



Interagency Transportation Equity Advisory Committee Membership Proposal

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Committee Purpose and Initial Proposal

"The Equity Advisory Committee (EAC) is intended to elevate diverse and historically marginalized voices to advise state transportation agencies, such as the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA), the California Transportation Commission (CTC), and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) on how to achieve meaningful outcomes in transportation equity, environmental justice, and equitable economic opportunities, especially as related to transportation planning and programming."

- One interagency committee for CTC, CalSTA, and Caltrans
- EAC will make recommendations focused on tools and guidelines for transportation planning and funding programs
- Meetings pursuant to Bagley-Keene
- CalSTA, CTC, and Caltrans retain decision-making authority

Initial Committee Membership Proposal

- Up to 15 members serving 2-year staggered terms
- Intended to focus on marginalized voices in California
- Members must reside in California
- Members should demonstrate equity-centered personal or professional experience, community leadership, or be actively engaged in transportation equity, policy, programming, advocacy or related fields such as health, air quality, climate, or housing justice, community and socio-economic development

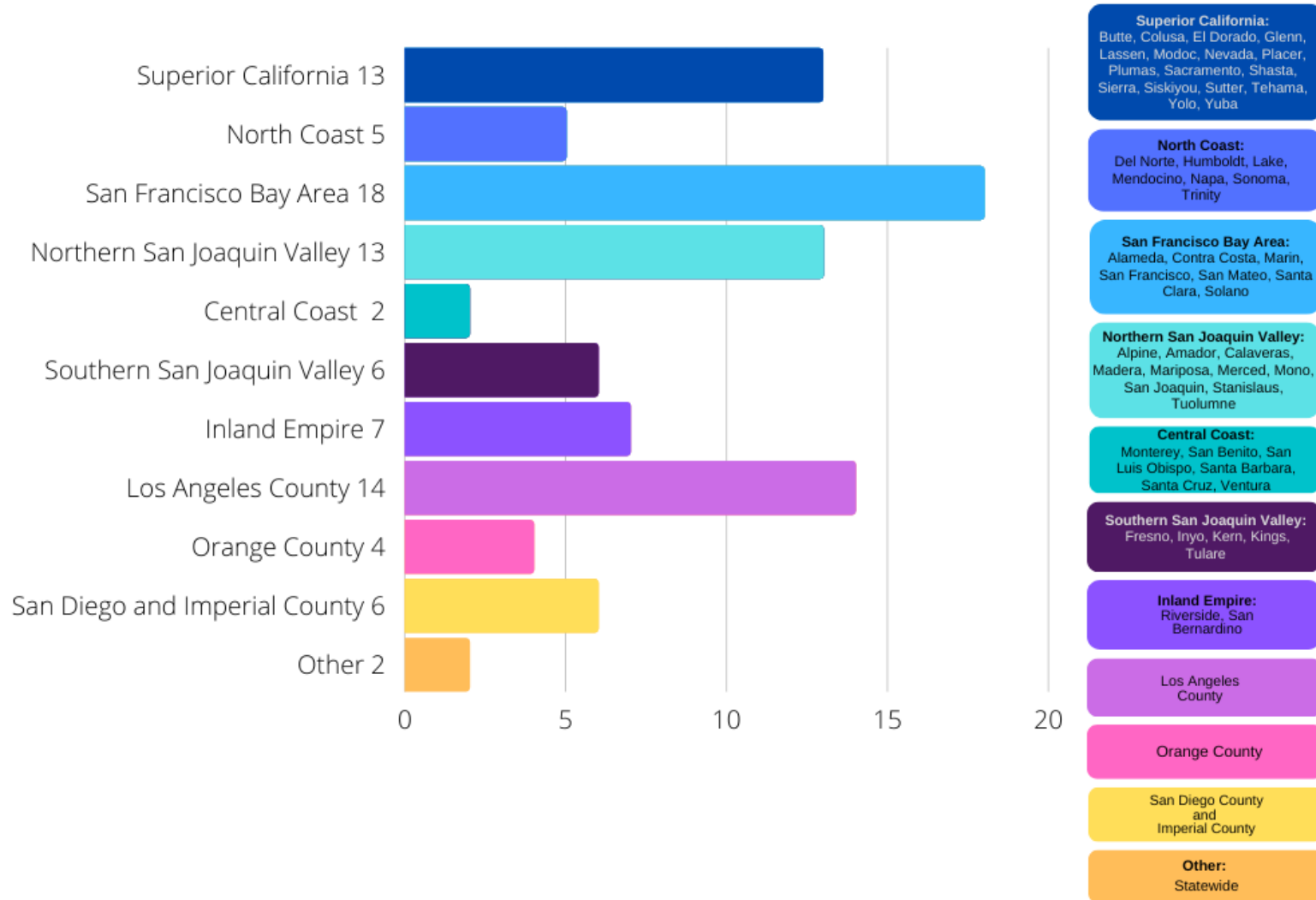
Membership Application

- Application open from August 8 - September 5, 2022
- 1 page survey application available via MS Teams Form and hard copy
 - Which geographic region or regions do you represent?
 - Please indicate if you identify with or represent any of the following:
 - Older adult
 - Youth
 - Person with disabilities
 - Black, Latino, Indigenous, Pacific Islander, Southeast Asian or other community of color
 - Person of marginalized gender or sexuality (women, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual)
 - Priority Population (as defined by SB 535 Disadvantaged Communities and AB 1550 Low-income Communities)
 - Native American Tribal Government or community member
 - Rural community
 - Migrant or immigrant population
 - Unhoused community
 - If employed, please list and describe your employer and your respective role
 - Please list and describe any volunteer, civic, or community service capacities you are involved in
 - Please describe your interest in serving on the Interagency Transportation Equity Advisory Committee
 - Please describe your personal or professional experience with equity-centered community leadership, and/or active engagement in transportation equity, policy, programming, advocacy or related field
 - Please list or describe anything else you would like to add as it pertains to your interest in serving on the Committee
- Staff conducted live FAQ webinar on August 25, 2022

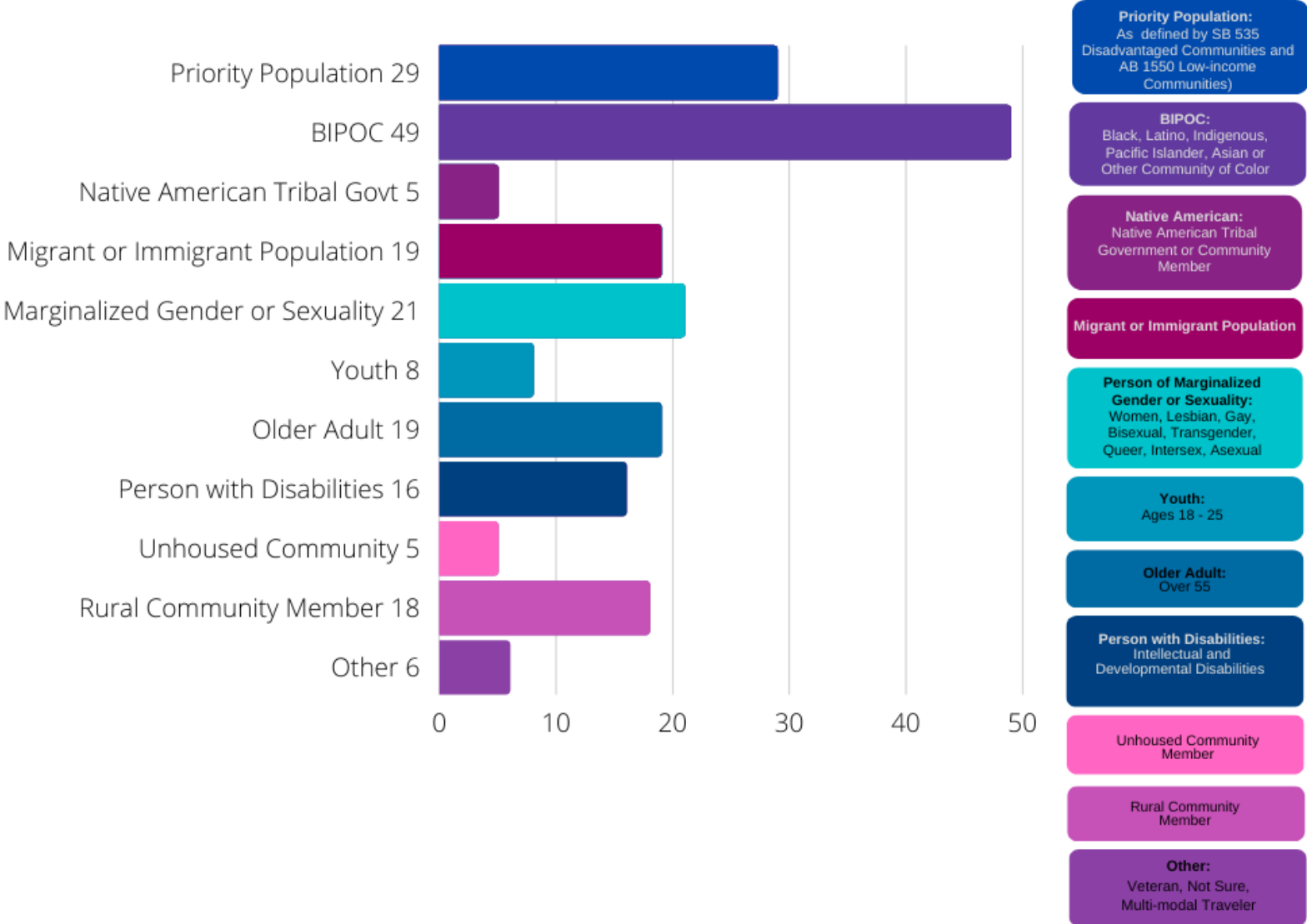
Applications Received

- 72 applications submitted by individuals representing a broad array of demographics, professional and civic backgrounds, and geographies throughout the state
- Majority of applicants represent the San Francisco Bay Area, rural Northern California, San Joaquin Valley, Sacramento Valley, and Los Angeles County
- Majority of applicants identified as or represented communities of color or priority populations

Geographic Distribution of EAC Applicants



Demographic Distribution of EAC applicants



Application Review Structure

- Three staff reviewers (one each from CalSTA, Caltrans, and CTC)
 - Reviewed all 72 applications
- Two reviewers from CTC's Equity Advisory Roundtable
 - Each reviewed 36 applications

Committee Member Recommendations (16)

Martha Armas-Kelly

- Catholic Charities Environmental Program - Environmental Justice Program Coordinator, Diocese of Stockton; University of California, Davis Transportation Environmental Justice Fellow

Alexandria Contreras

- Happy City Coalition - Advocating for housing, transit, and people-focused land use policies

Michael DeSpain

- Buena Vista Rancheria - Chief Operations Officer, Natural Resource Development

Ana Gonzalez

- Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice - Executive Director

Herb Hastings

- Regional Center of the East Bay - Client Representative serving individuals with intellectual and development disabilities; East Bay ParaTransit Advisory Council member; Metropolitan Transportation Committee; BART Accessible Taskforce, Livermore Valley Transit Authority Wheels Advisory Committee

Peggy Martinez

- Creative Inclusion - Founder and Director, focuses on improving accessibility for people with sight loss

Amber Novey

- Laborer's International Union of North America - Tri-Fund Field Coordinator focused on worker safety and recruitment of underrepresented demographics

Nailah Pope-Harden *

- ClimatePlan - Executive Director

Valerie Sanchez

- Capitol Fellows Program of California State University Sacramento - Executive Fellow; lived experience as transit rider

Axel Santana

- PolicyLink - Associate advancing equity through research and communications, policy advocacy, movement and network building

Connie Stewart *

- Cal Poly Humboldt - Executive Director of Initiatives; former Executive Director at California Center for Rural Policy at Cal Poly Humboldt; host of Redwood Coast Connect Broadband Regional Consortium; host of Humboldt Workforce Coalition

Randy Torres-Van Vleck *

- City Heights Community Development Corporation - Director of Policy and Programming

Stella Ursua

- GRID Alternatives - Senior Programs and Partnerships Manager, building community-powered solutions to advance economic and environmental justice through renewable energy

Cheryl Viegas-Walker

- City of El Centro - City Councilmember (term ends November 2022); experience as regional board member and trustee

William Walker

- Community Activist for transportation justice and equity; NACTO Transportation Justice Fellow

Kristine Williams

- Enterprise Community Partners - Program Director focused on statewide housing needs and displacement mitigation

* Former CTC Equity Advisory Roundtable Member

Geographic Distribution of Proposed Members

Superior California

- Amber Novey

North Coast

- Peggy Martinez
- Connie Stewart

San Francisco Bay Area

- Herb Hastings
- William Walker

Northern San Joaquin Valley

- Martha Armas-Kelly
- Michael DeSpain
- Kristine Williams

Central Coast

- N/A

Southern San Joaquin Valley

- Valerie Sanchez

Inland Empire

- Ana Gonzalez

Los Angeles County

- Alexandria Contreras
- Stella Ursua

Orange County

- N/A

San Diego/Imperial

- Randy Torres-Van Vleck
- Cheryl Viegas-Walker

Statewide / More Than One Region

- Nailah Pope-Harden (Statewide)
- Axel Santana (Los Angeles County and San Francisco Bay Area)

Demographic Distribution of Proposed Members

Includes Self-Identification or Community Representation

Name	Priority Pop	BIPOC	Native American /Tribal	Marginalized Gender or Sexuality	Older Adults	Youth	Unhoused	Disability Rights	Rural	Migrant/ Immigrant	Comm. Leadership	Transportation	Health	Climate	Housing /Land Use	Social Justice	EJ	Non-Trad Industry	Labor Organizing	DBE	Comm/ Socioecon Dev	
Martha Armas-Kelly Alexandria Contreras	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓			✓	
Michael DeSpain			✓						✓					✓		✓	✓				✓	
Ana Gonzalez	✓	✓		✓				✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓				✓	✓
Herb Hastings								✓			✓	✓	✓					✓				✓
Peggy Martinez	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓			✓				✓		✓				✓
Amber Novey	✓	✓		✓					✓	✓	✓					✓			✓			
Nailah Pope-Harden	✓	✓									✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓
Valerie Sanchez		✓		✓		✓		✓					✓			✓			✓			✓
Axel Santana		✓									✓	✓		✓		✓						
Connie Stewart		✓		✓	✓				✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓			✓	✓
Randy Torres-Van Vleck	✓	✓									✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓					✓
Stella Ursua		✓		✓	✓						✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓				✓
Cheryl Viegas Walker	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓	✓		✓	✓				✓				✓	✓
William Walker	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓			✓	✓				✓	✓	✓				✓
Kristine Williams		✓		✓							✓	✓		✓	✓		✓					✓

Compensation for EAC members

- Committee members will be reimbursed for actual travel costs incurred consistent with rules and regulations set forth by the California Department of Human Resources
- Additional compensation secured by CTC staff through a grant from the Resources Legacy Fund to be distributed by the California Transportation Foundation
- Currently seeking permanent compensation mechanism

Next Steps

- Winter 2022/2023: First meeting of the Committee
- Determine nomination process for ex-officio regional members to join Committee
 - This represents an actionable item resulting from what we heard at the Statewide Equity Listening Sessions