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Memorandum

Date: May 22, 2024
To: Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)
From: MTC Policy Advisory Council Chair, Pamela Campos
Regarding: May 2024 Council Report to Commission

Summary:

This memo provides a summary of the activity of the Policy Advisory Council (Council) over the previous month.

April 26, 2024 Meetings:

The Policy Advisory Council met on April 26, 2024. The Council received a verbal **update on the regional transportation measure**, Senate Bill (SB) 1031 (Wiener/Wahab). The discussion on the proposed regional transportation revenue measure included feedback about transit operator responses and governance structures including agency autonomy, fiscal transparency, and coordination among transit operators. There was also strong concern voiced regarding the measure's ability to generate meaningful transformative change regionally without ensuring cooperation between transit and government agencies as well as local municipalities for funding allocation and policy implementation.

The Council also received a presentation on the **updated criteria for identifying "Equity Priority Communities" (EPCs)**. The presentation brought significant discussion from the Council Members drawing from their personal experience and the communities they live in. Many Council Members were concerned with the effectiveness of solely using census tract data to generate new EPCs and remove existing EPCs. Specifically, concerns were raised about the population size within census tracts, highlighting the risk of removing existing low-income communities, and proposing a threshold to retain EPC status. Another major concern was regarding the accessibility of the EPC map and Council Members recommended screen reader compatibility—to expand access for members of the disability community—and overall making the map more functional and consumer friendly for the ever-day user. Other recommendations included: re-engaging the Regional Equity Working Group; incorporating health indicators such as green space and air pollution hazards; generating updates more frequent than every four years to the map by using rolling data; including children's data (health, economic, education, etc.);

and referencing resources like the [Urban Displacement Project](#) and the [Bay Area Equity Atlas](#) for access to relevant and timely data.

Sincerely,

Pamela Campos

Chair, Policy Advisory Council