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TORC Members:

I wanted to offer a recommendation related to the membership of the proposed Transportation Commission (Section 33.56(1)). This recommendation is based off of our long-standing practice in selecting members for TPC and PBMVC and would help support our stated goals of promoting a shift away from private motor vehicle use to more sustainable modes of transportation.

The current membership for both TPC and PBMVC includes 9 members and 2 alternates. While there have been some challenges filling citizen seats in some of our city committees, I believe both of these commissions have had full membership for many years and they have not had any significant issue maintaining full membership. As the Transportation Commission will be essentially a combination of these bodies (with some of the policy and planning items being shifted to the TPPB) and with the concern of losing a significant number of citizen voices in this restructuring, I recommend that the Transportation Commission be increased to 9 members (3 alders, 6 citizens) with 2 alternates (33.56(3)a).

I also recommend that the language around *Appointment and Terms of Resident Members and Alternate Resident Members* (33.56(3)c) be clarified and updated. I recommend language that requires filling 2 seats each (of the 11) with individuals who primarily rely on walking, biking, and transit for their transportation needs, with one of the transit seats held by an individual with *special transportation needs requiring accessible fixed route transit or paratransit*. **These mode specific members could come from either alder or citizen seats and the second of each mode-specific seat could be filled using an alternate position.**

In addition, I would recommend requiring at least one member to have significant *knowledge of equity issues and the needs of marginalized communities* (this requirement could overlap with any of the mode specific members or could be filled with one of the 5 unspecified positions). I would also recommend considering overlapping membership of at least one member with Plan Commission and at least two members with the new TPPB (again, this overlap could come from any of the mode specific or general members of TC and could include alder members).

To be clear, this recommendation would only require 6 of the 11 seats to be filled with mode specific users and would still permit significant flexibility in choosing the highest quality membership, particularly if the requirements can be met by the aldermanic membership appointments.

**Current TPC Membership requirements:**

3 alders  
6 citizens  
2 alternates

*\*1 individual with special transportation needs requiring accessible fixed route transit or paratransit*

**Current PBMVC Membership requirements:**

3 alders  
6 citizens  
2 alternates

*\*2 users of the City's bicycle ways*

*\*2 pedestrian advocates*

*\*1 individual with disabilities*

*\*2 members of LRTPC*

*\*1 member of Plan Commission*

*\*overlapping membership of 2 members with TPC is recommended*

**My Recommendation for Transportation Commission Membership:**

3 alders  
6 citizens  
2 alternates

Mode-specific members:

*\*2 individuals whose primary mode of transportation is walking*

*\*2 individuals whose primary mode of transportation is biking*

*\*2 individuals whose primary mode of transportation is transit, including one individual with special transportation needs requiring accessible fixed route transit or paratransit*

Additional membership considerations:

*\*1 individual with knowledge of equity issues and the needs of marginalized communities*

*\*1 overlapping membership with Plan Commission*

*\*2 overlapping memberships with TPPB*

*\*all members should be capable of and committed to holding a multi-modal, system-wide perspective on transportation issues*