
**TPB CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MONTHLY REPORT**

December 16, 2020

Nancy Abeles, CAC Chair

The 2020 CAC met on Thursday, December 10 for an online-only meeting. At the meeting the committee was briefed on the Regional Safety Program and the Transportation Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

REGIONAL SAFETY PROGRAM AND ROADWAY SAFETY TARGETS

Jon Schermann, TPB Transportation Planner, briefed the committee on the Regional Safety Program. He described the purpose of the program in providing technical assistance to jurisdictions, the funding process, and eligibility requirements. He said that funding priorities include safety-improvements for low-income and minority communities, improving road user behavior, identifying and designing safety countermeasures, understanding safety data, and cross-jurisdictional safety improvements. Committee member comments reflected hopes that these projects can help the region meet equitable transportation access challenges that existed pre-COVID and that the pandemic has exacerbated.

Mr. Schermann also briefed the committee on the 2017-2021 Highway Safety Targets. He described historic data and the process for setting new targets. He said the board is expected to approve the targets at the December TPB meeting.

TRANSPORTATION IMPACTS OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Tim Canan, TPB Planning Data and Research Program Director, briefed the committee on the regional transportation impacts resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. The presentation also covered the economy, the environment, and health. He also described a collaborative multi-sector analysis being conducted by COG and TPB staff to better understand the impacts of the pandemic. He shared a video that provides a snapshot that shows the challenges the region faces during the pandemic.

The committee suggested that the video be updated to include a summary of ways that COG can assist with the recovery. The committee observed that the increase in teleworking aligns with the Visualize 2045 Aspirational Initiatives. Members were interested to know more about how travel behavior adaptations impact transportation safety in the region. The CAC looks forward to hearing further about impacts as the data becomes available.

OTHER BUSINESS

Nancy Abeles, CAC Chair, reported on the events and discussion at the November 2020 TPB meeting.

Lyn Erickson, TPB Plan Development and Coordination Program Director, walked the committee through the December TPB agenda.

Bryan Hayes, TPB Transportation Planner, lead a discussion with the committee that will be presented to the TPB at the January meeting.

ATTENDEES

MEMBERS	PUBLIC	STAFF
Nancy Abeles, chair	Kristen Franklin	Bryan Hayes, TPB staff
Jeremy Martin	Bill Orleans	Lyn Erickson, TPB Staff
Emmet Tydings		John Swanson, TPB staff
Tony Giancola		Abigail Zenner, TPB staff
Katherine Kortum		Karen Armendariz, TPB staff
Elisa Walton		Tim Canan, TPB staff
Rob Jackson		Jon, Schermann
Jacqueline Manapsal		
Jeff Parnes		