

# Interagency Equity Advisory Committee Proposed Structure

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# Pathway to an Equity Advisory Committee

- **2020**
  - CalSTA releases Statement on Racial Equity, Justice and Inclusion in Transportation
  - Caltrans releases Equity Statement
- **2021 - Present**
  - Commission approves Racial Equity Statement
  - Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure adopted, including action to create interagency Equity Advisory Committee(s)
  - Commission forms the Equity Advisory Roundtable which provides recommendations on how to establish a permanent Equity Advisory Committee
  - Commission commits to work towards establishing interagency Equity Advisory Committee(s)
  - Commission staff, CalSTA and Caltrans work together to propose guiding principles, general structure, scope, compensation mechanisms, membership
  - Ongoing Statewide Equity Listening Sessions inform equity initiatives among agencies



Clockwise from top left: C. Sequoia Erasmus (CTC), Carolyn Abrams (Caltrans), Amar Cid (Caltrans), Renee Rainey (ICF) and Avital Barnea (CalSTA) at the 2022 Women's Transportation Seminar Annual Conference where they shared how they are working together to improve equity outcomes in transportation in California



# Foundational Questions

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1. Should the Commission join with Caltrans and CalSTA to implement one or multiple committees?
2. What should the scope of the committee be?
3. Who should serve on the committee?
4. Should members be compensated?
5. How will recommendations from the committee be considered?



# Equity Advisory Committee Foundation

1. Highlights of Stakeholder Feedback
2. Purpose
3. Scope
4. Membership
5. Structure
6. Compensation



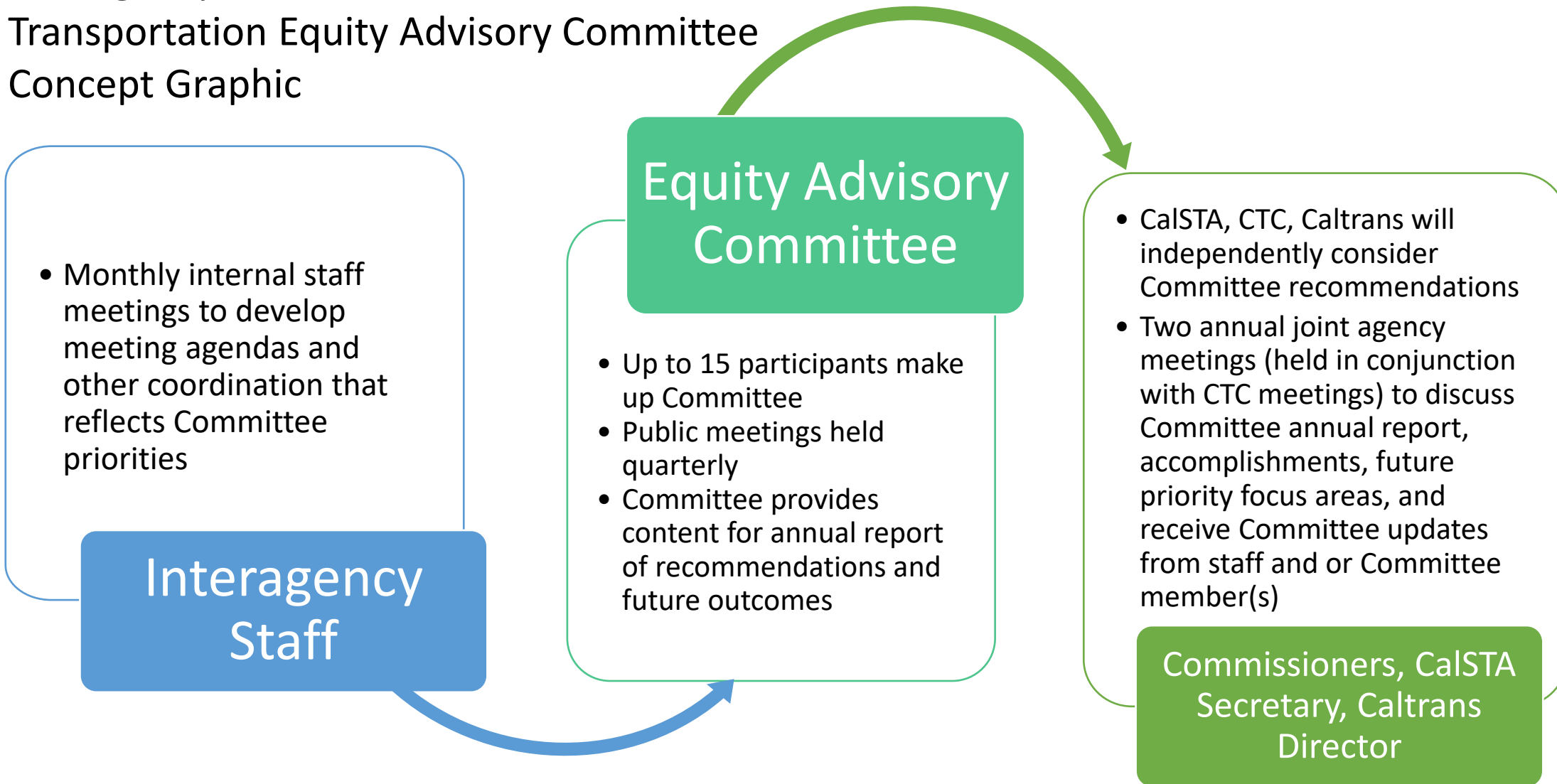
# Purpose

The Equity Advisory Committee (Committee) is intended to elevate diverse and historically marginalized voices to advise the Commission, CalSTA, and Caltrans on how to achieve meaningful outcomes in transportation equity, environmental justice, and equitable economic opportunities, especially as related to transportation planning and programming. This purpose has been developed through the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI), the Commission's Equity Advisory Roundtable, stakeholder feedback, Statewide Equity Listening Sessions, interagency collaboration, and public feedback.





# Interagency Transportation Equity Advisory Committee Concept Graphic





# Challenge Area - Compensation

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**Committee members will be reimbursed for eligible travel expenses consistent with state procedures.**

- The Commission, CalSTA, and Caltrans continue work to identify pathways to compensate committee members for time and expertise, but currently lack the authority to do so.
- Examples of similar state-level advisory groups that have found mechanisms to compensate members for both time and expertise:
  - Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group (California Energy Commission and California Public Utilities Commission)
  - Environmental Justice Advisory Committee (California Air Resources Board)
- There is need for further action in this area. The Commission, CalSTA, and Caltrans continue to pursue long-term solutions to compensating Committee members for time and expertise.

# Next Steps and Timeline

## **June 2022**

- Commission action on proposal

## **July/August 2022**

- Call for applications

## **Mid to late August 2022**

- Applications due
- Application review

## **September 2022**

- Informational meeting for all interested: learn about goals for the Equity Advisory Committee

## **October 2022**

- Commission action on Committee membership

## **Fall/Winter 2022**

- Committee meeting #1