



Memorandum

Date: September 2023

To: Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)

From: MTC Policy Advisory Council Chair, Randi Kinman

CC: MTC Policy Advisory Council members;
Policy Advisory Council Transit Transformation Action Plan Subcommittee members

Regarding: [September 27, 2023 Council Report to Commission](#)

July 28 Equity and Access Sub-committee meeting:

Subcommittee elections were held and new leadership was chosen: Chair Christine Fitzgerald (Santa Clara Disability Representative), Vice Chair Johnny Parker (Solano People of Color Representative).

Because there was no quorum on 7/28 for the Policy Advisory Committee, staff confirmed that we could add the items for the Council into the Equity and Access sub-committee under New Business.

Members received updates from staff on the Action Plan (AP) regarding the Blue-Ribbon Task Force. The difficulty of paratransit service delivery and the plans within the AP were discussed along with the interwoven items that will be shared with the Transit Transformation Action Plan sub-committee. Staff asked for input to create a regional body of paratransit riders. Staff was asked to provide a written report with the agenda similar to the staff reports all other items receive.

Members also provided feedback on the proposed ballot initiative and outreach for the Plan Bay Area 2050 + update.

Note: There were no Policy Advisory Council or Equity and Access sub-committee meetings in August.

Since the return to in-person meetings earlier this year, the Policy Advisory Council and its subcommittees has had challenges achieving a quorum. After communicating with Council Members who have had repeated challenges attending meetings, a number of Council Members stepped down from the body.

There are currently five Council vacancies, and five substitutes have been put forward for review by the Legislation Committee and by the full Commission in September. We hope to have put the quorum challenges behind us, and appreciate your partnership in helping to select and name new Members who are able to fully participate in the meetings.

-Randi Kinman | Chair, Policy Advisory Council