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Dear Commissioners and Board Members –

Thank you, as always, for your service.

I am aware that you'll be discussing collapsing the Transportation Commission and the Transportation Planning and Policy Board into one group. There are several reasons why I'm not supportive of this combining of the two bodies.

The Transportation Ordinance Review Committee completed two years of work to reduce 7 transportation related committees to the two we have today. Careful consideration was taken to ensure that this consolidation would make it easier for residents to engage with their transportation committee bodies. The two year process to create these two committees is about the same amount of time we've had to work in the new system interrupted by a global pandemic that drastically changed the way people engaged with their civic process. Changing the way they can engage again at such a critical time for consistency would further alienate residents who find it difficult to navigate our system. In addition, a new body would require starting from scratch with new appointments.

I am concerned that combining the two bodies would demand either longer or even more meetings. Other committees like Plan Commission often have to schedule extra meetings to accommodate their workload and to make that a habit and expectation of TC and TPPB as a combined committee would be detrimental to the ability of residents to engage not only because it would create longer meetings, and require extra meetings but would also encourage an overreliance on subcommittee meetings that would be more likely to meet during the day, ultimately making the process more opaque and inconvenient for interested residents.

The Transportation Commission was created to focus on the implementation of our transportation goals and the Transportation Planning and Policy Board is meant to focus on transportation policy in the city. To put these two transportation priorities at odds by making both implementation and policy the responsibility of one committee will most likely result in implementation taking precedence due to its inherently more urgent nature than policy. That would be a disservice to our rapidly growing city which needs special and concerted attention on transportation policy. It is clear, however, that we need to better define what items go to which body, and to reduce the number of overlapping items. I believe that our collective focus should be on solving that problem, not redoing the work of TORC. One possibility is a more active role of the crossover members and staff who work across both committees.

In the meantime I applaud the willingness of the two committees to have joint meetings when

necessary and see this as a compromise that maintains the intention of the two committees and allows for multifaceted discussion when that would make the process easier. Making the process easier and more efficient for appointees, staff and residents should be our priority and I believe that means keeping two bodies while working to sharpen their focus.

I urge you to continue the work of perfecting these two committees that were so carefully crafted for the betterment of our transportation system and thank you for your commitment to our transportation bodies.

Be well,  
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