

Metro Citizens Advisory Council Chair's Report – July 2020 General Assembly

This monthly report will be provided as a brief overview of items that CAC members should be aware of.

Thank you for your support

First, I would like to thank all the CAC members who entrusted me as chair for Fiscal Year 2020-21. I am happy to take feedback from all members as to how I am doing, which can be sent to me privately if you choose at hank-metrocac@bleeble.org.

Meetings I've attended

I virtually attended the San Fernando Valley, Gateway, and Westside/Central service council meetings where they presented the NextGen bus study. Meetings are ongoing and Danielle Valentino will have forwarded information to you. I encourage you to attend those in your area.

I am also requesting Metro's Senior Leadership Team that the CAC have a seat on the Transit Public Safety Advisory Committee, and be formally consulted regarding the comprehensive pricing study. If I hear no response, I will formally ask for those things at the August CAC Executive Committee meeting. I do not plan to personally participate in either committee.

Community based organizations

We have been asked to host the Fight for the Soul of The Cities (a project of the Labor Community Strategy Center) on their presentation about how Metro should be free. I am trying to fit that in at an appropriate point. The next CAC August executive committee will be spent scheduling them in and seeing if there are other groups we want to schedule.

Meeting prioritization

I will note that we only have 11 meetings a year and there are other items people want to see: budget, congestion pricing, etc. COVID-19 response and keeping engaged in the pricing studies (both comprehensive and the traffic reduction version) are also appropriate. I agree with past chairs that it is not the goal of this organization to act as an ombudsman, and while we can call for investigations, I would happily let the Metro Board, Inspector General, etc. make those since our bandwidth is limited.

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