

# Exploration of Forming a Regional Safety Advisory Committee

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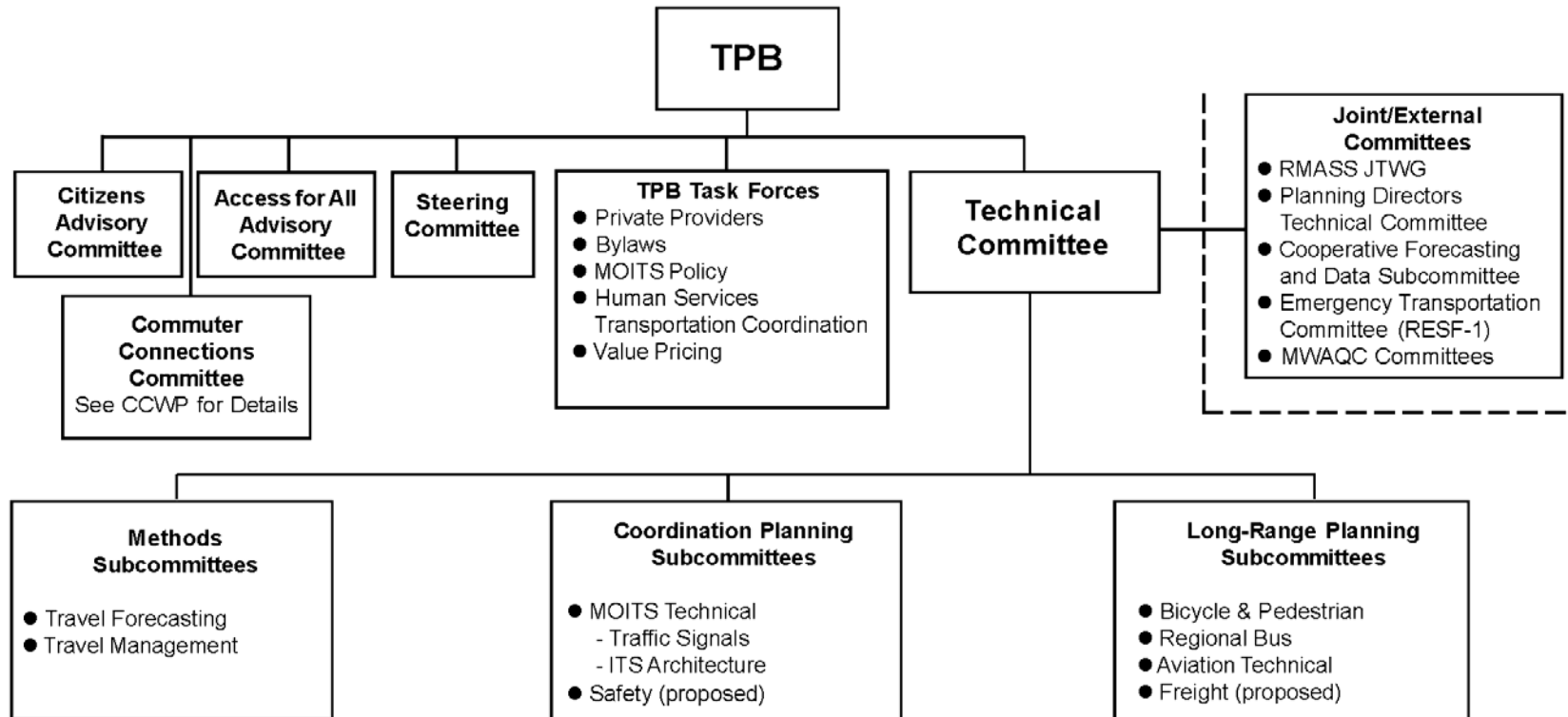
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# UPWP Safety Program

- New in the FY 2008 Unified Planning Work Program
- Safety program to include:
  - Safety data compilation and analysis.
  - Coordination on metropolitan transportation planning aspects of state, regional, and local safety efforts
  - Coordination with other TPB committees
  - Development and maintenance of the safety element of region's long-range transportation plan.
- Oversight: TPB Technical Committee
- Cost Estimate: \$75,000 (1/2 FTE staff position)

# FY 2008 TPB Committee Structure

Figure 6  
**TPB Committee Structure  
 and FY2008 Work Activity Oversight**



# Interactions with Safety Issues

- Specialized Safety Planning is a new work area for the TPB
- Will interact with other relevant TPB committees
  - Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee
    - Street Smart Program
  - MOITS and the Traffic Signals Work Group
  - New Freight, Bus Committees

# MPO Safety Planning in Other Regions: Data Enhancement

- Southeast Michigan Council of Governments
  - Transportation Management System identifies high-crash locations
  - GIS-based traffic records system
  - Resource, forum, advocate for traffic safety planning
- Hampton Roads Planning District Commission
  - Created regional intersection crash database
    - Replaced local databases of uneven quality
    - Covers CMS network; all arterials, some collectors
    - One FTE engineer needed
  - Ongoing corridor-level safety analysis; assist local jurisdictions
  - Allows safety to be used as a criterion for prioritizing projects in the Regional Transportation Plan

# MPO Safety Planning

- Maricopa Association of Governments (Arizona)
  - First MPO in the US to have a Safety Committee
  - Created a Safety Action Plan (2003)
    - Focus areas, strategies, funding sources
  - Lack of implementation funding is an issue
- Mid-America Regional Council (Kansas City Area, MO, KS) – “Destination Safe”
  - Guides the development of a regional safety plan
  - Establish regional safety priority areas, projects
  - Assist implementation of Statewide initiatives at the local level
  - Co-chaired by the State Highway Patrols

# Possible Tasks for a Safety Subcommittee

- Share information, best practices
- Oversee Safety Element of the long-range transportation plan
- Identify Safety Issues requiring regional coordination
  - Coordinate regional Media, Public Relations, & Enforcement (As in Street Smart, Smooth Operator)
  - Data: Promote compatibility of crash data
  - Others ...?
- Interact with other relevant COG and TPB Committees

# Potential Participants

- DOT Safety Staff
- Jurisdictional DPW
- Law Enforcement
- Emergency Medical Services
- Transit
- Safety advocates
- Public Health
- Others?



# Potential Meeting Dates & Frequency

- How many times per year?
- What day of the week/time of the month?
- Any locations other than COG?