



King County

Transit Advisory Commission

Transit Advisory Commission 2022 Work Program

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Introduction

The King County Transit Advisory Commission (TAC) helps improve transit services, planning, and programs by advising Metro, King County, and leaders about transit policy. Commission members are residents of King County that reflect the county's diversity. Most members ride Metro and all members live in King County. Each serves a two-year term. The Commission meets monthly or as needed. As set in our policy, half of the commission seats must be filled by people with disabilities or those who work with them.

2022 TAC Priority Topics: Accessibility (including, but not limited to physical design, wayfinding, communications, Metro's Access paratransit program), Equitable transportation policies and programs, Safety, Fares, Next-generation ORCA, Bus service restructures (for Link light rail expansions), RapidRide

1. Strengthen TAC autonomy

- **Objective:** The TAC will guide its presentation schedule and set yearly goals and work priorities, ensuring that TAC members can advise on Metro projects and policy items of interest, and feel empowered and included.
- **Action Steps:**
 - TAC members will hold a strategic planning meeting to set yearly goals.
 - TAC members will identify their priority topics to guide the 2022 TAC presentation schedule.
 - TAC members will leverage advocacy avenues to further the TAC's yearly priorities

2. Advise on long- and short-range Metro planning and policy

- **Objective:** The TAC will balance their time between advising on short- and long-range Metro policy and programs to ensure consistent TAC involvement for long-range projects, and to stay informed of relevant feedback opportunities for short-range projects.
- **Action Steps:**
 - TAC members will be invited to participate in ad-hoc Metro committees to address targeted customer and community needs (e.g., SaFE Reform, service restructure Mobility Boards, Guiding Voices Group for Metro Customer Improvement Initiative)



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- TAC members will be provided with periodic updates at each significant project stage for a subset of long-range projects of interest.
- TAC members will be informed of and approve presentation requests from Metro and jurisdiction partners for short-range projects of interest.

3. Enhance TAC influence in decision-making processes

- **Objective:** The TAC will be aware of key project and policy decision points and will have a reasonable opportunity to advise before the final say. Metro staff will be aware that the TAC is available as a resource to provide strategic guidance and direction.
- **Action Steps:**
 - Metro's General Manager will be invited to meetings on a quarterly basis to keep TAC members informed on emerging policies, plans, programs, and strategies.
 - Metro Community Engagement will continue to internally highlight to internal staff that the TAC is available as a resource to provide strategic guidance and direction.
 - The TAC staff liaison will keep TAC members aware of project and policy decision points and will reasonably coordinate presentations in advance of final decision.

4. Establish standard processes for incorporating TAC feedback and providing follow-up

- **Objective:** The TAC will have clear expectations for feedback and follow-up from monthly presenters.
- **Action Steps:**
 - Implement the practice of a presentation intake form, outlining how project teams intend to use TAC feedback and when the TAC will be provided with follow-up