

ATTACHMENT B

CAC's April through October Recap

April 2024

On April 24, 2024, the CAC received an update on Metro's discounted fares and the Go Pass programs, for which the CAC expressed great enthusiasm, general support, and appreciation for Metro Board's motion to make the GoPass program permanent.

The CAC also received updates from the Office of Management and Budget regarding FY 25 budget development.

May 2024

At the May 22, 2024, General Assembly meeting, the CAC received an overview regarding Metro's comprehensive approach to public safety and updates on the Transit Ambassador Pilot Program. CAC members appreciated the presentation and were pleased that Metro is taking public safety seriously and with a human-centered approach. They expressed interest in receiving regular updates on this topic.

June 2024

Every June, the CAC elects a new executive committee to serve for the upcoming fiscal year that begins July 1, 2024. The new leaders will meet monthly to set CAC agendas for the General Assembly meetings following the CAC's annual work plan. The CAC convened on June 26, 2024, and elected its new Executive Committee members:

- **Art Montoya** was re-elected as Chair. He works in policy and enjoys serving his community and actively participates in civic activities. He is a husband and a son and has been a lifelong resident of Downey. Chair Montoya was appointed by Director Janice Hahn.
- **Elena Garza** was elected as Vice Chair. She previously served as Secretary on the CAC Executive Committee. Vice Chair Garza is a West Covina resident, an architecture student, and a regular transit rider who is very knowledgeable about public transportation issues. Vice Chair Garza was appointed by Director Tim Sandoval.
- **Chris Wilson** was elected Secretary. Secretary Wilson is a Harbor City resident passionate about transportation and infrastructure issues that affect Angelenos. Chair Janice Hahn appointed him.
- **Dalila Sotelo** was elected as Chair Emeritus. She resides in South Los Angeles and has her offices in Downtown Los Angeles. A native Angelina, she is particularly interested in public transit, transit-oriented community development, and the creation of affordable housing for all Angelenos. Director Karen Bass appointed Chair Emeritus Sotelo.

Additionally, the CAC received updates on Metro train interiors, focusing on the latest efforts and considerations related to sanitation and cleanliness. The CAC also received a brief update regarding TAP Plus.

July 2024

At the July 2024 General Assembly meeting, the CAC received updates from Metro's Office of Strategic Innovation (OSI) on the Mobility Wallet Pilot Program and highlights regarding Metro's Olympics/Paralympics planning efforts.

Proposed Bylaws Changes

Additionally, the CAC discussed proposed bylaws changes and the development of draft language for review and consideration at the August 2024 meeting.

The CAC has not revised its bylaws since March 2017. The bylaws include language that specifies when the CAC Executive Committee and General Assembly must meet. This rigidity does not allow for maximizing members' participation on alternate dates that might work better for the council members.

Bylaws "Section VI: Meetings" (page 4) state that:

- Executive Committee meetings shall be held on the first Friday of each month; and
- General Assembly meetings shall be held on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

Further, given the holiday season, meetings in December have often been challenging to convene. Hence, the CAC seeks greater flexibility for scheduling meetings in December.

The current CAC bylaws prescribe the days of each month on which the CAC can meet, which can be a limiting factor for some members interested in serving on the CAC or considering possible leadership roles in the future.

The new language changes are aimed at ensuring greater flexibility that addresses:

1. Executive Committee members to determine when they want to hold their meetings during the first week of each month.
2. General Assembly meetings are to be held anytime during the fourth week of each month.
3. More scheduling flexibility for meetings during the month of December.

Specific bylaws language changes were presented at the August 2024 General Assembly meeting for consideration.

August 2024

During the August 28, 2024, meeting, the General Assembly nearly approved the proposed new bylaws language changes aimed at ensuring greater flexibility in scheduling its meetings. Two motions were presented:

1. Changes to the Executive Committee meetings
2. Changes to the General Assembly meetings

These actions require a two-thirds vote from its membership roster. While the majority of the attendees voted in favor of these changes, the votes did not reflect the necessary two-thirds affirmative vote from its entire membership roster at the time of the vote, which would have required 15 aye votes. Motion 1 received 14 aye votes, and Motion 2 received 12.

Therefore, a new vote reflecting two-thirds membership approval is required. This vote was placed on the agenda for action at the September 25, 2024, General Assembly meeting.

September 2024

The General Assembly requested and received updates from the Metro Customer Care team, including information on how the team receives and processes customer complaints and inquiries.

Additionally, as mentioned above, the CAC's proposed bylaws changes were revisited for a vote and received the required two-thirds vote, allowing their changes to proceed to the Metro Board for review and consideration (see Attachment A for CAC's approved bylaws changes).

October 2024

The Executive Committee in October and expressed interest in forming two new standing committees:

1. Planning and Programming Committee, and
2. Operations, Safety and Customer Experience Committee

To stand up the committees, the Metro Board must first consider and approve them.

The Executive Committee is considering these proposed Committees as a vehicle for the CAC to more closely "mirror" and track the Metro Board of Directors Committees on these same subject matters (under ["Article V: Meetings" of CAC's bylaws](#)) and as an avenue for CAC Members to take on more leadership roles.

New Committee Chairs

The Executive Committee also proposed new Chairs for each of these two committees to serve as CAC's designated liaison to each Metro Board of Directors' parallel committees: Planning and Programming and Operations, Safety and Customer Experience.

The Executive Committee further sees chairing these new committees as a development opportunity for members to consider a leadership role on the CAC Executive Committee eventually. Additionally, they may consider increasing the number of standing committees in the future to more closely mirror the Metro Board structure.

It is important to note that any CAC committees (including existing ones and if additional ones are formed) would be considered “compensation eligible” (pending individual CAC Members’ eligibility to participate in the compensation option).

Should the Metro Board approve the formation of the committees, the CAC will further define the purpose, goals and overall plan for each committee.

Membership Update

In September, one CAC Member resigned due to scheduling conflicts with work and six new members were appointed to the CAC to serve.

- **Kevin Shin** was appointed by Chair Janice Hahn. Member Shin resides in the Gateway Cities area and is particularly interested in active transportation matters.
- **Lorelei Bailey** was appointed by Director Fernando Dutra. Member Bailey resides in the Artesia area and has a keen interest in transit-oriented communities, the nexus between housing and transit, and active transportation matters.
- **Max Romero** was appointed by Director Kathryn Barger. Member Romero is a resident of the San Gabriel Valley and is the youngest CAC member. He is a regular and enthusiastic transit rider, often using multiple transit modes to travel across the County.
- **Paula Nazario** was appointed by Director Karen Bass. Her interests include enhancing transit safety, expanding transit lines and encouraging community engagement in urban planning efforts. She lives in South Los Angeles, is a regular transit rider and is very involved in her community.
- **Aaron Castillo-White** was also appointed by Director Karen Bass. He is a Los Angeles resident with a background in non-profit fundraising, partnership strategies, branding, and media strategy. He is interested in environmental and sustainability issues.
- **Doug Mensman** was appointed by Director Paul Krekorian. Member Mensman resides in Highland Park and has extensive knowledge and experience in local government with specific expertise in transportation and infrastructure policy matters.

The new members contribute to the CAC's broad geographic reach and representation from areas throughout LA County, and the recent appointments also increase the representation of Asian Americans, women, and youth on the council.