



To: Citizens Advisory Committee Members

From: Mark Garrity, Executive Director

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Executive Director's Report

Workforce Development and Training

Earlier this month, Transportation Planner Chelsea Dau attended the AASHTO GIS Transportation Symposium in Atlanta. The conference focused on GIS applications and best practices in transportation related to state, local, and MPO agencies. Highlights included workshops focused on the Next Generation National Household Travel Survey as well as Safety Management in GIS. She also recently attended the Journey to Safer Communities ITE Virtual Conference which focused on a variety of safety topics including Vision Zero, vulnerable road users, infrastructure improvements, and methods to better evaluate safety-oriented transportation data.

Senior Community Planner Samantha Lara attended the national American Planning Association (APA) conference held in Minneapolis. Ms. Lara attended sessions on scenario planning, the electrification of bicycles, and the role of gender in transportation. She returned with a better understanding of scenario planning and heard from other planners about the goods and bads of electric bicycles, including the need for charging stations and adequate education to protect the safety of riders. Ms. Lara also learned more about the needs identified for women to be more comfortable riding bikes and using public transportation.

Executive Director Mark Garrity attended a mobile workshop focused on transportation and housing in California. He saw many creative approaches to improving transportation safety and accessibility for all, as well as how medium-sized communities are addressing challenges related to housing affordability.

Personnel and Office Updates

Our newest intern, Landon Lee, started in April and will be helping us with various tasks related to community engagement and development of our long-range plan. We also have a new Transportation Planner starting on May 1; Maile Greenhill will be focusing on modeling and data analysis. She has a strong background in GIS and transportation-related data collection. Please welcome Landon and Maile!

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

The TAC met on Friday, April 12. They received a presentation on proposed Highway Safety Performance Measure Targets for 2020-2024 and voted to recommend the Policy Board approve. They also received a presentation on proposed 2024 Transit Asset Management (TAM) Performance Measure Targets and voted to recommend the Policy Board approve. They received a presentation on the Overall Work Program (OWP) Presentation: Planning for Improved Resilience to Coastal Hazards through Green Infrastructure and voted to recommend the Policy Board approve.

Their next meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 10 at 9:00 AM.

Policy Board

The Policy Board met on April 29. They received a presentation on proposed Highway Safety Performance Measure Targets for 2020-2024 and voted to approve and directed MPO staff to conduct research regarding the funding of additional safety projects. They also received a presentation on proposed 2024 Transit Asset Management (TAM) Performance Measure Targets and voted to approve. They also received a presentation on a potential grant for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Prioritization Process Pilot Program (PPPP) and voted to direct MPO staff to apply. Finally, they received a presentation on the Overall Work Program (OWP) Presentation: Planning for Improved Resilience to Coastal Hazards through Green Infrastructure and voted to accept the report.

Their next meeting is currently scheduled for Tuesday, May 28 at 11:00 AM.