Revised Draft Charter



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Feedback from Roundtable Meeting 1



Roundtable members requested:

- The CTC focus on elevating diverse perspectives of communities and individuals, rather than focusing on the perspectives of agencies
- A greater focus on implementation and accountability
- To expand the focus of public engagement best practices to include public empowerment
- The development of an equity definition to guide this work

Key Changes to Charter – Purpose

Purpose:

The purpose of the California Transportation Commission's (Commission) Equity Advisory Roundtable (Roundtable) is to identify disparate impacts in transportation, recommend solutions to eliminate disparate impacts, and elevate diverse perspectives in the transportation process. Specifically, the Commission is looking to enhance relationships with Black, Indigenous, and other communities of Color, communities comprised of individuals with disabilities, Native American Tribal Governments, and other underserved or marginalized populations. Roundtable members will collaborate with Commission staff, as well as staff from the California State Transportation Agency and Caltrans, over a series of virtual meetings to inform staff recommendations to the Commission related to the specific activities listed under Scope below. Our goal is that this Roundtable effort will produce implementable actions that support safe, affordable, and efficient transportation for underserved communities in California.

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Key Changes to Charter – Scope

Scope:

The Roundtable will advise the Commission on topics including:

- The identification of best practices for public engagement and empowerment, including relations with tribal governments, to inform the Commission's public meetings and program and planning guidelines;
- Feedback on the forthcoming Community Listening Sessions that the Commission will hold in partnership with Caltrans and the California State Transportation Agency; and
- The development of an Equity Advisory Committee.

To further guide the work of the Roundtable, Commission staff will coordinate with Roundtable members toward the development of an equity definition that will guide the Roundtable and future efforts.

Key Changes to Charter – Roles and Responsibilities

Commission staff will organize, advertise, and facilitate the Roundtable meetings. In addition, Commission staff will:

- Share any meeting notes with Roundtable members before posting publicly.
- Work with Roundtable members to develop recommendations to the Commission, including sharing draft recommendations with Roundtable members in advance of the meeting. Commission staff will work with Roundtable members to try to reach consensus on the recommendations where possible. Where not possible, staff will highlight these areas for Commissioners with a summary of the diverging viewpoints. There may be instances in which members of the Roundtable do not agree, and Commission staff will strive to capture and communicate all Roundtable member viewpoints to the Commission.
- Organize a standing agenda item at regular Commission Meetings to provide the opportunity for Roundtable members to directly present to the Commission on behalf of the Roundtable.
- Produce a short report in 2022 to be presented to the Commission and shared publicly – summarizing the Roundtable effort and listing accomplishments.

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Equity Definition



- Over the past year, CaISTA, Caltrans, and the CTC have publicly committed to advancing equity in transportation:
 - CalSTA Statement on Racial Equity, Justice, and Inclusion in Transportation
 - Caltrans Equity Statement
 - CTC Racial Equity Statement
- We will work with the Roundtable to co-create an equity definition that will guide the Roundtable and future efforts.

Equity Definition



- A draft equity definition using input from this meeting will be provided for discussion at a future meeting. Specifically, we are seeking the Roundtable's feedback on:
 - What key words or concepts should be included in a transportation-focused equity definition?
 - What existing equity definitions or resources would you recommend CTC staff consult in developing this definition?
 - Is there anything else we should consider in developing a definition?