

# A PEOPLE'S GUIDE TO TRANSPORTATION DECISION-MAKING IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

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## Overview

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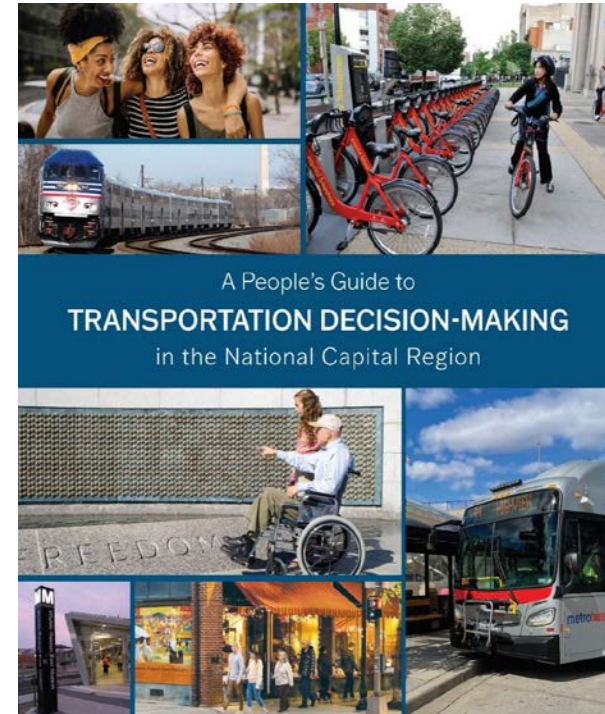
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- Background on development of *A People's Guide to Transportation Decision-Making in the National Capital Region*
- Purpose of the guide
- Contents of the guide
- Sharing the guide



# Background and Development

- Winter 2024 release
- TPB staff collaborated with District DOT, Maryland DOT, Virginia DOT, and ICF to prepare the update
- New guide reflects current TPB principles and focus areas, funding, and project development practices
- Reflects changes in technology and virtual participation opportunities



A People's Guide cover (COG/TPB)

# Purpose of the Guide

- To explain the *who*, *how*, and *where* of transportation decision-making
- To clarify the Transportation Planning Board's role in plain language
- To help community members understand how state DOTs, transit systems, and other agencies collaborate
- To describe how transportation projects move from planning to construction
- To inform community members about ways to become involved in the process

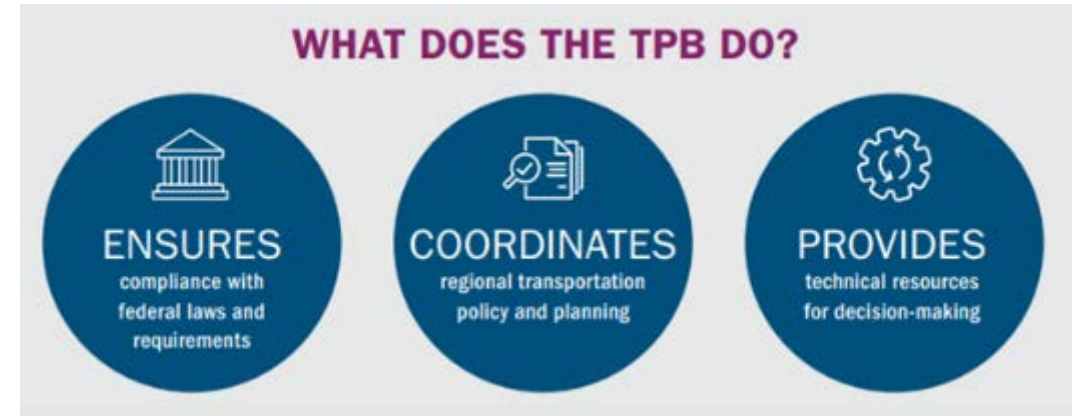


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# What does the TPB do?

- Ensures compliance with federal laws and requirements
- Coordinates regional transportation policy and planning
- Provides technical assistance for decision-making
- Supports local planning and initial project development through technical assistance programs



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# TPB Principles

- **Equity** – affordable, readily available options
- **Accessibility** – physical and affordable ability to travel
- **Sustainability** – energy efficient, protective of the environment, preserving public space and cultural resources
- **Prosperity** – diversified, stable, and competitive regional economy
- **Livability** – resources for vibrant, healthy neighborhoods



Chalk heart at Brookland open streets, Washington, DC (Joe Flood/[Flickr](#))



# TPB Focus Areas

- Safety
- Maintenance
- Reliability
- Affordability & Convenience
- Efficient System Operations
- Environmental Protection
- Resiliency
- Livable & Prosperous Communities



# Partners & Policies

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- District, Maryland, Virginia DOTs and other state agencies
- Metro and transit providers
- Cities, counties (land use, local roads, planning)
- District council and mayor, governors, legislatures
- Federal agencies
- Public sector partners
- Interest groups

## Key Federal Policies

**1964 Title VI Civil Rights Law**

**1990 Clean Air Act Amendments**

**1990 Americans with Disabilities Act**

**1991 Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act**

**1994 Executive Order 12898—Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations**

**1998 Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century**

**2021 Executive Order 14008: Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Aboard (includes Justice40)**

**2021 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act**





# Planning and Project Development Process

- Identifying issues and needs, conducting studies, engagement
- Long-range planning
- Six-year programs
- Financial constraint
- TPB National Capital Region Transportation Plan
- Project-level planning and construction



Crystal City access to Mount Vernon Trail, Virginia (Joe Flood/[Flickr](#))

# The People's Role: Getting Involved

- Stay informed: news, emails, social media, listservs
- Attend and volunteer: public meetings, forums, farm markets, open streets events
- Express yourself: write, email, call
- Join: interest groups, local boards, neighborhood activities
- TPB: Access for All Advisory Committee, Community Advisory Committee



I-66 public meeting (VDOT/[Flickr](#))



# Sharing the Guide

- Let staff and constituents know about the guide
- Use as an orientation resource for board, council, and committee members
- Share a link on your website and announce in newsletters
- Share on social media
- Include information from the guide in your own resources



Beach Drive (Beyond DC/[Flickr](#))



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