

# Memorandum

**To:** EQUITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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## **Summary:**

In May 2025, the Interagency Equity Advisory Committee (Committee) created three ad hoc subcommittees. Ad hoc subcommittees met in June and August 2025. The following summary includes a description of these subcommittee meetings.

### 1) Community Engagement Policies and Practices

- a) The ad hoc subcommittee met on June 17, 2025. Member Randy Torres-Van Vleck was elected chair. Members received a presentation from the Caltrans Advancing Community Engagement Office and participated in a discussion about the Caltrans Statewide Community Engagement Playbook.
- b) The ad hoc subcommittee met on August 18, 2025. The Caltrans Advancing Community Engagement Office staff led a focused discussion on Chapter 4 of the Statewide Community Engagement Playbook and captured member feedback to inform the final document.
  - i) Feedback received from ad hoc subcommittee members included:
    - (1) Accessibility for seniors and people with disabilities through local media and small-group engagement
    - (2) Prioritize hands-on community engagement through charettes, pop-ups, open streets, and similar strategies.
    - (3) Develop a specific definition to describe meaningful community engagement.

(4) Use a combination of in-person and virtual engagement opportunities to address safety and accessibility concerns identified by communities who may not feel safe at in-person event.

(5) Acknowledge Indigenous communities through offerings and recognition.

## 2) Transportation Planning and Program Guidance

- a) The ad hoc subcommittee met on June 18, 2025. Committee Vice Chair Ana Gonzalez was elected ad hoc subcommittee chair. California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) Deputy Secretary for Equity and Workforce Allison Joe and Senior Advisor for Transit, Mobility Data and Performance Hunter Owens presented on the Transit Transformation Task Force.
- b) The ad hoc subcommittee next meets on August 25, 2025. Caltrans Office of Transit Planning staff will provide a presentation on the Caltrans draft Director's Transit Policy and future opportunities for members to provide input on the implementation plan for the policy, Commission staff will provide updates on the Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan Guidelines development process and give an overview of Committee member feedback received during member briefings.

## 3) Data Implementation

- a) The ad hoc subcommittee met on June 17, 2025. Member Naomi Iwasaki was elected Chair. California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Senior Advisor on Race and Equity Carolyn Abrams presented a preview of subcommittee advisory opportunities with a focus on the Caltrans Equity Index (EQI) use case development.
- b) The ad hoc subcommittee met on August 19, 2025. Caltrans staff from the Director's Office of Sustainability and the Director's Office of Equity and Tribal Affairs provided an in-depth, technical overview of the EQI. Members also received a presentation from Commission staff about the final proposal developed in response to Assembly Bill 744 (Carrillo, Chapter 872, Statutes of 2023). This proposal presents a framework to enhance statewide collaboration on transportation data, modeling, and analytic tools that support decision-making, interagency coordination, and alignment with state transportation, housing, and climate goals. It fulfills the requirements established in AB 744, which directs the Commission to assess existing transportation data and modeling practices and recommend strategies to improve access to high-quality data, modeling, and analytic software tools that support planning, and coordination across agencies. If the proposal receives legislative funding, Commission staff will engage the subcommittee during the implementation planning phase.

Ad hoc subcommittees are anticipated to meet again in November 2025 and in February 2026. Interagency staff will continue to coordinate with ad hoc subcommittee Chairs to develop subcommittee meeting agendas.