



Transit Within Reach Program Background

Approved in 2018, the TPB's long-range transportation plan, Visualize 2045, included an Aspirational Initiative calling upon the region to improve pedestrian and bicycle access to transit. The region is currently expected to have [225 High-Capacity Transit Stations](#) by 2030, but many of the areas around these stations are not conducive to walking and biking. These station areas include Metrorail, commuter rail, light rail, streetcar, bus rapid transit, and multimodal stations.

IDENTIFYING TRANSIT ACCESS FOCUS AREAS (TAFAS)

Following the approval of Visualize 2045, the TPB asked staff to prioritize a set of transit station areas where pedestrian and bicycle access improvements would have the greatest potential to utilize available ridership capacity and increase transit ridership. In response, TPB staff conducted the Transit Within Reach study, which combined regional analysis with member outreach to develop a [regional list of 49 Transit Access Focus Areas \(TAFAs\)](#). The board determined that these locations present the greatest need and opportunity to improve pedestrian and bicycle access to transit. The TAFAs are distributed across the TPB's jurisdictions, serve a variety of transit systems, and all are located within a half mile of one of the region's Activity Centers. Forty-three out of 49 TAFAs are in Equity Emphasis Areas, which have high concentrations of low-income population and communities of color.

In July 2020, the TPB adopted [Resolution R4-2021](#), which adopted the TAFAs and asked TPB member jurisdictions to prioritize projects, programs, and policies that will implement improvements in the TAFAs.

In order to further advance its work with TAFAs and more broadly to promote implementation of the [Aspirational Initiatives](#) to promote bike/pedestrian access to transit, the TPB has established the Transit Within Reach Program to move small high-impact projects into preliminary design or preliminary engineering (30%).

ADVANCING REGIONAL PRIORITIES

The Transit Within Reach program advances a regional policy priority to improve walk and bike access to transit, which was one of seven Aspirational Initiatives approved by the TPB in 2018. The program complements the [Transportation Land-Use Connections \(TLC\) Program](#), which also funds technical assistance for local governments throughout the region. But unlike Transit Within Reach, the TLC Program funds planning projects, as well as design. And, while the TLC Program also promotes access to transit, it projects typically address other topics as well.