



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Councilwoman Deborah Ortega  
FROM: Eulois Cleckley, Executive Director, Department of Transportation & Infrastructure (DOTI) *EC*  
DATE: March 4, 2020  
SUBJECT: Enhancement of Mayor's Mobility Committee Structure

### Background

With the formal creation of the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (DOTI), there is a renewed interest in providing the department a formal advisory board. Additionally, the department recognizes the value of the City's existing mobility committees including the Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Committee and the Mayor's Pedestrian Advisory Committee. Members of these committees have expressed a desire to clarify the relationship between the existing committees, have more clarity on their roles as advisory bodies, have a better understanding of annual work plans and priorities, and have more regular, high-quality access to DOTI leadership. DOTI has been actively engaged with these committees in exploring this future alignment. DOTI is in agreement with the proposal to establish an advisory committee.

In reviewing the draft charter language, DOTI would propose the following recommendations regarding structure, membership, and relationship to the existing mobility committees.

1. Eliminate the existing Multimodal Advisory Committee (MMAC), which is currently dormant, and create a Board of Transportation and Infrastructure (BOTI) to provide input at a higher, systems/networks level. Each member will be expected to consider both their individual views as well as the broader citywide goals for mode split, choice, climate, and equity when discussing agenda items and issues. Perspectives that should be reflected by this advisory board include, but are not limited to:
  - Users of transit, bike and pedestrian facilities
  - Community representatives/ RNOs
  - Disability/ Aging populations
  - Vulnerable Populations
  - Environmental/ Climate
  - Freight operators/ industry
  - Developer/affordable housing
  - Youth
2. Retain the Mayor-commissioned MBAC and MPAC groups to focus on modally specific, tactical issues and add both a "Transit Advisory Committee" and a "Freight Advisory Committee" to help inform citywide strategies for mass transit services and infrastructure investments and freight movement. Members of these committees will follow the standard Boards and Commissions selection process.
3. The draft charter language proposes that BOTI will be made up of City Council appointed stakeholders as well as individuals selected by the Mayor's Office. DOTI recommends that of the individuals selected by the Mayor's Office, at least one representative from each of the abovementioned modal committees

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will be included. Ex-Officio members should also be considered to represent relevant partner agencies and organizations.

4. The modally specific committees will continue to work on issues or policies that impact their focus area. A protocol for how information will flow between the various committees and the Transportation and Infrastructure advisory board should be developed collaboratively as part of a chartering process across all the committees.

### **DOTI Amendment to Proposed Charter Language:**

#### **Part 3. – Transportation and Infrastructure**

##### **§2.3.5 – Board of Transportation and Infrastructure**

There is hereby created a Board of Transportation and Infrastructure (hereinafter called the "Board") consisting of nineteen members. Six members of the Board shall be appointed by the Mayor. Thirteen of the members shall represent the thirteen City Council members and shall be appointed by the thirteen Councilmembers. The appointees of the eleven district Council members shall reside in the district of the appointing member. The appointees of the two at-large Councilmembers shall each reside in the City and County of Denver. Members shall serve at the pleasure of their respective appointing authorities. Members of the Board should represent a variety of interests, including but not limited to pedestrian, bicycling, transit, freight and other multimodal interests. Members of the Board shall serve without pay. The Board shall advise the Manager with respect to the policy and operation of the Department and shall review and comment on the proposed annual budget for the Department.