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Policy Advisory Council FAQs

How does the Policy Advisory Council function?

The Advisory Council will represent Transportation Consumers, Transportation Providers, and Accountable Jurisdictions, with nine representatives from each. Required criteria for members to serve on the Advisory Council are that they have access to resources that would allow them to provide quality representation and the outreach needed for their represented group. This is a new policy committee that will serve initially to advise on Measure M Guidelines and continue to advise Metro Board on the development of the next Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), and other policy areas that may be requested by the Board. The Advisory Council will provide high-level policy input; for example, they will focus on the issues of equity, system performance, and communication, as it relates to countywide transportation, as opposed to project specific advocacy or debate.

How is the Policy Advisory Council different from other Metro Committees?

The Policy Advisory Council is different because it does not represent any single interest area (e.g., Metro’s Accessibility Advisory Committee, “AAC”, or Bus Operators Subcommittee, “BOS”), nor does it provide any technical input (e.g., Technical Advisory Committee, “TAC”). The Advisory Council will not be limited to Measure M related issues, like the Measure M Oversight Committee. The Policy Advisory Council will have an ongoing role that focuses on advising the Metro Board regarding broader policy issues. The Policy Advisory Council will report directly to the Board, and its Committees as appropriate, to the issues being addressed.

What is the role of a Policy Advisory Council representative?

For those that represent coalitions of interests, including representatives of multiple cities within COG boundaries, Advisory Council members will be called upon to broadly disseminate information to, and solicit input from, their represented constituencies. As a result, they must have resources or access to resources that can support broad, rapid outreach to the constituency. This means the ability to coordinate and maintain comprehensive contact lists for email blasts and other communication efforts. The accountability for this rests with the individual representative to ensure that the interested parties represented receive frequent and clear communication, including scheduling individual meetings outside of the Metro meeting schedules, to ensure comprehensive policy discourse.

This is obviously less applicable to single agency representatives. However, comprehensive agency representation will be assumed. Single agency representation will have the responsibility to ensure that all aspects of agency’s interests (e.g., various agency departments or committees, leadership, and residents or other agency stakeholders) are represented as part of its Policy Advisory Council participation.

The role is to provide a conduit for the diverse perspectives, within the constituency, especially for those that represent multiple groups or agencies. The representative should never advocate for any single or individual agenda when receiving a variety of views from those represented. The Policy Advisory Council will not vote on policies or positions. The
representative is not charged with seeking consensus among its constituent voices, but rather serves to ensure input from all group sources or entities.

**Who can be nominated?**

Metro is reaching out to the various entities for nominations and recommendations for representatives, taking into account the responsibilities of a representative. See above for more details on those responsibilities. A representative should have the aforementioned resources, as well as a position within an agency or entity consistent with accessing those resources. It is the desire of Metro that once all nominations have been submitted, self-selection of representatives be utilized within each category, if possible. Metro will only assist in selection if needed. Please note that elected officials are not eligible.

**How often will they meet?**

The first meeting of the Policy Advisory Council is Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at Metro Headquarters. They will meet monthly thereafter, with an attempt to meet the first Tuesday of every month (depending on conference room availability). Additionally, the Advisory Council Chair or the Chair’s designee will provide an oral report directly to the Board, and its Committees as appropriate, to the issues being addressed.

**What support role does Metro play for the Policy Advisory Council?**

Metro staff will assist the Policy Advisory Council by posting agendas and coordinating meeting spaces, as requested. Metro staff will be coordinating the Policy Advisory Council meetings, working with the Policy Advisory Council Chair and Officers. However, staff will not be leading any constituent outreach meetings, as that is the responsibility of the Policy Advisory Council representative.
Agenda

Measure M Policy Advisory Council
Information Meeting

Metro Headquarters, 1 Gateway Plaza
Board Room, 3rd Floor

1) Welcome
2) Purpose and Contribution of the Policy Advisory Council
3) Overview of Measure M and the Long Range Transportation Plan
4) Role and Responsibilities of the Council Members
5) Nomination Process
6) Conclusion – Why Your Voices Are Important!
7) Q & A
Measure M Policy Advisory Council

Calendar April-June 2017

April:
April 5th, PAC Meeting, 1pm – 3 pm, Metro Headquarters, William Mulholland Rm, 15th Floor
April 20th, Planning and Programming Committee, Metro Board Room
April 27th, Metro Board Meeting

May:
May 2nd, PAC Meeting, 10am – 12 pm, Metro Headquarters, William Mulholland Rm, 15th Floor
May 18th, Planning and Programming Committee, Metro Board Room
May 25th, Metro Board Meeting

June:
June 6th, PAC Meeting, 10am – 12 pm, Metro Headquarters, William Mulholland Rm, 15th Floor
June 15th, Planning and Programming Committee, Metro Board Room
June 22nd, Metro Board Meeting