equity & Access Subcommittee

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Members

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Gabriela Orantes, Vinay Pimple,
Terry Scott, Walter Wilson, and Howard Wong
Alternate
Anne Olivia Eldred

Friday, May 26, 2023 9:00 AM Board Room – 1st Floor

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

Present: 7 - Member Pimple, Member Wilson, Member Scott, Member Fitzgerald, Member

Orantes, Member Campos and Acting Chair Kinman

Excused: 3 - Member Wong, Member Esuf and (Alternate) Eldred

The following individuals participated from noticed remote locations: Christine (Chris) Fitzgerald and Terry Scott.

Policy Advisory Council Members Adina Levin and Johnny Parker Jr. were also in attendance.

2. Welcome - Randi Kinman, Acting Policy Advisory Council Equity & Access Subcommittee Chair

Subcommittee Member Dwayne Hankerson resigned from the subcommittee effective February 16, 2023.

Subcommittee Vice Chair Markham stepped down as Equity and Access Vice Chair and member, effective May 1, 2023.

Subcommittee member Frank Welte is stepping down from the Council effective May 1, 2023 Council Member Campos was moved from an alternate to a standing member of the Equity and Access Subcommittee, effective May 1, 2023.

Former Chair llaf Esuf stepped down as Equity and Access Subcommittee Chair, effective May 1, 2023.

Policy Advisory Council Chair Randi Kinman appointed herself as Acting Chair effective May 1,2023.

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3. 23-0811 Nominations for 2022-2023 Policy Advisory Council Equity & Access

Subcommittee Chair and Vice Chair

Nominations for the 2022-2023 Chair and Vice Chair of the Policy Advisory Council Equity & Access Subcommittee will be opened at the May 26, 2023 meeting. The nomination period will remain open until the

election scheduled for the June 23, 2023 meeting.

Action: Information

Presenter: Kỳ-Nam Miller, Staff Liaison

Attachments: 03 23-0675 Nominations for Equity and Access Subcommittee Ch

air and Vice Chair.pdf

Johnny Parker was called to speak.

Adina Levin was called to speak.

Warren Cushman was called to speak.

4. 23-0673 Approval of the January 27, 2023 and April 28, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Action: Subcommittee Approval

Attachments: 04i 23-0673 01-27-2023 Policy Advisory Council Equity and Acce

ss Subcommittee Meeting Minutes Draft.pdf

04ii 23-0673 04-28-2023 Policy Advisory Council Equity and Acce

ss Subcommittee Meeting Minutes Draft.pdf

Upon the motion by Member Campos and second by Member Fitzgerald, the January 27, 2023 and April 28, 2023 Meeting Minutes were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Member Pimple, Member Wilson, Member Scott, Member Fitzgerald, Member Campos and Acting Chair Kinman

Absent: 3 - Member Wong, Member Esuf and (Alternate) Eldred

Abstain: 1 - Member Orantes

5. 23-0425 One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) 3 Update

Update on the OBAG 3 Program, including equity considerations from the

County & Local Program and next steps for the Regional Program.

Action: Information

Presenter: Thomas Arndt and Mallory Atkinson

Attachments: 05i 23-0425 Summary Sheet One Bay Area Grant 3 Update.pdf

05ii 23-0425 PowerPoint One Bay Area Grant 3 Update reduced

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05iii 23-0425 Attachment B OBAG 3 C&L List 2023-01-09.pdf

05iv 23-0425 Attachment C OBAG 3 C&L Maps 2023-01-09 reduc

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Warren Cushman was called to speak. Daveed Mandell was called to speak. Adina Levin was called to speak.

6. New Business

Adina Levin was called to speak.

7. Public Comments / Other Business

Warren Cushman spoke on this item.

8. Adjournment / Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Policy Advisory Council Equity & Access Subcommittee will be held on Friday, June 23, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at the Bay Area Metro Center, 375 Beale Street, San Francisco, CA. Any changes to the schedule will be duly noticed to the public.

Metropolitan Transportation Commission Policy Advisory Council Equity and Access Subcommittee

July 28, 2023 Agenda Item 4b

MTC's Community Action Resource and Empowerment (CARE) Program

Subject:

Overview of MTC's CARE Program and Call for Projects Process.

Background:

In 2021, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) adopted the Bay Area's most recent Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), *Plan Bay Area 2050* (PBA 2050). PBA2050 outlines the region's plan, incorporating equity through careful consideration of investments and policies that affect historically and systemically marginalized, underserved and excluded groups, including people with low incomes, people with disabilities and communities of color. PBA 2050 identified strategy "T2 – support community-led transportation enhancements in Equity Priority Communities." Since 2005, the <u>Lifeline Transportation Program</u> (LTP) has programmed over \$300 million, and advanced 300+ projects identified in <u>Community Based Transportation Plans</u> (CBTP). Through lessons learned from the previous six cycles of LTP and the application of <u>MTC's Equity Platform</u>, LTP is being redesigned to address administrative fund source barriers to better align with community project needs while resourcing and centering community voice and power-building to strengthen community assets. This item, which was called "Community Choice" at the time, was presented to the Policy Advisory Council Equity and Access Subcommittee on November 30, 2022 and most recently to MTC's Transit Finance Working Group on July 5, 2023.

MTC's CARE Program

MTC's Community Action Resource and Empowerment (CARE) Program is a funding program to develop equity-based partnerships and provide resources to expand mobility access and opportunity to all communities while focusing on the underserved, overburdened, and MTC's Equity Priority Communities. The fund will award \$21 million in state (Regional Early Action Planning 2.0) and federal (One Bay Area Grant 3) funds starting in fiscal year 2023-2024. Below are key components of the Program:

- **Goal**: The goal of the program is to improve mobility and access to opportunity by advancing community-rooted initiatives identified in CBTPs.
- Investment Areas: The Program is envisioned to undertake three focus investment areas: participatory budgeting project implementation, technical assistance for project development, and community power-building and engagement. Community power building means advancing community-anchored approaches that ensure frontline communities have representation and power both at the policy-level and local investment decision-making.

• Purpose:

- O Project Implementation Strategy: The Program serves as providing a baseline source of funding to 1) implement high priority, neighborhood-level, community projects identified through a participatory budgeting process; 2) advance project development to increase readiness/competitiveness for additional funding sources.
- Community Power-Building and Engagement Strategy: In addition to these project implementation strategies, the Program seeks to invest in community power-building by 1) supplementing outreach and engagement conducted by community-based organizations, and 2) supporting community-based organizations and local governments with technical assistance/capacity building resources to advance community-based transportation initiatives.

In addition to coordinating with county transportation agencies and transit operators, MTC is exploring partnerships that address improving mobility and access to opportunity outcomes with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and health and social service sectors.

Next Steps

As a first step prior to the "Call for Projects" process, CARE is releasing a "Call for Interest Survey." The survey can be accessed <u>here</u>. Bay Area public agencies, including cities, counties, transit agencies, and county transportation authorities (CTAs) are invited to submit project ideas.

Below is the anticipated timeline of activities:

Activity	Anticipated Date*
Call for Interest Survey for Project Ideas: Announcement release	June 23, 2023
Interest Survey deadline	July 21, 2023 (extended to July 26, 2023)
MTC review and follow-up with proposers	July-August 2023
Informational Meetings and Call for Projects Application Release	Summer/September 2023

^{*}Subject to change

Recommended Action:

Information item.

Attachments:

• Attachment A: MTC CARE Program Guide – Call for Interest Process

MTC'S COMMUNITY ACTION RESOURCE AND EMPOWERMENT (CARE) PROGRAM GUIDE – Call for Interest Process

Background and Goals of MTC's CARE Program

In 2021, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) adopted the Bay Area's most recent Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), *Plan Bay Area 2050* (PBA 2050). PBA2050 outlines the region's plan, incorporating equity through careful consideration of investments and policies that affect historically and systemically marginalized, underserved and excluded groups, including people with low incomes, people with disabilities and communities of color. PBA 2050 identified strategy, "T2 – support community-led transportation enhancements in Equity Priority Communities." Since 2005, the Lifeline Transportation Program (LTP) has programmed over \$300 million, and advanced 300+ projects identified in Community Based Transportation Plans (CBTP). Through lessons learned from the previous six cycles of LTP and the application of MTC's Equity Platform, LTP is being redesigned to address administrative fund source barriers to better align with community project needs while resourcing and centering community voice and power-building to strengthen community assets.

MTC's CARE Program is a funding program to expand mobility access and opportunity to all communities while focusing on the underserved, overburdened, and MTC's Equity Priority Communities. This inaugural funding cycle includes \$21 million in federal (OBAG) and state (REAP 2.0) funds. Below are key components of the Program:

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- Community Power-Building and Engagement Strategy: In addition to these project implementation strategies, a key element to operationalizing equity is investing in community power-building by 1) supplementing outreach and engagement conducted by community rooted organizations, and 2) supporting these community organizations and local government with technical assistance/capacity building resources.

In addition to coordinating with County Transportation Agencies and transit operators, MTC is exploring partnerships that address improving mobility and access to opportunity outcomes with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and health and social service sectors.

Submitting Project Ideas

MTC is interested in understanding the funding need and potential projects/programs in Community Based Transportation Plans (that would apply for these funds) under the following areas:

- Community power-building and engagement addressing transportation or both transportation and housing.
- Technical assistance needed for project development to advance and position projects for additional, competitive funding; and,
- Projects/concepts that are ready to be implemented that have undergone a
 participatory budgeting process (or similar).
- Technical assistance and capacity building for community-based organizations and local government to advance transportation, mobility, and transit-oriented communities.

Eligible proposers (see eligibility section below) are encouraged to submit ideas on a wide range of projects, concepts, or needs that will accelerate, expand, and improve mobility and access to opportunity. Project ideas should support community-based transportation projects that:

- Are developed through a collaborative, diverse, and inclusive process that engages a
 broad range of stakeholders such as public agencies, transit operators, communitybased organizations and residents, and outreach to underrepresented communities.
 (Note: Transit vehicle, fixed route vehicle/guideway capital improvement projects
 will NOT be considered for this Program as existing programs/funding sources
 focus on these types of projects)
- Improve the range of transportation choices such as first-and last-mile shuttles, taxi voucher programs, and other projects.
- Address gaps and/or barriers identified in <u>Community Based Transportation Plans</u>
 or other substantive local planning efforts involving focused outreach to low-income
 populations such as countywide or regional welfare-to-work transportation plans, the
 Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation plan or other
 documented assessment of need.

Program and project ideas can include, but are not limited to technical assistance or implementation of:

- Lower cost capital improvement projects (e.g., bus stop upgrades, sidewalk improvements, multilingual signage)
- Active transportation infrastructure (e.g., sidewalk connectivity, new bike lanes)
- Mobility services (e.g., subsidized taxis and ride hailing services or volunteer transportation programs focused on serving persons earning a low-income or those seeking healthcare)
- Innovative pilot project advancing equity (e.g., neighborhood data collection and management, shared-use mobility such as ride sourcing, carsharing, bikesharing, etc.)

- Transportation-related workforce development programs (e.g., transportation related to building a pipeline of talent from technical trades to STAMPE – Science, Technology, Arts, Math, Policy, Engineering)
- Engagement, outreach, and education (e.g., programs that increase awareness, social connectedness with and for underserved communities related to transit/transportation)
 Submitting Through Survey Form or Video

MTC is collecting input and ideas through an Interest Survey online form or through recorded video content. MTC will use the submitted content to inform and develop regional funding and assistance programs that support the advancement of mobility and access to opportunity.

Following the development of any funding program, MTC will release a call for projects. MTC staff will work with eligible proposers to support the development of project proposals for the funding program.

Please submit your project idea using this form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdQHiC1Cw8rKbpeC11Ail_uzlxifWZGSLg4xEbDP- XkbMm7AQ/viewform?usp=sf_link or through video. If interested in submitting via video, please email jsantos@bayareametro.gov. Similar projects for the same public agency or set of agencies should be submitted as a single project (for example, a city interested in improving bus shelters at various sites should submit one form for all sites rather than a form for each proposed location).

Surveys are due July 21, 2023 deadline extended to July 26, 2023.

Eligible Project Idea Proposers

Surveys may be submitted by Bay Area public agencies, including Cities, Counties, Transit Agencies, and County Transportation Authorities (CTAs). Public agencies can coordinate and submit coordinated cross- jurisdictional project ideas, but a primary agency must be identified. Public agencies may partner with other entities such as non-profit organizations and community-based organizations. A public agency must serve as the grant recipient and fiscal agent for any project funded by a grant through MTC's CARE Program.

Next Steps and Schedule

Response to the Survey is due by July 21, 2023 deadline extended to July 26, 2023. MTC will host informational online meeting(s) on Wednesday, July 12 and Wednesday, July 19 at 1:00PM. The information session will provide an overview of the process and respond to questions.

Register for the meeting here: https://bayareametro.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_BIYz6fDkT-6wwvqJ0ou9kw

MTC will review and summarize survey results and follow up with proposers as needed. Results will then inform the development of the Draft Funding Guidelines and Requirements of MTC's CARE Program.

MTC anticipates developing a baseline funding program of \$21 million for CARE, a Call for Projects initiated in late summer/September 2023, with REAP state funded awarded projects to be completed/funds expended by June 2026. Response to this interest and needs assessment will help inform the community-based investment priority categories, percentage allocation for each category, and overall grant design, implementation, and evaluation.

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