

Summary of Several Themes Emerging from June 3 Task Force Discussion

NOTE: The full meeting summary from the June 3 meeting will be sent to task force members prior to the June 17 meeting. This summary of the task force discussion regarding performance measures by different service types (i.e., high ridership, commuter, and local service) was circulated to task force members the day after the last meeting.

- There was a strong sentiment that productivity should be a major factor in designing the transit system and making service allocation decisions. Several members suggested they would like to see standards established for different types of service (i.e. high ridership, commuter, and local – as discussed last night).
- A number of members also felt strongly that there needs to be a balance between productivity and social equity – making sure that communities that need transit service have access to that service. Precisely what the right balance is between these two policy choices was left unresolved. Some members raised questions about whether there are alternative (less expensive) ways to provide service to lower ridership communities, without providing fixed route services.
- Several members suggested that there is a strong connection between productivity, land use and economic development goals – that the design of the transit system should be influenced by those combination of factors.
- There was some support for the concept of creating transit service partnerships (i.e. “rewards” or incentives) with communities that develop in a manner that is supportive of high ridership transit use.
- Several members said it would be helpful to see some service scenarios based on different emphasis or weighting of the six system design factors.