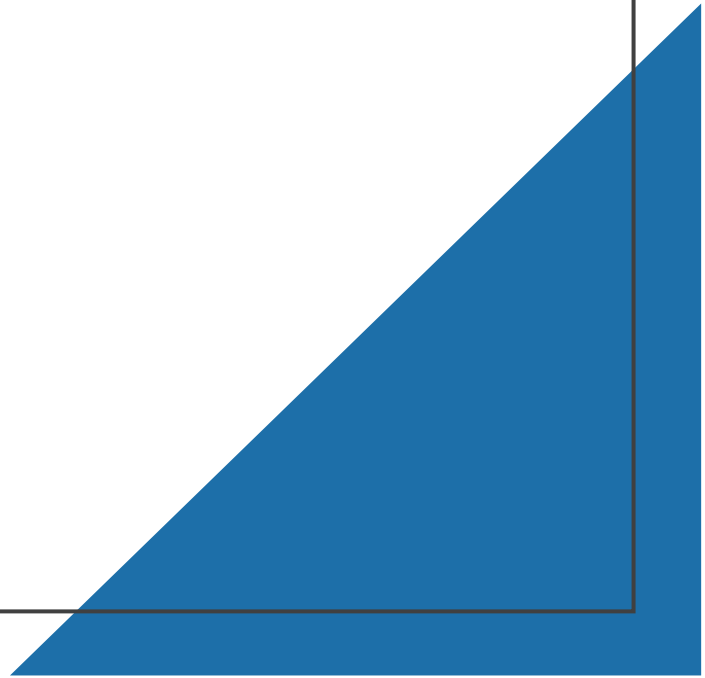


INTERAGENCY EQUITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Discussion – Ex Officio Membership

Equity Advisory Committee Meeting | Tab 9

February 13, 2024



Background: Ex Officio Membership

- In October 2022 CalSTA, the Commission and Caltrans approved the addition of (no more than) two non-voting ex officio participants to Committee
 - **15 EAC Members + 2 Ex Officio**
- The addition of 2 non-voting ex officio members to the Committee supports the **interest (stated at meetings and via survey) by Committee members to have more regional representation within meetings** and will bring in regional agencies with roles in the implementation of a transportation system that meets the needs of all California residents
- Ensures that subject matter experts within partner agencies are vested partners within Committee meetings that offer expert feedback, serve as thought partners, and increase and promote communication between Committee members and local and regional agencies

Recap: Committee Feedback

In early summer 2023, the Equity Advisory Committee Charter working group discussed ideal characteristics and duties of non-voting ex officio members including:

- Acting as Subject Matter Experts on regional issues.
- Communicating priorities of the Committee back to regional entities such as Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Regional Transportation Planning Agencies.
- Ex officio members need to have a strong background in transportation planning, policy and implementation, and understand what projects are happening throughout the state.
- Consider earlier recommendations to including the leads of the Rural Counties Task Force and the Regional Transportation Planning Agencies as Ex-Officio members.

Examples of Possible Ex Officio Members

- A designee from:
 - The Regional Transportation Planning Agency Group (RTPA)
 - The Rural Counties Task Force (RCTF)
 - The California Association for Coordinated Transportation (CACT)
 - The California Transit Association (CTA)

Possible Options

Regional Transportation Planning Agency Group

- Statewide consortium providing regional voice in state transportation policy
- Works in close partnership with CalSTA, CTC, and Caltrans to develop and implement planning and funding guidelines and project delivery

Rural Counties Task Force

- Statewide consortium of Rural Transportation Planning Agencies
- Works in close partnership with CalSTA, CTC, and Caltrans to elevate issues unique to rural areas in state transportation policy, planning, funding, and project delivery

Possible Options Continued

California Association for Coordinated Transportation

- Facilitates coordination of over 300 members including large and small transit and paratransit operators, social service organizations, government agencies and commercial vendors

California Transit Association

- Legislative advocates who inform elected officials, government and the public about laws and regulations shaping public transportation

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