



MEMORANDUM

TO: TPB Technical Committee
FROM: Stacy Cook, TPB Transportation Planner
SUBJECT: Highlighting TPB Policy Priority Progress
DATE: February 26, 2021

This memorandum provides an overview of a TPB staff activity to track progress in the region toward TPB policy priorities. It outlines what types of information that the TPB staff would like to receive information from its TPB Technical Committee members and how to submit it. The memorandum also indicates how the TPB staff and members can use the information that is collected.

BACKGROUND

The National Capital Transportation Planning Board (TPB) has directed its staff to support implementation of Visualize 2045 and its Aspirational Initiatives. During the TPB staff site visits in fall 2019 and Spring 2020 to meet with the TPB member transportation and planning directors and their staff, participants across the region indicated it would be beneficial to help communicate the relationship between local projects and regional policy priorities. One way that the TPB staff have responded to this need was by creating the infographics and animated videos about Visualize 2045 and its Aspirational Initiatives ([please click here to access these online](#)). The Tracking Progress activity is the TPB's staff next step to respond.

TPB has established policy priorities through its policy framework, including but not limited to the Aspirational Initiatives and its 2020 rededication to climate resiliency, equity, and safety.

The Aspirational Initiatives include:

- Bring Jobs and Housing Closer Together
- Expand Bus Rapid Transit and Transitways Regionwide
- Move More People on Metrorail
- Provide More Telecommuting and Other Options for Commuting
- Expand Express Highway Network
- Improve Walk and Bike Access to Transit
- Complete the National Capital Trail

TRACKING PROGRESS AND HIGHLIGHTING SUCCESSES

As a next step to respond to the board's implementation directive and technical member's request, the TPB staff would like to gather information from technical members about successes they'd like to share about completed or started projects, new programs and initiatives, or policies, that align with

TPB policy priorities. The TPB staff will use this information, in close coordination with its members, to highlight recent accomplishments and demonstrate progress on its policy priorities.

SUBMITTING PROJECT, PROGRAM OR POLICY INFORMATION

TPB Transportation Planner, Stacy Cook, will send TPB Technical Committee members an email with directions on how to submit the requested information. The email will include an online link to a form that will be used to collect the following types of information for each project, program, or policy submitted.

- Policy Alignment:
 - With what TPB Policy Priority does the project, program or policy align? How does it support that priority?
- Impact:
 - What challenge(s) was this project developed to address?
 - What problem does it solve?
- Top 3 top things
 - What do you want people in the region to know about this project?
- When and where:
 - When was the project completed, or, when is it expected to be completed?

The TPB staff ask that the TPB Technical Committee members please send us 3-5 examples (more are welcome) of progress items. These items might be projects, programs or policies that have had press releases, have been reported on via websites, have been highlighted in news articles or newsletters. Staff are looking for projects that have been completed in the last 3 years, or that have recently begun construction.

The TPB staff request that this first submission be provided by March 25, 2021. This activity will be ongoing so additional information may be submitted to refresh our tracking list over time.