

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Re-Thinking the CAC for 2021

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Committee history

- Public started advising the TPB in the early 1990s.
- Committee reconstituted by TPB resolution in 1999, establishing the current membership structure and selection process.
- Committee mission and operating procedures codified in the 2007 and 2014 TPB Participation Plans



Re-Thinking the CAC

Staff are considering options for restructuring the CAC. This would be the first major change in 20+ years. This restructuring would update the committee so that it is better equipped to keep up with the changes needs of the region.

In re-thinking the CAC we hope to strengthen the relationship between the board and the committee and ensure that committee members reflect the different transportation perspectives in the region. This update could include a new membership structure, new selection process, new name, and more.



Input from past committees

In 2018 and 2019 the CAC spoke with consultants hired to evaluate the TPB's participation activities from 2017 to 2018. In addition to speaking generally about TPB activities, the committee also provided guidance on how to improve the committee. The following recommendations reflect committee input and are part of the final evaluation report.



Input from CAC

4. Clarify expectations and role for each Committee.

- Assess how representative CAC members are related to the “interested public” and consider ways to bring in more diverse perspectives.
- What are the expectations of each member? (e.g. Should they be reaching out to their communities?) Work with each jurisdiction regarding roles, expectations, skills needed for CAC members.



Input from CAC

5. Evolve Committee processes and structures.

- Recruit a Board member to chair the CAC, as with AFA, to elevate the input of that Committee.
- Provide outreach materials that can be easily disseminated. Visualize 2045 flyers provide a good precedent for this.
- Inform committee members about regional/local/state projects that are ongoing, so that they can provide comments in a timely manner.
- Bring in local representatives to share information about projects and processes at the local level, so committee members have better information about how they can weigh in on those efforts.
- Respond in writing to questions from committee members.
- Bring in experts to build the base of knowledge in committees, especially at the beginning of each new Committee year.
- At each meeting, be clear about the issues for which you are seeking input, and why.



Questions for CAC 2020

1. What works well with the CAC? What should we try to maintain from the current committee structure?
2. What doesn't work well? How can we improve the committee and staff interactions with the committee in the future?



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