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#### Interagency Transportation Equity Advisory Committee Discussion of Draft Proposal CalSTA – CTC – Caltrans

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# Draft Purpose

The Equity Advisory Committee (EAC) is intended to elevate diverse and historically marginalized voices to advise state transportation agencies, such as the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA), the California Transportation Commission (CTC), and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) on how to achieve meaningful transportation equity and environmental justice outcomes, especially as related to transportation planning and programming. This purpose has been developed through the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI), Roundtable member and other stakeholder feedback, Statewide Equity Listening Sessions, and interagency collaboration.

# A few highlights of what we heard at prior meetings

- Transparency and accountability
- Building trust is important
- Respect member expertise and time commitments
- Compensation
- Level of influence in policy and program development
- Time Commitment and Level of involvement
- "Closing the loop"
  - Integrating feedback

# Draft Organizational Principles

- One Equity Advisory Committee to make recommendations to Commissioners and CalSTA and Caltrans executive leadership
- Focus on tools and guidelines for transportation planning and funding programs
- Public meetings
- Annual report will highlight recommendations, accomplishments and priority focus areas
- Members will be compensated for costs incurred (i.e. travel, per diem)

# Draft EAC Membership

Up to 15 members, 2-year staggered terms, intended to focus on marginalized voices in California

- Tribes
- Community-based organizations
- Community members reflecting different geographies and areas of the state
- Statewide environmental justice and equity organizations
- Individuals or organizations offering an accessibility and disability perspective
- Community + Economic development organizations
- Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE)
- Labor organizers + non-represented groups
- Non-traditional Industry (i.e. multi-modal)
- Other organizations

# Draft Membership

- Open call for nominations
  - All three agencies will be involved in selection process
- Parameters for involvement
  - Resides in California
  - Equity-centered personal or professional experience, community leader, or actively engaged in transportation equity, climate justice, or housing justice, policy, programming, advocacy or related fields

# Draft EAC Member Involvement

- EAC Member Meeting
  - 4 times per year
  - Supported by staff from CalSTA, Caltrans, CTC,
  - EAC + CTC Commissioners + Caltrans + CalSTA Executives Joint Meeting
  - 2 times per year at Commission Meetings
- Agenda Setting + Planning with staff
  - EAC Chair + Vice Chair + CalSTA/CTC/Caltrans Staff
  - 1 time per month
- Subject Matter Expert Opportunities
  - All members expected to join SME groups
  - 2 max per group, no quorum
  - Ongoing, monthly
- "Lunch + Learn" Opportunities
  - Optional

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The EAC is anticipated to review, advise, recommend and develop transportation related plans, programs and policy that includes but is not limited to:

- State transportation planning guidelines
- State transportation funding program guidelines
- Development, updates and revisions of State transportation plans
- Quantitative and qualitative metrics for evaluating equity benefits and outcomes
- How to best integrate meaningful community engagement practices into all aspects of transportation work
- Recommendations for improving equity outcomes in transportation planning and programming
- Provide recommendations on Caltrans project nominations where applicable in order to maximize equity outcomes to state and federal programs

## Draft Concept

 Monthly internal staff meetings to develop meeting agendas and other coordination that reflects EAC priorities

> Interagency Staff Level

### Equity Advisory Committee

- Up to 15 participants make up EAC
- Public meetings held quarterly
- EAC provides content for annual report of recommendations and future outcomes

- CalSTA, CTC, Caltrans will independently consider EAC recommendations
- Two annual joint agency executive level meetings (held in conjunction with CTC meetings) to discuss EAC annual report,

accomplishments, future priority focus areas, and receive EAC updates from staff and or EAC member(s)

#### **Executive Level**

# Draft Next Steps and Proposed Timeline

#### Spring 2022

- Interagency Equity Advisory Committee proposal is introduced and revised via Equity Advisory Roundtable and interagency feedback
- CalSTA, Caltrans, and the CTC are committed to exploring opportunities to provide financial compensation for time and expertise of committee members
  - Travel expenses (e.g. cost incurred) will be reimbursed for EAC members
  - Staff will explore options to compensate members for their time and expertise

#### Summer – End of 2022

- Call for and finalization of EAC membership nomination
- Equity Advisory Committee implementation begins
- First convening of the Interagency Equity Advisory Roundtable
- EAC progress will be documented in Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI) annual report

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