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AD HOC BOARD COMPOSITION COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 23, 2026

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN REGARDING BOARD COMPOSITION

ACTION: APPROVE RECOMMENDATION

RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE the Community and Stakeholder Engagement Plan for the Metro Ad Hoc Board Composition Committee, to support informed, transparent, and inclusive deliberations regarding governance considerations.

ISSUE

As the Metro Ad Hoc Board Composition Committee reviews Metro's Board structure following the passage of Measure G, a structured and inclusive community and stakeholder engagement plan designed to gather timely, accessible, and geographically representative input from riders, local governments, and community stakeholders across Los Angeles County will help inform such deliberations.

BACKGROUND

An Ad Hoc Committee of the Board was established by Chair Dutra in January 2026 to focus on potential governance considerations arising from Measure G. Motion 33.1 by Directors Dutra, Barger, Horvath, Padilla, Najarian and Dupont-Walker directs that the Ad Hoc Committee's deliberations and recommendations be informed by a plan for community and stakeholder engagement, including but not limited to Los Angeles County Councils of Government, to ensure any recommendation reflects the diverse viewpoints of local residents, organizations, and municipalities (Attachment A).

In February, staff began informing key stakeholders about the passage of Motion 33.1. The following summarizes a potential framework for outreach activities to be executed following the Board's approval and culminating in a summary outreach report to the Ad Hoc Committee by June 2026.

DISCUSSION

The proposed Community and Stakeholder Engagement Plan includes a broad outreach approach.

Key outreach components include:

Metro Service Councils
- Facilitated listening sessions and presentations at meetings, led by Community Relations Managers, to gather region-specific input.

Councils of Governments and Joint Powers Authorities
- Listening sessions and presentations at subregional Councils of Governments and Joint Powers Authority meetings between March and April, including the San Fernando Valley, San Gabriel Valley, South Bay, Westside Cities, Gateway Cities, North LA County Transportation Coalition, Northern Corridor Cities, Las Virgenes-Malibu, and Arroyo Verdugo communities.

Advisory Committees
- Engagement with Metro advisory committees to gather feedback from established stakeholder groups.

Community-Based Organizations and Faith Leaders
- Targeted outreach through Metro's Community Relations network to community-based organizations and faith leaders beginning in March, with a focus on reaching underrepresented communities.
- Roundtable discussions and agenda items at existing meetings where appropriate.

General Public and Riders
- A countywide virtual listening session, hosted by the Ad Hoc Committee Chair, designed to capture rider and resident input.
- Targeted outreach to Metro riders, including LIFE and GoPass participants, coordinated with Customer Experience and the Office of Equity and Race.
- Multilingual outreach in Spanish and other threshold languages, and use of ADA-accessible venues.

Metro Communications and Promotion
- Use of Metro-owned communication channels beginning in March, including a dedicated Ad Hoc Committee webpage with an online comment submission form, The Source and El Pasajero, Community Relations newsletters, Customer Experience newsletters, and Metro social media platforms.
- Targeted digital outreach, including geographically focused social media promotion.
- Distribution of a social media toolkit to Metro Board offices, elected officials, Service Councilmembers, Councils of Governments, advocacy organizations, and community partners.

The engagement plan is designed to ensure broad geographic coverage, multiple engagement formats, and accessible participation opportunities. Implementation of the engagement plan will provide the Ad Hoc Committee with structured, documented input from a diverse range of stakeholders. The plan is intended to inform Committee deliberations without predetermining outcomes and does not propose changes to Metro governance. Staff will coordinate across departments to ensure efficient implementation and consistent messaging.

DETERMINATION OF SAFETY IMPACT

This action does not have an impact on safety.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact associated with this action as these are primarily existing meetings where Metro staff already participates.

EQUITY PLATFORM

The Community and Stakeholder Engagement Plan advances Metro's equity objectives by prioritizing outreach to underrepresented communities, riders, and stakeholders across all regions of Los Angeles County. The plan includes multilingual outreach, accessible meeting formats, and partnerships with community-based organizations and faith leaders to reduce participation barriers and ensure diverse perspectives are reflected in Committee deliberations.

VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED OUTCOME

VMT and VMT per capita in Los Angeles County are lower than national averages, the lowest in the SCAG region, and on the lower end of VMT per capita statewide, with these declining VMT trends due in part to Metro's significant investment in rail and bus transit.* Metro's Board-adopted VMT reduction targets align with California's statewide climate goals, including achieving carbon neutrality by 2045. To ensure continued progress, all Board items are assessed for their potential impact on VMT.

As part of these ongoing efforts, this item is not expected to contribute to further reductions in VMT. Because the Metro Board has adopted an agency-wide VMT Reduction Target, and this item supports the overall function of the agency, this item is consistent with the goals of reducing VMT.

*Based on population estimates from the United States Census and VMT estimates from Caltrans' Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS) data between 2001-2019.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

Approval of this recommendation supports Metro Strategic Plan goal #5 to provide responsive, accountable, and trustworthy governance within the Metro organization by establishing a clear, inclusive framework for community engagement and input.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Committee can choose not to adopt the Community and Stakeholder Engagement Plan; however, doing so would forgo a coordinated and transparent framework for engaging residents, businesses, partner agencies, and community-based organizations, potentially resulting in fragmented outreach, reduced public trust, and missed opportunities to meaningfully incorporate

stakeholder feedback into decision-making.

NEXT STEPS

Upon approval, staff will implement the Community and Stakeholder Engagement Plan and provide regular updates to the Metro Ad Hoc Board Composition Committee. A summary of outreach findings will be presented to the Committee to inform deliberations.

ATTACHMENT

Attachment A - Motion 33.1 by Directors Dutra, Barger, Horvath, Padilla, Najarian, and Dupont-Walker

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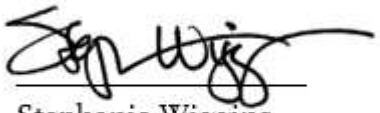

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