Service Guidelines Task Force

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Task Force Work Plan

- How transit service performance is measured as specified in the Metro Service Guidelines to reflect the varied purposes of different types of transit service;
- Approaches to evaluating how the goal of geographic value is included in the Metro Service Guidelines, including minimum service standards;
- Approaches to evaluating how the goal of social equity is included in the Metro Service Guidelines;
- Outline financial policies for purchase of additional services within a municipality or among multiple municipalities;
- Outline guidelines for alternative services implementation

Task Force principles

- Different parts of the county have different travel demands
- Measure performance of routes against similar services
- Right-size service and seed new markets
- Create better connections between centers
- Maintain and improve services that meet productivity, social equity, and geographic value objectives
- The demands for transit service far outweigh current available resources
- Value all forms of partnerships that support transit access and ridership

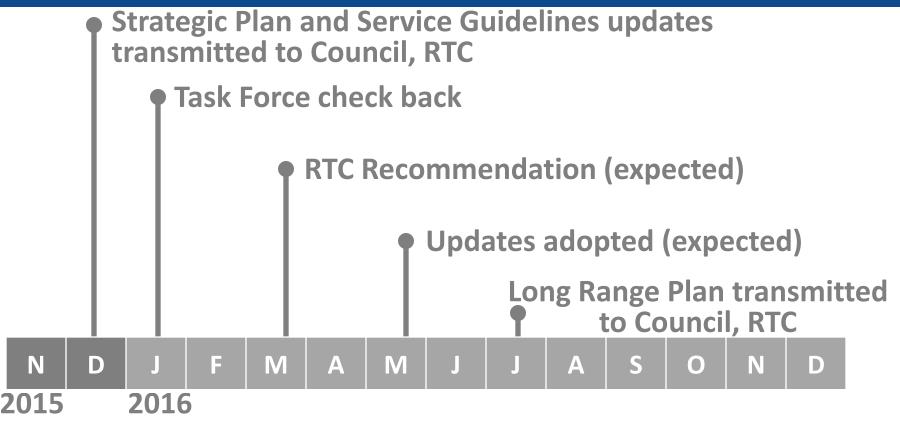
Task Force recommendations

- 1. Changes to service guidelines
 - Revise service types
 - Better incorporate social equity and geographic value into the target service level analysis
- 2. Enhance the planning and outreach process
- 3. Enhance the alternative services program
- 4. Changes to partnerships and land-use initiatives
- 5. Support new funding and continued operational efficiencies

Closing Summary

- When making reductions, consider relative impacts to all parts of the county
- Modify service types to measure like services
- Provide greater protection for peak-only services in event of major service reductions
- Changes to social equity and geographic value measurement have the effect of increasing target service levels, the measure of current transit service needs
- Provide greater funding for alternative services as a way to meet diverse needs
- There is a need for additional funding to support expansion of the system

Next Steps



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