



June 10, 2009

To: Citizen Advisory Committee
From: Kathi Wiederhold
Subject: Item 4: CAC Work Program

Action Recommended: Make recommendations to the Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) regarding the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) work program.

The purpose of this agenda item is to respond to a request from staff at the March 18, 2009 meeting that the CAC provide input regarding its work program. The CAC got a good start on airing their views about this matter at the April 15, 2009. The item was continued to the May 20, 2009 meeting to provide additional time for the CAC to coalesce their ideas. This agenda item is to prepare the CAC to discuss the topic at the Joint MPC/CAC Meeting scheduled for July 16, 2009.

Staff suggests that the committee come to agreement on the items on which they want to focus their time over the next six months. The CAC also could discuss whether to pursue options such as longer meetings, additional meetings, or subcommittees to enable them to take on more work tasks than they can accomplish with the current meeting structure.

Background

This item follows up on discussion brought to the CAC at the March 18, 2009, meeting by Byron Vanderpool. He talked to the CAC about concerns raised by MPC regarding the procedural relationship between the MPC and the CAC. Some MPC members requested that all substantive issues raised by the MPC be first submitted to the CAC for comment and review. In the past, the CAC has felt overloaded by the amount of items that had been forwarded to them for review. The CAC responded by narrowing its focus with respect to what items would be reviewed. Staff suggested that the CAC might want to go through a similar process again to assess where its priorities lay.

Charge to CAC

The bylaws direct a two-pronged charge for the CAC:

1. Involve the public
 - Solicit and consider input
 - Disseminate information

- Ensure involvement of the public
 - Develop associations with other organizations
2. Inform decision-making by providing recommendations to MPC on:
- Regional Transportation Plan
 - Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program
 - Prioritization of projects for state or federal funding
 - Priorities for the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program
 - Public Involvement Plan

Work Program for the Next 6 Months

The following work items have been identified by staff as potential priorities for the next 6 months:

- STP-U Funding
 - Make recommendations to MPC regarding the 2010-2013 Surface Transportation Program-Urban funding priorities
- Central Clearinghouse
 - Provide input to develop KeepUsInvolved website
- Recruitment Plan
 - Make recommendations to MPC regarding recruitment for the CAC
- eMPO Phase 2
 - Provide input on upgrades to TheMPO website
- Transportation Improvement Program
 - Discuss priorities for use of flexible funding; Review the draft project list
- Public Participation Plan
 - Initiate the 2010 review and update
 - Continue to implement 2008 and 2009 recommendations

Work Program Beyond 6 Months

Here are the big CAC work program items on the horizon for the period beyond 6 months:

- Regional Transportation Plan
 - Transportation Demand Management (TDM) element
 - Freight element
 - More
- Climate Change Regional Status and Strategies