

# OVERVIEW OF THE ACCESS FOR ALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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## Background and History for the AFA Kick-Off Meeting

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# Background

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- **Access for All Advisory Committee (AFA):** Established in 2001  
Focus: Bring transportation concerns from low-income populations, minority populations, and persons with disabilities into the regional transportation planning process.
- **Human Service Transportation Coordination Task Force (Task Force):** Created in 2006 to oversee the development of the Federally-required Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan
  - In 2014, the Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan was updated to guide the implementation of FTA's Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility for People with Disabilities and Older Adults
  - Coordinated Plan must be updated by 2018



# Why was the AFA and the Task Force combined?

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- The work of the Task Force was largely done
- Overlapping membership
- Membership refreshed to gain new perspectives from a mix of traditionally-disadvantaged groups
- Tasks related to the Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan will be done through a restructured AFA
- Proposal to combine AFA and Task Force was discussed with both groups and widely supported



# AFA Membership

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- “Community Connectors”
- Members versus Ex-officio:
  - Members represent *community groups*
  - Ex-Officio include representatives from governmental agencies and private transportation providers
- Application process; TPB Officers approve membership
- Additional members may be asked to join based on recommendations from TPB members
- Membership will be reviewed every three years
- Two AFA members to serve on Metro’s Accessibility Advisory Committee



# Revised AFA Mission Statement

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The Access for All Advisory Committee (AFA) advises the TPB on transportation issues, programs, policies, and services important to **traditionally underserved communities**, including low-income communities, minority communities, **people with limited English proficiency**, people with disabilities, and **older adults**.

The committee identifies issues of concern to traditionally underserved populations in order to determine whether and how these issues might be addressed within the TPB process.

Text in **blue** = additions to formal mission statement



# AFA Activities: Provide Feedback From a Transportation Lens

## *TPB Regional Transportation Planning Efforts*

- Policies and Priorities
- Constrained Long Range Transportation Plan (CLRP) (October)
- Studies or other efforts (e.g. Study on Non-Emergency Medical Transportation and MetroAccess, July)

## *TPB Human Service Transportation Coordination Activities-*

- Priority Projects for the Solicitation of Enhanced Mobility Grant Applications (2017)
- Update to the Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan (2017 to 2018)



# AFA Activities, Continued

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## *Discussion of Operational Practices*

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In the past the AFA has raised awareness about:

- Safety and accessibility of bus stops
  - Emergency procedures
  - Improved transportation Info; including info in languages other than English
  - Paratransit quality and efficiency
  - Wheelchair accessible cabs
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- Activities have included:
    - Presentations to the AFA on current practices or innovative practices,
    - Letters to responsible agencies,
    - Subcommittees,
    - Reports and special forums



# Meeting Schedule and Materials

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- Five meetings a year; additional meetings scheduled as necessary
- Committee meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month, from 12 noon to 2pm
- 2016 Meeting dates
  - August 25
  - October 27
  - November 16
  - December 15
- Committee Materials, including meeting summaries, posted on AFA Webpage:

[www.mwcog.org/transportation/committee/afa](http://www.mwcog.org/transportation/committee/afa)





# We Want to Hear From You

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- Facilitated discussion in next item will provide you with an opportunity to tell us about transportation concerns and inform future discussions
- Questions about AFA or this presentation?

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