

Metro Transit Police Work Group

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Presentation to: Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee



Metro Transit Police Work Group Overview

- In August 2021, the Metropolitan Council formed the Metro Transit Police Work Group.
- The Council tasked the Metro Transit Police Work Group to report back to the full Metropolitan Council with recommended transit safety and security outcomes and strategies to achieve the outcomes by February 28, 2022.
- Recommendations must also identify data and other information that Metro Transit will provide the Metropolitan Council as part of regular Metro Transit Police Department (MTPD) updates that will begin in Q1 2022.

Work Group Charge

The work group will:

- Ensure recommendations address safety and security for riders and employees
- Acknowledge the history of systemic racism in policing generally and establish recommendations on how the MTPD should address disparities and dismantle inequities through their work
- Review and identify opportunities to strengthen policies, procedures, and practices
- Address issues raised by Council Members during the Committee of the Whole meetings and through other channels. Topics identified to date include: use of force, code of conduct enforcement, interaction with youth, MTPD oversight and governance, officer training, and disaggregated data needs
- Use results of the Citizens League engagement as a key input to guide and inform priorities, outcomes, and strategies
- Incorporate additional stakeholders, data, policing standards, best practices, and other critical information that need to be considered in addition to the Citizens League engagement results
- Identify barriers that may need to be addressed to achieve recommended outcomes or carry out recommended strategies
- Confer with the Equity Advisory Committee and the BIPOC work group as appropriate throughout the process of reviewing MTPD and developing recommendations

Discussion: TAAC Member Perspectives

- As part of their work to develop recommendations, the Metro Transit Police Work Group wants to listen to perspectives on transit safety and security from people with disabilities.
- As members of the Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee, do you have perspectives on, experiences with, or ideas about transit safety and security that you wish to share with the Metro Transit Police Work Group?



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