

ACCESS FOR ALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

March 20, 2024

James Walkinshaw, Chair

The Access for All Advisory Committee (AFA) met in a virtual format on Monday, March 11, 2024. The committee discussed the approved 2023 Enhance Mobility grant awards, Virginia TAP funding for projects, and TPB's Visualize 2050 public comment period activities. The AFA advises the Transportation Planning Board (TPB) on transportation issues and services important to low-income communities, underrepresented communities, people with limited English proficiency, people with disabilities, and older adults.

2023 ENHANCED MOBILITY PROGRAM PROJECTS

Dan Sheehan and Cherice Sansbury with TPB's transportation operations program, provided a summary of the projects selected for funding and discussed the timeline for implementation for the 2023 Enhanced Mobility grant program.

Members did not have any questions.

FY 2025 AND FY 2026 TAP FUNDING FOR PROJECTS IN VIRGINIA

John Swanson, TPB Transportation Planner, briefed the committee on projects recommended by a selection panel that the TPB will be asked to approve them at this meeting. TAP uses federal funds for small-scale projects such as pedestrian and bicycle facilities, trails, safe routes to school projects, community improvements, and environmental mitigation.

Member questions and comments included:

- Discussion on educating community members on the importance of how infrastructure projects improve pedestrian safety.
- Discussion on equity and improving east-west divide considerations in these projects.

BRIEFING ON PROPOSED PROJECT INPUTS AND DRAFT SCOPE OF WORK FOR THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY ANALYSIS FOR THE NEXT NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLAN, VISUALIZE 2050, AND THE FY2026-2029 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Cristina Finch, TPB Transportation Planner, briefed the committee on the regionally significant for air quality projects proposed to be included in the air quality conformity analysis of Visualize 2050 and the FY2026-2029 TIP and the draft scope of work. In addition, staff provided an update on the public comment period and how members, as ambassadors for communities across the region, can support participation in this comment period between March 1 to March 30, 2024

Members did not have any questions.

AFA COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND MEETING UPDATES

Sergio Ritacco, TPB Transportation Planner, briefed the committee on membership update efforts planned for 2024. Staff provided an overview on the AFA and facilitated a discussion on ideas for recruiting additional members, items to bring for future meetings, and future meeting locations.

Member questions and comments included:

- A discussion on improving engagement and conviviality at future meetings, including adding an in-person and hybrid option.

OTHER BUSINESS

- AFA Committee members shared efforts on improving pedestrian safety.
- AFA Committee members discussed updates occurring at WMATA's Accessibility Advisory Committee particularly around outreach on budget shortfall and its impact on traditionally disadvantaged communities.
- Sergio Ritacco, TPB's Transportation Planner, provided an update on staffing updates, introducing Laura Bachle as the primary committee manager moving forward and Dan Sheehan's new role leading TPB's transportation operations program.
- Next meeting will be May 6.

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