

## AGENDA

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)  
OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION  
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD (TPB)**  
Farrell Keough, 2009 CAC Chair

Thursday, December 10, 2009, 6:00 – 8:00 pm  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
Madison Building – Atrium Level; National Inventors Hall of Fame and Museum  
600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

**6:00 – 6:15 CAC Business**

**6:15 – 6:45 Briefing on Regional Transportation Activities**

Rich Baier is the Director of the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services in the City of Alexandria, VA. In this capacity, Mr. Baier manages critical infrastructure projects such as bridge design, inflow and infiltration, and roadway and Metro-rail expansion. He has taken a number of steps to address pedestrian and vehicular traffic concerns in the City and is in the process of working with the Mayor and Members of City Council to prepare a multifaceted update of the City's Transportation Element of Comprehensive Plan.

**6:45 – 7:15 Briefing on High Speed Rail**

Lois Walker is the immediate Past President of Virginians for High Speed Rail. As a former member of the Alexandria City Council, Ms. Walker served on the Transportation Planning Board, the Northern Virginia Coordinating Council, and the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission. She has also chaired the Virginia Municipal League Major Cities Committee and has served on the board of the Leadership Council for the National League of Cities. Currently, Ms. Walker is working with others to form the new Streetcar Coalition, which will help create a regional streetcar plan in Northern Virginia.

**7:15 – 7:40 Overview of Federal Transportation Opportunities**

Maria Zimmerman is the Vice President for Policy for Reconnecting America, a national non-profit organization working to integrate transportation systems and the communities they serve, with the goal of generating lasting public and private returns, improving economic and environmental efficiency, and giving consumers more housing and mobility choices. Ms. Zimmerman formerly served as chief of staff for Congressman Earl Blumenauer, a member of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, where she was the staff point-person for transportation issues. Ms. Zimmerman has worked extensively on transportation, land use, and livable community issues, and has authored numerous publications on transportation policy.

**7:40 – 8:00 Overview of Federal Transportation Legislative Activities**

Todd Kohr is a professional staff member for the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. In this capacity, he serves as the staff lead for the Committee's highway-related legislative and oversight activities and advises the Honorable James L. Oberstar. Prior to joining the subcommittee, Mr. Kohr worked as a policy analyst in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for

Transportation Policy at the United States Department of Transportation, where he advised the Assistant Secretary on trends in innovative Federal and State-level transportation operations and finance, and managed the Administration's development of a comprehensive surface transportation reform proposal.