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White Paper: Path Forward for the RTA TMC Subcommittee on Policy

1. A statement of the condition or problem, past or present, that requires policy consideration.
2. A statement telling how any policy will contribute to the accomplishment of the RTA's mission, goals, and objectives.
3. A statement of all existing policies related to or affected by any new policy recommendation.
4. A listing of policy options available, with an analysis of:
 - a. long- and short-range effects of enacting new policy,
 - b. potential side effects—good or bad—of passing each policy,
 - c. relevant legal ramifications, and
 - d. cost in terms of RTA and jurisdictional resources: staff, budget, etc.
5. A recommendation from the Director, Transportation Services, accompanied by a summary of the corresponding rationale for changes in related policies.
6. Draft of concisely worded statement.

Just remember, policies benefit all:

- supporting the RTA's mission, goals, and objectives
- providing direction and consistency in day-to-day operations
- reducing uninformed decision-making and crisis responses to problem situations
- protecting the rights and assuring fair treatment of all members