
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT
February 9, 2017

Jeremy Martin, Chairman

On Thursday, February 9, the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) held its first meeting of the 2017 session. TPB staff briefed the committee on the TPB's plans for 2017. The CAC also discussed priorities and public involvement opportunities that the committee would like to address during the upcoming session.

OVERVIEW OF UPCOMING TPB ACTIVITIES FOR 2017

Lyn Erickson of TPB staff gave an extensive overview of upcoming TPB activities for 2017. She explained how the TPB sets its work plan for the coming year and some of the activities including the continuing work on the Long-Range Plan, Equity Emphasis Areas, Performance Based Planning, and master planning agreements. She also noted that this coming year there would be work on updating the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan and conducting the Household Travel Survey.

Committee members specifically asked about the work the TPB is doing on equity issues noting their interest in it. Ms. Erickson explained that staff is currently refining the Equity Emphasis Areas map. Once approved, this map will be used as a key tool for regional planning activities, including analysis of the region's long-range transportation plan. Committee members also expressed interest in the bicycle and pedestrian planning activities.

DISCUSSION ABOUT CAC PRIORITIES FOR 2017

Jeremy Martin led the CAC members in a discussion about their interests and suggestions for the committee to explore over the upcoming year. He noted that there were certain themes identified in committee members' applications. He explained that he saw these themes as possible areas where small discussion groups could come together and the committee might focus its attention.

The themes were:

- Improving public engagement, particularly around long range plan
- Improving transportation access and equity
- Enhancing safety and usability of non-motorized modes, including bikes and Vision Zero
- Enhancing public transportation, including Metro rail and BRT
- Exploring the implications of emerging transportation technologies, including autonomous and connected vehicles and transportation network companies.

DISCUSSION ABOUT PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2017

Robyn Jackson led the CAC in a discussion about public involvement opportunities for 2017. The focus of this discussion revolved around a draft framework for public participation for the 2018 Long-Range Plan, which was distributed by John Swanson of TPB staff. Mr. Swanson said that staff was now in a scoping phase to help define a public outreach plan. He said that in March, staff planned to return to the committee with a more fully defined scope.

Discussion with the CAC focused primarily on how public outreach tools can be used to "take the pulse," of the region when it comes to addressing the region's mobility challenges. Committee

members gave a variety of suggestions including using open houses, surveying transit users, and using social media to reach out to members of the public.

Overall, the committee generally agreed that there needs to be a multilayered approach to any outreach. They also emphasized the importance of working through a variety of civic institutions including religious institutions, civic associations, and government representatives.

OTHER DISCUSSION

- The committee took time for introductions and to discuss, for new committee members, how the CAC works.
- Lyn Erickson briefed the committee on the upcoming TPB agenda

ATTENDEES

MEMBERS PRESENT	ALTERNATES	TPB STAFF AND GUESTS
Jeremy Martin, Chairman	Anna Ray	Lamont Cobb, staff
Keith Benjamin,	Jessica Smith	Lyn Erickson, staff
Meredith Howell	Gary Hodge	John Swanson, staff
Katherine Kortum	Ronit Dancis	Abigail Zenner, staff
Era Pandya	Veronica Lowe	Bill Orleans
Robyn Jackson	Evan Papp	
Rob Jackson	Daniel Papiernick	
Molly O'Connell	Jeff Parnes	
Tom Sanchez		
Nancy Abeles		
Lorena Rios		
Charles Sumpter		