



National Capital Region
Transportation Planning Board

MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Planning Board
FROM: Lyn Erickson, Plan Development and Coordination Program Director
SUBJECT: Public Comment for the February 2024 TPB Meeting
DATE: May 15, 2024

The Transportation Planning Board accepts public comment on a rolling basis. Comments can be submitted via email (tpbcomment@mwkog.org), online (mwkog.org/tpbcomment), mail, and phone. Comments are collected until noon on the day before the TPB meeting. These comments are compiled and shared with the board at the meeting the following day.

Between noon on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, and noon Tuesday, May 14, the TPB received six letters (including one resubmitted letter from the March comment period) and 125 comments submitted via email.

The comments are summarized below. All full comments are attached to this memo.

IN-PERSON PUBLIC COMMENT SPEAKERS

Eleven people signed up to speak during the Item 1 Public Comment item:

- Angela Miller
- Michael Sakata
- Bill Pugh
- Janet Gallant
- Josh Veverka
- Barbara Coufal
- Theofilos Stamatis
- Ashley Hutson
- Gary V. Hodge
- Jason Stanford
- Richard Parsons

PUBLIC COMMENT

Garret M. Gee – Comments via Letter- May 13, 2024

The Southern Environmental Law Center (SELC) submitted supplemental written comments to those the SELC submitted to the Board on April 16, 2024, and related oral remarks delivered at the Board meeting on April 17, 2024. SELC urges the TPB to take all steps necessary to set the region on a path to achieve the climate goals adopted by COG. They assert the current plan includes highway widening projects that would cause significant increases in emissions and divert scarce resources from proven measures to reduce the harmful environmental, safety, and equity impacts of the

transportation system. SELC urges the TPB ensure that the cumulative GHG and VMT impacts of the Visualize 2050 Transportation Plan put the region on track to meeting its goals. Only projects that make progress towards those goals should be candidates for inclusion in the final plan and consideration for funding. Any projects that would increase VMT or GHG should be paired with sufficient climate mitigation to offset the projects.

SELC offers four recommendations to revise the conformity analysis. The letter also contains specific recommendations on several projects.

George “Tad” Aburn- Comments via Letter- May 14, 2024

Mr. Aburn focused on two issues in the Envision 2050 air quality conformity analysis he declares are not well addressed:

- The Plan's failure to address high-risk air pollution hotspots in EJ communities of color created by transportation plans and programs; and,
- The analysis ignores climate change.

He urges the TPB to review public comments expected to be received during the May 22 MWAQC meeting and the May 20 recommendations from ACPAC.

Ashley Hutson- Comments via Letter-May 14, 2024

On behalf of the Heavy Construction Contractors Association, they resubmitted comments from the Northern Virginia Transportation Coalition (NVTC). They share their strong support of the transportation projects submitted by Virginia for the Visualize 2050 Air Quality Conformity Analysis. They state the projects show a strong commitment to expanding capacity of a multimodal transportation network, including key regional upgrades such as the new Long Bridge. They urge leaders in DC and Maryland to follow Virginia's example by investing in infrastructure that expands capacity of the transportation network, such as Maryland's planned upgrades to the American Legion Bridge and I-270.

Michael Sakata-Comments via Letter-May 14, 2024

The Maryland Transportation Builders and Materials Association (MTBMA) expresses their concern about comments made during the April 15 TPB meeting seeking to remove highway and bridge improvements from the agency-recommended list of projects for inclusion in the air quality conformity analysis. They urge the TPB to reject such requests, stating that the highway network is aging and severely congested, with key bottlenecks such as the American Legion Bridge. The projects are needed to provide congestion relief and improve access to economic development locations like National Harbor. The MTBMA supports transit projects, and acknowledges that transit alone will not address all transportation needs, including movement of goods and services. Well-designed multi-modal express or HOT lane projects create new revenue streams, provide new opportunities for regional bus rapid transit service, and a portion of their future revenues can be dedicated to other transit services. They advocate a wholistic, multi-modal approach that meets all transportation needs in a fiscally responsible manner.

Richard Parsons- Comments via Letter-May 14, 2024

The Suburban Maryland Transportation Alliance (SMTA) writes in support of the entire agency-recommended list of transit, road and other improvements for inclusion in the air quality analysis for Visualize 2050. They urge the TPB to resist calls to remove key road and bridge projects. The

American Legion and I-270 is specifically mentioned, stating changes now to this project could result in excessive delay.

Raymond Mondor- Comment via Email- May 8, 2024

Raymond Mondor writes that the idea of building toll lanes on I-495 in Montgomery and Prince Georges counties is bad, premised on the intention to continually increase the population density of the surrounding locations. People moved to the suburbs because they want to live in suburbia, but these actions will lead to sprawl.

Gary V. Hodge-Comment via Email- May 14, 2024

Gary V. Hodge writes in support of the Southern Maryland Rapid Transit Project—or SMRT. He states that the State and regional transit priority will be completed within the 26-year scope of Visualize 2050 and urges the TPB to include the SMRT project in the update of the Long-Range Transportation Plan, the TIP, and the Air Quality Conformity Analysis,

John Musso-Comment via Email-May 14, 2024

The Arlington Chamber of Commerce expresses their support for all the submitted projects included on the Project List. The submitted projects encompass a wide range of important transportation improvements, across all modes. They state that a multifaceted approach to transportation improvements is critical for the long-term economic success of our metropolitan region.

John P. Boylan-Comment via Email-May 14, 2024

Mr. Boylan is commenting on behalf of the Committee for Dulles. He states that key transportation initiatives such as the American Legion Bridge/270 and Southside Express Lane projects are essential to sustain the economic advantage an international airport brings to our region. Supporting these essential projects leverage Dulles International Airport and benefit the entire DC Metro area.

Coalition for Smarter Growth Email Campaign- Comments via Email- April 17- May 15, 2024

The TPB received 121 emails from Wednesday afternoon, April 17 until noon Tuesday from community members urging the TPB Board to reject the entire draft project list for Visualize 2050 if no changes are made. Four of the emails contained the same content as the campaign last month, but were received after the cut-off date for the April meeting. Of the remaining 117 email forms received, 15 emails contained some variation in content. There were 6 Instances of an individual submitting the exact email more than once.

Writers urged the TPB to reject the entire draft project list and ask TPB staff to prepare a new plan with a smart growth alternative scenario that will help the region meet its urgent climate and equity goals if no changes are made to the list of projects.

Writers noted that the region's local elected official representatives on the TPB voted for resolutions to fight climate change, promote equity, improve street safety, foster more walkable and transit-oriented communities, and to do a major overhaul of the regional transportation plan to support these goals. They noted public comments in March and in prior outreach have been overwhelmingly in favor of these goals and opposed to highway expansion, which they state are consistent with TPB's Voices of the Region survey, showing 84% of the region's residents want elected officials to consider climate change when planning transportation. They comment the draft plan of projects that will be voted on this month by the TPB Board would fail to address these goals.

Emails specifically referenced removal several highway and arterial expansion projects in favor of prioritizing investments that support walkable, transit-friendly and inclusive communities. The emails conclude with the statement that the Visualize 2050 plan will be the last that can make a difference in helping the region meet its 2030 climate change goals, appreciating the changes that some jurisdictions have made.

Laura Bachle

From: Garrett Gee <ggee@selcva.org>
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To: TPBcomment; Lyn Erickson; chenderson@dccouncil.gov; braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov; Allen, Charles (Council)
Cc: Morgan Butler; Trip Pollard
Subject: TPB Item 8: SELC Comments on Visualize 2050 process and projects
Attachments: TPB Visualize 2050 - SELC supplemental comments 05.13.24 final.pdf

Good evening,

Please find attached the Southern Environmental Law Center's supplemental comments on the Visualize 2050 Transportation Plan process, the transportation air quality conformity analysis draft Scope of Work, and the Visualize 2050 Air Quality Conformity Network Inputs (including project-specific comments). These comments are provided for the Board's consideration in advance of the May 15th vote on the Visualize 2050 planning process. Please let us know if you have any questions or if we can be of any assistance.

Thank you for your consideration,

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May 14, 2024

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VIA EMAIL

RE: Supplemental Comments on the Visualize 2050 Transportation Plan

Chair Henderson and Members of the Transportation Planning Board:

The Southern Environmental Law Center (“SELC”) provides the following supplemental comments on the Visualize 2050 Transportation Plan process, the transportation air quality conformity analysis (“conformity analysis”) draft Scope of Work, and the Visualize 2050 Air Quality Conformity Network Inputs, which includes a list of projects proposed to undergo a conformity analysis for the Visualize 2050 planning cycle. SELC is a non-partisan, non-profit organization that works throughout Virginia and the South to advance transportation and land use decisions that protect our environment and public health while promoting more equitable and resilient communities. SELC urges the Transportation Planning Board (“the Board” or “TPB”) to take all steps necessary to set our region on a path to achieve the climate goals adopted by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (“COG”).

I. Background

These comments supplement written comments that SELC submitted to the Board on April 16, 2024, and oral remarks delivered at the Board meeting on April 17, 2024. These comments build on SELC’s longstanding participation in the Board’s Transportation Planning Process, including the Visualize 2045 Transportation Plan. Our April comments urged the Board to take the following actions:

1. Conduct detailed climate and vehicle miles traveled (“VMT”) analyses for all projects proposed for the conformity analysis.
2. Ensure that each project ultimately included in the Visualize 2050 Transportation Plan is aligned with COG’s climate and VMT reduction commitments.
3. Include in the conformity analysis alternatives to highway widenings and other projects that are likely to increase VMT and associated greenhouse gas (“GHG”) emissions.

As noted in our prior comments, **COG has committed to reducing GHG emissions by 50 percent from 2005 levels by 2030 and 80 percent by 2050.** Transportation is the largest source of GHG emissions nationwide and accounts for approximately 34 percent of

regional emissions.¹ According to the Board's Climate Change Mitigation Study scenario analysis, the region is unlikely to achieve the reductions necessary to meet COG's 2030 GHG reduction target under even the most aggressive mode shift and technology adoption scenarios. To correct course and meet COG's 2050 goal, the Board's study found that the region **must achieve at least a 10 percent VMT reduction by 2030 and a 13 percent VMT reduction by 2050**, in addition to rapid electrification of the vehicle fleet.² More aggressive VMT reductions likely are needed to meet climate goals, especially if electrification adoption does not keep pace with high adoption scenarios.

Following adoption of the current long-range transportation plan,³ the Board committed to a "zero-based budgeting" approach, which required member agencies to re-examine all projects, programs, and policies from the current plan to determine if those projects, programs and policies "reflect the findings from various scenario studies conducted by the TPB" to meet its goals and priorities, including GHG and VMT reduction commitments.⁴ While we applaud COG's and the Board's climate commitments to date, the Board's planning process does nothing to ensure that we meet those ambitious goals.

II. Recommendation for the Scope of Work

The initial list of regionally significant projects submitted by member jurisdictions for conformity analysis includes significant proposed investments in major highway and arterial roadway capacity expansions, which are widely known to increase VMT and associated GHG emissions.⁵ Induced travel demand, also known as "induced traffic" or "induced demand," is a well-documented phenomenon that describes how roadway capacity expansion projects, especially those extending into suburban and exurban areas, increase motor vehicle traffic.⁶ These projects often preclude adequate alternative transportation modes or make those alternatives less convenient, comfortable, or safe. Auto-dependent development facilitated by these projects induces additional traffic in a cycle that locks in motor vehicle dependence and the need for further highway capacity expansions. As a result, transportation demand models routinely overestimate the

¹ COG, *Metropolitan Washington 2030 Climate and Energy Action Plan* (Nov. 18, 2020), 50 (referencing the Community-Wide Greenhouse Gas Inventory).

² TPB, *TPB Climate Change Mitigation Study of 2021 Scenario Analysis Findings Final Report* (Jan. 7, 2022), 38-39 (identified as Mode Shift Scenario 1). More aggressive scenarios that are likely needed to meet transportation climate goals would require even greater VMT reductions: from 14%-20% by 2030 and from 20%-25% by 2050. *Id.*, at 42-23 and 46-47 (describing Mode Shift Scenarios 2 and 3).

³ Known as Visualize 2045.

⁴ TPB Resolution, R19-2022 (adopted June 16, 2022); TPB, *Frequently Asked Questions: On the next National Capital Region Transportation Plan – Visualize 2050* (updated April 11, 2024), <https://visualize2050.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Visualize-2050-FAQs-updated.pdf> ("TPB FAQs").

⁵ Specific Virginia projects of concern are addressed in the following section of this letter.

⁶ Susan Handy & Marlon G. Boarnet, *Impact of Highway Capacity and Induced Travel on Passenger Vehicle Use and Greenhouse Gas Emissions*, California Environmental Protection Agency, Air Resources Board (Sept. 30, 2014), https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/sites/default/files/2020-06/Impact_of_Highway_Capacity_and_Induced_Travel_on_Passenger_Vehicle_Use_and_Greenhouse_Gas_Emissions_Technical_Background_Document.pdf;

congestion relief benefits (and purported air quality benefits) of highway capacity expansion projects, overstate their need and economic value, and underestimate their long-term climate and public health impacts.⁷ Recent analysis by the Georgetown Climate Center found that the influx of federal funding for transportation projects under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will cause emissions to *increase* if the funds are primarily invested in highway capacity expansions.⁸ And the Board's own climate and mitigation study recognized the urgent need to reduce VMT through mode shift, travel demand management, transit enhancements, and transit-oriented development.⁹

The Board's guidance on the Visualize 2050 planning process seeks to hand wave away the results of its own climate study, stating simply that "it would be incorrect to generalize that all roadway capacity adding projects will increase emissions" and providing broad categories of project characteristics where this *may* be the case.¹⁰ The guidance goes on to suggest, but does not require, that member agencies submit studies, analyses, or technically reasonable assumptions to support their "Regional Policy Alignment Documentation" in such cases.¹¹

As a result, what should be an exception has swallowed the rule. The policy alignment documentation for several of the proposed roadway capacity expansions claims to address TPB's GHG reduction and environmental protection goals, without providing any supporting documentation or analyses. Without such documentation, the public—and the Board—are left with no option but to take these assertions at face value and either reject or accept the project based on speculative assertions. This flawed approach contradicts the entire purpose of zero-based budgeting—to take a clear-eyed look at all projects to ensure that they align with the Board's goals and priorities. Instead, the Board should put the onus on project proponents to justify counter-intuitive assertions.

⁷ National Association of City Transportation Officials, Design Year (adapted from the Urban Street Design Guide), <https://nacto.org/publication/urban-street-design-guide/design-controls/design-year/> (last accessed May 7, 2024); see also Duranton and Turner, The Fundamental Law of Road Congestion: Evidence from US Cities, American Economic Review (2009), <https://www.nber.org/papers/w15376>.

⁸ James Bradbury, et al, *Issue Brief: States Are in the Driver's Seat on Transportation Carbon Pollution*, GEORGETOWN CLIMATE CENTER (Mar. 24, 2023), <https://www.georgetownclimate.org/blog/states-in-the-driver-eyes-seat.html>; Georgetown Climate Center, *Issue Brief: Estimating the Greenhouse Gas Impact of Federal Infrastructure Investments in the IIJA* (Dec. 16, 2021), <https://www.georgetownclimate.org/articles/federal-infrastructure-investment-analysis.html>.

⁹ *TPB Climate Change Mitigation Study of 2021 Scenario Analysis Findings Final Report*, at 38-39.

¹⁰ TPB FAQs, at 2 (emphasis added).

¹¹ *Id.*

To rectify this problem and provide the Board and the public with the information needed to make an evidence-based judgement on the merit of proposed projects, the proposed Scope of Work for the conformity analysis should be revised to explicitly include the following:

1. ***Initiate a third-party evaluation of the travel demand models used to ensure adequate accounting for induced demand.*** This can be accomplished by utilizing dynamic traffic assignment that evaluates travel demand at a network level.
2. ***Require detailed GHG and VMT analyses for all projects proposed for the conformity analysis.*** While VMT is an input in the conformity analysis, VMT impacts should be evaluated as an output, along with GHG emissions.¹² If these are already intended to be outputs of the analysis, explicitly state that in the Scope of Work.
3. ***Ensure that reasonable and site-specific alternatives to proposed roadway capacity expansion projects (such as public transportation, complete streets, micromobility, operational improvements, travel demand management, or a combination of these measures) are included in the emissions modeling for all corridors with projects undergoing the conformity analysis.*** This will ensure that the Board can consider specific project alternatives in a corridor with the benefit of comparative GHG and VMT impact data. This information must be available when the Board determines which projects to include in the long-range plan in 2025.
4. ***Commit to a final assessment of the GHG and VMT impacts of the full slate of planned projects prior to finalizing the 2050 plan.*** If the results do not demonstrate a pathway to achieve VMT and GHG reduction commitments, require GHG and VMT mitigation measures consistent with the Board's climate mitigation study sufficient to address projected climate impacts.

Ultimately, if mitigation or alternatives are not sufficient to align the long-range plan with VMT and GHG reduction commitments, projects that are inconsistent with climate goals should be excluded from the final plan.

III. Project-Specific Recommendations

Below, SELC highlights specific projects of concern that would undercut the region's GHG and VMT reduction goals. In addition, several of these proposed projects would impact natural resources like forested areas and wetlands that are critical carbon sinks, facilitate stormwater infiltration, and reduce urban heat island effects. Several of these projects would also have safety and equity impacts beyond the environmental impacts discussed. We look forward to engaging with the Board about these projects in further detail as the Visualize 2050 planning process unfolds.

¹² Carbon dioxide is not defined as a criteria pollutant for the purposes of transportation conformity.

VA 234 Bypass Extension North (CE 1897) and Pageland Road (VA 704) Widening from Sudley Road (VA 234) to Lee Highway (US 29) (CE 3308)

Important information is lacking on both of these proposals. The VA 234 Bypass Extension North project is not included in the supplemental project summary table,¹³ and that table's link for the Pageland Road widening proposal leads incorrectly to a description of an Arcola Boulevard project. However, based on the limited information provided, we read both projects as encompassing some portion, or all, of the highly controversial Bi-County Parkway proposal—a destructive and incredibly costly project that would form a key segment of an outer beltway around Washington, D.C., and fuel sprawling development patterns in some of the few remaining rural areas in northern Virginia. It would also cause significant damage to valuable historic and environmental resources such as Manassas National Battlefield Park and a number of headwater streams that source the Occoquan Reservoir—an important component of the regional water supply for northern Virginia.

Whether labeled and described as new construction or as the widening of existing Pageland Lane, building a major highway north along or adjacent to the existing Pageland Lane corridor would route heavy traffic alongside the western border of the Manassas Battlefield and through the rural lands to the north of the Battlefield. It would also spur more driving and automobile-dependent development. Targeted upgrades to existing north-south corridors in the area and improved transit would be more beneficial, reduce emissions, and cause less damage, and therefore neither the 234 Bypass Extension North nor the Pageland widening proposal should be included in the region's long-range transportation plan.

Manassas National Battlefield Park Bypass (CE 3791)

While we support efforts to reduce through traffic from the portions of US 29 and VA 234 that cross the Manassas Battlefield National Park, we have long opposed the so-called Manassas National Battlefield Park Bypass as an appropriate or even viable means of doing so. Much like the Bi-County Parkway discussed above, this project would promote construction of a sprawl-inducing outer beltway and inflict serious damage on the Battlefield. Instead of building four more highway lanes next to the Battlefield, alternatives should be pursued. These include shifting east-west traffic on US 29 in the vicinity of the Battlefield to I-66 (which is currently being expanded), and smoothing north-south traffic flow by building roundabouts at the intersections of VA 234 with Pageland Lane and VA 659. The proposed bypass is fundamentally inconsistent with the Board's climate

¹³ Staff prepared an unofficial project summary table to assist the Board in reviewing the projects proposed for inclusion in the conformity analysis, but the Air Quality Conformity Input Tables is the document under consideration for the May board meeting. These documents are available on the Visualize 2050 website, at <https://www.mwco.org/documents/2024/02/23/visualize-2050-national-capital-region-transportation-plan-air-quality-conformity-tpb-visualize-2050/>.

commitments and should be removed from the conformity analysis and replaced with these or similar operational improvements.

US 15 Widening between Battlefield Parkway and Montresor Road (CE 3608)

We continue to have serious concerns with the proposal to widen a segment of this National Scenic Byway because it would attract more traffic—especially regional trips—to the historic corridor. Further, once one portion of the road is widened to four lanes, the new bottlenecks it generates upstream will generate pressure to widen the next segment. The result—a quintessential example of induced demand—is a wasteful and repetitive cycle of successive and expensive widening projects that simply shift the location of congestion while destroying the historic character of the corridor. An alternative approach that manages traffic flow on US 15 north of Leesburg with traffic-calming improvements and roundabouts would be both effective and protective while inducing less traffic, so we urge you to include those alternatives in the air quality conformity analysis.

VA 28 Manassas Bypass (CE 1865)

In addition to encouraging more single-driver trips, this poorly conceived project raises major water quality and environmental justice concerns and would damage parkland and historic resources. The proposed highway would cut through two census tracts included as COG Equity Emphasis Areas, and recent estimates indicate the project could require taking nearly 60 homes, many of which are in the Bull Run Mobile Home Park where most of the residents are Latino. Options to improve the existing Route 28 corridor should be prioritized over building a new highway through this sensitive area, and this proposal should be removed from the conformity analysis.

Tall Cedars Parkway Extension (CE 3739)

This proposal to build a new four-lane, median divided highway parallel to Route 50 from Tall Cedars Parkway to the Air and Space Museum Parkway Interchange on Route 28 in Fairfax County raises serious environmental concerns. The route would need to cross Cub Run and its tributaries, traversing an environmentally sensitive area while encouraging more driving. We urge the Board to remove this proposal from the conformity analysis.

US 50 Widening: Eastern City Limit of Fairfax to Arlington County Line (CE 2182)

A half billion-dollar urban highway widening is not the solution to the serious safety and operational issues on Route 50. VDOT and Fairfax County recently conducted a Safety and Operational Improvement Study of a major section of this corridor inside the Beltway, and those recommendations should be included as a project-specific alternative to widening. Significant transit improvements are needed, and bus rapid transit should be studied. This is a key example of the flawed “policy alignment documentation” process, in which the applicant self-scored a perfect 8 out of 8 for alignment with regional goals.

This segment of Route 50 experiences significant congestion at key bottlenecks at peak periods. It also has a high volume of pedestrian crossings, driven by considerable residential development on either side of the roadway, as well as retail, services, schools, and other civic destinations. The combination of dangerous design, frequent but intermittent congestion, poor infrastructure for transit riders, and the desire for pedestrian crossings has caused high rates of serious injuries and fatalities at several intersections. Further widening the roadway will exacerbate these safety issues and do little to improve multimodal access for the many residents near Route 50 that do not own a car. Redefine the scope of this proposed project to consider alternatives, such as safety, access, and transit improvements accompanied with targeted operational improvements at major bottlenecks to improve this key route. Targeted grade separations ultimately be necessary to reduce conflicts and should undergo study as an alternative to widening.

I-495 Southside Express Toll Lanes: Springfield Interchange to MD210 (CE 3814)

This project should include commitments to expand Metrorail over the bridge to connect the Blue Line to Prince George's County. While the project submission claims that rail would not be precluded by the toll lanes, binding commitments to expand rail transit are needed. Otherwise, we will miss a generational opportunity to connect the inner DC suburbs with high-capacity transit.

Dulles Airport Access Road Widening (CE 1965)

This outdated \$400 million proposal is unnecessary and would undermine the region's major investment in the Silver Line. Congestion on this route is limited and frequent transit alternatives are readily available. Remove this project from the conformity analysis.

Northstar Boulevard Widening (T 12002)

Widening this existing stretch of Northstar Boulevard would increase pressure to construct a major limited-access highway along this corridor that would induce driving and accelerate development in more rural areas further to the south. We understand the need to address transportation challenges in the vicinity of Arcola, but any widening of this existing segment should be designed with a low design speed and traffic calming features to ensure it serves a local collector purpose.

Chain Bridge Road Widening (VA 123) Widening (CE 3376)

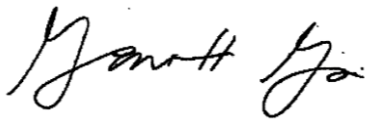
Further widening this already expansive, dangerous, highway within the Tysons and McLean area would undermine investments in the Silver Line and a transit-oriented, walkable Tysons. It would also cut against other investments in the plan that would help to right size streets around the Tysons metro stations, such as the Greensboro Drive extension. This project is another example of the "policy alignment documentation" process, in which the project sponsor claims and 8 out of 8 score in meeting the Board's regional goals from TPB, including climate, clean air, safety, and equity.

IV. Conclusions

We strongly support the Board's commitments to reducing GHG emissions and VMT. However, these commitments mean nothing without sufficient follow-through. The stakes are too high, and the timing is too urgent to rely on mere assurances. The proposed long-range transportation plan includes hundreds of lane miles of highway widening projects that would not only cause significant increases in emissions, but also divert scarce resources from proven measures to reduce the harmful environmental, safety, and equity impacts of the transportation system. To achieve meaningful climate progress, the Board must ensure that the cumulative GHG and VMT impacts of the Visualize 2050 Transportation Plan put the region on track to meeting its goals. Only projects that make progress towards those goals should be candidates for inclusion in the final plan and consideration for funding. Any projects that would increase VMT or GHG should be paired with sufficient climate mitigation to offset the projects that set our region back.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Garrett Gee". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Garrett" and last name "Gee" clearly distinguishable.

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Lyn - Please register me to provide virtual comments during the May 15, 2024 TPB meeting. I will not be attending the meeting to provide in-person comments.

My comments are attached.

If you could please confirm receipt, and provide a response consistent with the TPB Public Participation Plan and guidance, it would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks again for your help.

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Comments for the May 15, 2024 TPB Meeting

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Madame Chair, TPB members ... Thank you for the opportunity to provide virtual public comment today.

Could you please use the language below (bold Italics) in the MWCOG staff summary of my comments:

“My comments today focus on the proposed approval of the air quality conformity analysis scope of work during today’s meeting. I believe that TPB should approve the scope but make it clear in the scope and elsewhere that the conformity analysis is simply a minimal federal requirement that has little to do with the transportation driven air quality problems of 2024.

The air quality conformity process is outdated and does not meaningfully address air pollution. It uses budgets that are no longer relevant and standards that have been replaced by EPA with stronger standards. The standards used in the TPB conformity analysis are weaker than the standards used by MWAQC in the region’s air quality SIP.

The major reasons that the current conformity process does not address 2024 air quality priorities include:

- ***The analysis fails to address high-risk air pollution hotspots in EJ communities of color created by the transportation plan, and***
- ***The analysis ignores climate change ... the region’s and the nation’s most pressing and urgent air quality problem. TPB’s minimalistic approach to climate change uses weak MWCOG climate change goals and fails to adequately reduce greenhouse gasses to address the climate change crisis.***

¹ As background, my name is Tad Aburn. I have submitted comments at every TPB meeting since 11/22. I was a MD resident for 68 years. I am now retired and doing volunteer work for overburdened communities in PG County and DC. I am also a member of the DC EJ Coalition. I was the Chair of MWAQC TAC multiple times. I was an MWAQC member for over 15 years. For almost 20 years I was the Director of the air pollution program in Maryland. I worked for MDE for 40 years. I was a two-term President and long-time SIP policy Committee Chair with the NACAA.

These two issues should be covered in detail in Envision 2050.”

In closing, I would also urge TPB to review the public comments expected to be discussed during the 5/22/24 MWAQC Meeting and the 5/20/24 recommendation from ACPAC on climate change. Many of the MWAQC comments touch upon the TPB responsibility to address air pollution hotspots in EJ communities caused by transportation.

Thank you again for providing the opportunity to provide public comment. The courtesy of a response is requested.

In closing, I would like to request the courtesy of a response that explains how TPB will consider these comments.² I would also like to again request that TPB Tech and MWAQC TAC be asked by the TPB and the MWCOG Board to evaluate the comprehensive set of data, research and analyses on the issue of transportation driven air pollution hot-spots in communities of color that is now available.

Thank you again for providing the opportunity to provide public comment. I would be happy to discuss these comments with you.

² The TPB federally approved public participation plan says: “The TPB will give thoughtful consideration to how public input might affect its decisions and how input might improve TPB plans and products. The TPB will acknowledge the comments that were received **and how they were considered.**”

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Attachments: Coalition TPB Letter - March 20th.pdf

Hello Lyn,

On behalf of the HCCA, please sign me up to comment at tomorrow's meeting. I would also like to submit the attached letter as comment from HCCA>

Thank you,

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March 20, 2024

The Honorable Christina Henderson, Chair
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RE: Visualize 2050 Transportation Project Inputs

Dear Chair Henderson:

As representatives of the vast majority of private and nonprofit employers across Northern Virginia, we are writing to share our strong support for the transportation projects submitted by Virginia for Visualize 2050's Air Quality Conformity Analysis.

These projects represent Virginia's strong commitment to expanding the capacity of our multimodal transportation network that supports the growing housing and economic development needs of our community.

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Thank you for your time and consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

Northern Virginia Transportation Coalition



Laura Bachle

From: Michael Sakata <msakata@mtbma.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 11:55 AM
To: Laura Bachle; TPBcomment
Subject: RE: Virtual Comments at the Transportation Planning Board (TPB)
Attachments: MTBMA TPB Comments May 15th.pdf

Laura – thank you for checking, here are my written comments.

Can you add me to speak in person as well.

Mike



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Let's connect!

From: Laura Bachle <lbachle@mwkog.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 11:47 AM
To: TPBcomment <tpbcomment@mwkog.org>
Subject: Virtual Comments at the Transportation Planning Board (TPB)

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May 15th, 2024

Hon. Christina Henderson, Chair
National Capital Transportation Planning Board
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
777 North Capitol Street NE, Suite 300
Washington, DC 20002

**RE: Agenda Item 8, May 15th Meeting, Transportation Planning Board (TPB) – Air Quality
Conformity Analysis Inputs**

Dear Chair Henderson and Members of the TPB:

The Maryland Transportation Builders and Materials Association (“MTBMA”) has been and continues to serve as the voice for Maryland’s transportation construction industry since 1932. Our association is comprised of 200 members. MTBMA proactively works with regulatory agencies and governing bodies to represent the interests of the transportation industry, advocate for adequate state and federal funding, and promote greater regional collaboration to improve Maryland’s multimodal transportation system.

We are concerned with some of the comments made during the April 15th TPB meeting seeking to remove major highway and bridge improvements from the agency-recommended lists of projects for inclusion in the air quality conformity analysis for Visualize 2050 and the TIP, and strongly urge you to reject any such request.

The National Capital Region’s highway network is aging and severely congested. Significant capacity improvements are needed to address key bottlenecks including: The American Legion Bridge, sections of I-495 on both sides of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge, I-270 and US15, just to name a few. Several of these improvements are either currently undergoing federal environmental review or have already completed this process. All will need some level of federal funding for which they would not be eligible if they are changed or removed from the Visualize 2050 long-range plan.

These projects will provide significant congestion relief, boost our economy and improve access to key economic development locations like the I-270 corridor and National Harbor. There are also important multi-modal elements that would improve transit access by expanding our network of managed lanes to accommodate faster and more reliable regional express-bus service. These projects were submitted for further analysis for good reason and are significant elements in Visualize 2050 that contribute greatly to expanding access to jobs in all parts of our region.

While MTBMA understands the importance of transit projects and supports their inclusion in Visualize 2050 and the TIP, it is clear that transit alone will not address all of our future transportation needs. In particular, the movement of goods and services so vital to our economy, or interstate through-trips, or the vast majority of commuting and non-commuting daily trips are taken on our region’s road and bridge network. This will remain the case in 2050 and beyond according to TPB’s projections. Further, an “all transit-no roads” approach has no realistic possibility of ever

being affordable given our fiscal realities, declines in post-COVID transit ridership and farebox revenues, and rising transit operating costs.

In contrast, well designed multi-modal express lane or HOT lane projects create new revenue streams that more than cover their capital and operating costs over time. In addition, they can provide new opportunities for regional bus rapid transit service and a portion of their future revenues can be dedicated to help subsidize other transit services. At the very least, these critical multimodal projects are worth further study. Taking them out of the plan now would prevent us from knowing their impacts and would be short-sighted and irresponsible.

For these reasons, it is imperative to maintain a wholistic, multi-modal approach that meets all our transportation needs in a fiscally responsible manner.

We appreciate you taking the time to consider the expert advice of transportation professionals in our industry and request that you support all the major transit, road and bridge improvements that our state transportation agencies are recommending for inclusion in the air quality conformity analysis for Visualize 2050.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'MS', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Michael Sakata President and CEO
Maryland Transportation Builders and Materials Association

Laura Bachle

From: rnparsons@comcast.net
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 12:51 PM
To: Laura Bachle
Subject: Corrected version attached
Attachments: TPB Commentts 2024-05-15 SMTA.docx

Here it is. Please replace the previous version with this one (sans typos!). Thanks.

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May 15th, 2024

Hon. Christina Henderson, Chair
National Capital Transportation Planning Board
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
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RE: Agenda Item #8 – Air Quality Conformity Analysis Inputs

The Suburban Maryland Transportation Alliance was formed in 2009 to educate policymakers and stakeholders about our transportation options, to advocate for increased funding for all transportation modes, and to encourage leaders to commit those funds to priority transit and road improvements that do the most to relieve congestion and improve mobility for the residents of the National Capital Region. We are here today to support the entire agency-recommended list of transit, road and other improvements for inclusion in the air quality analysis for the next update to our region's Visualize 2050 long-range plan.

In a region that already suffers from some of the nation's worst congestion, we urge you to resist calls from some of the interest groups that spoke at last month's meeting to remove key road and bridge improvements from this analysis. This would not be in keeping with TPB's mission and we urge you to keep the plan intact. Every study confirms we need a multimodal approach that includes both road and transit improvements if we are to meet the growing travel demand of a region that is projected to add another 1.3 million residents by 2050.

We also have serious concerns about depriving policymakers and the public of the information they need to make informed decisions by choosing not to even study major improvements that have long been prominent features in previous regional plans. TPB's own data show that even with all the infrastructure improvements in this plan, travel delays and access to jobs within a 45-minute commute radius continue to decline by 2050. Of course, things get much worse in the no-build scenarios you've tested. So the obvious question we have is, why would you even consider taking major projects OUT of a long-range plan that already falls far short in addressing congestion delays? You should be focusing instead on what else we can add to this plan, but that is likely a more long-term discussion.

I want to focus my comments today on one particular project that is recommended for inclusion in the list of air quality conformity analysis inputs, the American Legion Bridge (ALB) and I-270 program. As you know, the first phase of this project has already completed the federal National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review process, including a completed Final Environmental Impact Statement and has received an approved Record of Decision. This project is now ready to proceed to final design and construction and has Montgomery County's support as well as the support of the Maryland Department of Transportation.

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mistake, any vote to remove or make significant changes to any portion of the ALB/I-270 project puts the entire American Legion Bridge replacement at risk and will be seen as a vote against the American Legion Bridge.

In closing, I'd like to share some perspective, as an active participant in many transportation project studies, expert task forces, and policy debates since the mid-1990s. SMTA and our coalition partners, including some of the local officials and state legislators on this Board, have spent over three decades urging state leaders to address the horrific congestion on I-270 and replace an aging and functionally obsolete American Legion Bridge. Despite the fact that this project effectively addresses some of the region's worst traffic chokepoints, has overwhelming public support, and the bridge itself needs extensive repairs in any case, the environmental impact review process still took over three decades to complete and construction has yet to begin. That is not good enough. Not by a long shot.

That is what is at stake in this vote today. The LAST thing we need now is the TPB throwing sand in the gears yet again by making any changes to this project and risking even more delay. This entire project is critical to our region – including the ALB and ALL of I-270 (as well as related improvements to US 15 in Frederick). We are now at the finish line and seeing it sidetracked yet again would send the clearest possible message that the transportation planning process in this region is fundamentally broken. Let's not go there.

We urge you to approve this and the other major highway, bridge and mass transit projects our transportation agencies have recommended with no changes that could cause even more delay, drive up costs even further, and doom another generation of area residents to three more decades of miserable congestion and lost economic opportunity. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Richard Parsons

Richard Parsons
Vice Chair, Suburban Maryland Transportation Alliance

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March 20, 2024

The Honorable Christina Henderson, Chair
National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
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Washington, DC 20002-4239

RE: Visualize 2050 Transportation Project Inputs

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Thank you for your time and consideration of this important matter.

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Northern Virginia Transportation Coalition



Laura Bachle

From: Raymond Mondor <raymondor@rcn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 1:13 PM
To: TPBcomment
Subject: Toll Lanes on I495 In Montgomery and Prince Georges County

The idea of building toll lanes on I495 in Montgomery and Prince Georges counties is an extremely bad one. It is premised on the intention to continually increase the population density of the surrounding locations which is itself a very bad idea. People moved to the suburbs because they want to live in suburbia but you are planning to turn it all into a congested sprawling city. That may line your pockets with campaign contributions from developers but it is a betrayal of what your own studies have shown, the recommendations of your own staff, public opinion, public interest, the constant written and oral opposition from the public, and common sense.

I promise to actively oppose the re-election of any members of the TPB board who betray our interests by supporting this corruption and I urge everyone who feels the same to do so also.

Sincerely,
Raymond Mondor
Brunett Ave
Silver Spring, MD

Laura Bachle

From: GARY HODGE <garyvhodge@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 1:04 PM
To: TPBcomment
Cc: Gary V. Hodge
Subject: Comment on Visualize 2050 Update of the Long-Range Transportation Plan and Air Quality Conformity Analysis, Items 8A and 8B, May 15, 2024 (Registered by phone to attend and speak in person before 12:00 noon)

TPB Members and Staff:

For more than 35 years Southern Maryland leaders have been working together on the goal of bringing high-capacity, fixed-route, rapid transit 19 miles down the MD5-US301 corridor from the Branch Avenue Metrorail Station in Prince George's County to Waldorf and White Plains in Charles County.

The **Southern Maryland Rapid Transit Project—or SMRT**—has long been a top regional transit priority of the elected officials of Prince George's and Charles counties in their annual letters to Maryland's Secretary of Transportation.

Five major State studies in the last 25 years have confirmed the project's feasibility, high projected ridership, economic impact and urgent need in this fast-growing corridor of the State.

The SMRT project would serve a commuter-shed of 500,000 people, enhancing mobility and relieving some of the worst traffic congestion and gridlock in the nation. It would help meet the National Capital Region's climate change goals, and bring economic growth and jobs to new transit-oriented communities all along the corridor.

Landmark State legislation enacted by the Maryland General Assembly in 2021 mandated prompt action by MDOT to complete the design, engineering and NEPA process and secure a record-of-decision for SMRT, and pledged State matching funds for future federal appropriations. Since then, Congress has approved two \$5 million earmarks to expedite the planning process, and MDOT has budgeted \$20 million in the current CTP to complete the planning phase.

Maryland's new Governor visited Waldorf a year ago and pledged his strong support for the project. When I talked with him on Saturday afternoon he reiterated his support and his Secretary's.

After decades of advocacy, planning and State and federal policy and funding commitments, it's time for the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board to recognize this this major State and regional transit priority will be completed within the 26-year scope of Visualize 2050 and include the SMRT project in your update of the Long-Range Transportation Plan for future implementation, and in the Air Quality Conformity Analysis, as requested by the elected officials of Prince George's and Charles counties.

Thsnk you for your consideration and action.

Sincere regards,

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"Working with elected, civic and business leaders to build great communities"

Laura Bachle

From: John Musso <jmusso@arlingtonchamber.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 1:01 PM
To: TPBcomment
Cc: Lyn Erickson
Subject: RE: Item 1 - Virtual Comment Opportunity

Hello Laura,

Thank you for the response. In that case, the following is my submitted comment, on behalf of the Chamber:

"I'm John Musso, Government Affairs Manager at the Arlington Chamber of Commerce. On behalf of the Arlington Chamber, I want to express our support for all the submitted projects included on the Project List. The submitted projects encompass a wide range of important transportation improvements, across all modes. A multifaceted approach to transportation improvements is critical for the long-term economic success of our metropolitan region. We ask that you please support all submitted projects before you today. Thank you."

Thank you for accepting and summarizing the comments.



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(703) 525-2400 ext. 203
   

From: Laura Bachle <lbachle@mwkog.org> **On Behalf Of** TPBcomment
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 12:04 PM
To: John Musso <jmusso@arlingtonchamber.org>; TPBcomment <tpbcomment@mwkog.org>
Cc: Lyn Erickson <lerickson@mwkog.org>
Subject: RE: Item 1 - Virtual Comment Opportunity

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From: John Musso <jmusso@arlingtonchamber.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 11:56 AM
To: TPBcomment <tpbcomment@mwkog.org>
Cc: Lyn Erickson <lerickson@mwkog.org>
Subject: Item 1 - Virtual Comment Opportunity

Good morning,

I am John Musso, Government Affairs Manager at the Arlington Chamber of Commerce. I would like to sign up for virtual comments for the TPB meeting tomorrow. Do I need to submit comments now, or would I speak tomorrow?

Best,

John



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Laura Bachle

From: John Boylan <john.boylan@bridgetpartners.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 2:47 PM
To: TPBcomment
Subject: Re: Item 1 Virtual Comment Opportunity

Thanks Laura.

On behalf of the Committee for Dulles, I would like to provide virtual comment tomorrow for the TPB on May 15. The Committee for Dulles is a civic organization founded in the 1960s to advocate for Dulles International Airport. The airport is a regional economic powerhouse that propels DC Metro's travel & tourism as well as international business. It also supports over 28,000 workers from around the region.

Key transportation initiatives such as the American Legion Bridge/270 and Southside Express Lane projects are essential to sustain the economic advantage an international airport brings to our region. Supporting these essential projects leverage Dulles International Airport and benefit the entire DC Metro area.

JPB
John P. Boylan
Chair, Legislative Affairs | Comm for Dulles

John P. Boylan | Bridget Partners, LLC | 202 243-8072

On May 14, 2024, at 2:34 PM, TPBcomment <tpbcomment@mwkog.org> wrote:

Hello Mr. Boylan- could you please resubmit your comments? I don't seem to be able to find them.

Thanks,

-Laura

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From: John Boylan <john.boylan@bridgetpartners.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 11:57 AM
To: TPBcomment <tpbcomment@mwkog.org>
Subject: Re: Item 1 Virtual Comment Opportunity

Thanks Laura - I was led to believe there was a virtual option to speak. I will not be able to get to DC in time, so will not be in person. I leave it with my comments. Thank you.

JPB

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From: Laura Bachle <lbachle@mwkog.org> on behalf of TPBcomment <tpbcomment@mwkog.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 11:51:19 AM
To: John Boylan <john.boylan@bridgetpartners.com>
Subject: RE: Item 1 Virtual Comment Opportunity

Hello Mr. Boylan- Would you like to put on the in-person speaker's list?
-Laura

From: John Boylan <john.boylan@bridgetpartners.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 11:46 AM
To: TPBcomment <tpbcomment@mwkog.org>
Subject: Item 1 Virtual Comment Opportunity

I want to comment tomorrow.

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Laura Bachle

From: alek.becker91@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Alek Becker <alek.becker91@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 12:23 PM
To: TPBcomment
Subject: Please fix the region's long-range transportation plan before it's too late

Dear Transportation Planning Board (TPB),

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Sincerely,

Mr Alek Becker

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Laura Bachle

From: stevebrigham4208@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Steve Brigham
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Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 10:00 AM
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Laura Bachle

From: j.allenleventhal@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Judy Allen-Leventhal
<j.allenleventhal@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 12:03 PM
To: TPBcomment
Subject: Please fix the region's long-range transportation plan before it's too late

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Sincerely,
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Laura Bachle

From: radchic05@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Madeline Amalphy <radchic05@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 4:34 PM
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Sincerely,

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Laura Bachle

From: anambler@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Anne Ambler
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Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 3:40 PM
To: TPBcomment
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Sincerely,
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Laura Bachle

From: jangell@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of JL Angell
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Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 12:20 PM
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Laura Bachle

From: joebaldi@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Joseph Baldi
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Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 1:25 PM
To: TPBcomment
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Sincerely,

Mr Joseph Baldi

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Laura Bachle

From: mcc4rtodz@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Laurence Aurbach
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Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 1:48 PM
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Sincerely,

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Laura Bachle

From: morgenlicht7@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Dawn M. Barclift <morgenlicht7@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 11, 2024 1:53 AM
To: TPBcomment
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Sincerely,

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Laura Bachle

From: jacobbarker@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jacob Barker
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Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 11:54 AM
To: TPBcomment
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Sincerely,

Mr. Jacob Barker

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Laura Bachle

From: becky batt@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Rebecca Batt
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Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 5:07 PM
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Sincerely,

Ms. Rebecca Batt

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Laura Bachle

From: alek.becker91@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Alek Becker <alek.becker91@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 12:23 PM
To: TPBcomment
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Sincerely,

Mr Alek Becker

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Laura Bachle

From: alek.becker91@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Alek Becker <alek.becker91@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 12:18 PM
To: TPBcomment
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Laura Bachle

From: elainebecker@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Elaine Becker
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Sent: Saturday, May 11, 2024 4:16 AM
To: TPBcomment
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Laura Bachle

From: deborah.p.beebe@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Deborah Beebe
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Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 12:57 PM
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Laura Bachle

From: behradb@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Behrad Behbahani
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Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 11:56 AM
To: TPBcomment
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Laura Bachle

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Sent: Sunday, May 12, 2024 9:25 PM
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Laura Bachle

From: birnbaumva@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ira Birnbaum
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Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 10:51 PM
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Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 11:49 AM
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Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 6:02 PM
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From: stevebrigham4208@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Steve Brigham
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Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 10:00 AM
To: TPBcomment
Subject: For Earth Day, fix the Visualize 2050 plan

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From: roseliemail@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Roselie Bright
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Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 8:11 PM
To: TPBcomment
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I have a Doctor of Science from Harvard in Epidemiology (the science of illness in populations) with an emphasis in Environmental Health. I had a long federal career as an epidemiologist.

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Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 4:03 PM
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Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 3:22 PM
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Laura Bachle

From: jhcook120@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jennifer Cook <jhcook120@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 10:59 AM
To: TPBcomment
Subject: Please fix the region's long-range transportation plan before it's too late

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From: philip_cotterill@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Philip Cotterill
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Sent: Saturday, May 11, 2024 11:19 AM
To: TPBcomment
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From: tim_j_crowley@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tim Crowley
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Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 12:01 PM
To: TPBcomment
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Laura Bachle

From: rachel@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Rachel Davis
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Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 1:27 PM
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From: ademaraais@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Alex Demarais
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Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 2:22 PM
To: TPBcomment
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From: mdombros@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Marian Dombroski
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Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 12:58 PM
To: TPBcomment
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From: pat.doyen@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Pat Doyen
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Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 11:51 AM
To: TPBcomment
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From: mdunlavey0710@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mary Ellen Dunlavey
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Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 8:54 PM
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From: mayorofarcola@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of W. Christopher Farrell
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Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 5:48 PM
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From: patrick_flaherty1@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Patrick Flaherty
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Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 10:12 PM
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From: ericfowler24@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Eric Fowler <ericfowler24@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, May 3, 2024 7:20 AM
To: TPBcomment
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From: evelynsfraser@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Evelyn Fraser
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Sent: Saturday, May 11, 2024 8:06 AM
To: TPBcomment
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From: ljfues@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lisa Fues <ljfues@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 1:10 PM
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Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 11:52 AM
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many other places. Quick fix temporary solutions work short term. They do not work for climate.

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Sincerely,

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Laura Bachle

From: local@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Denise Nelson
<local@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 4, 2024 1:10 PM
To: TPBcomment
Subject: Please fix the region's long-range transportation plan before it's too late

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Laura Bachle

From: oldsfrfx@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kimcarolyn Olds
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Sent: Saturday, May 11, 2024 11:14 AM
To: TPBcomment
Subject: Please fix the region's long-range transportation plan before it's too late

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Sincerely,
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Laura Bachle

From: demolition18@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tim Paich <demolition18@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 11:54 AM
To: TPBcomment
Subject: Please fix the region's long-range transportation plan before it's too late

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Mr. Tim Paich

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Laura Bachle

From: Patwardhan.K.M@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kripa Patwardhan
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Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 1:17 PM
To: TPBcomment
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Sincerely,

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Laura Bachle

From: npjmu1@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Niels Pemberton <npjmu1@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 10:55 PM
To: TPBcomment
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Laura Bachle

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Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 10:59 PM
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Laura Bachle

From: alaina13@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Alaina Pitt <alaina13@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 9:15 AM
To: TPBcomment
Subject: Please fix the region's long-range transportation plan before it's too late

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Laura Bachle

From: mp@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Martha Polkey
<mp@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 12:47 PM
To: TPBcomment
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Sincerely,
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Laura Bachle

From: luciapollock@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lucia Pollock
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Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 12:08 PM
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Laura Bachle

From: linspro@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Linda Provost
<linspro@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2024 1:47 PM
To: TPBcomment
Subject: The draft Visualize 2050 plan needs fixing

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From: henry.renze@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Henry Renze
<henry.renze@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 4:03 PM
To: TPBcomment
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As a lifelong Maryland resident, sophomore in civil engineering at the University of Maryland, College Park, and a concerned citizen of planet Earth, I am very keen to the devastating effects of climate change and the problems we face. I have spent much time reading and watching videos about transportation philosophies and practices, and it is clear to me that we cannot endlessly expand roads and belch smog and CO2 everywhere. It does not benefit anyone except oil and gas executives.

Please listen to your constituents, the people on the ground facing real issues and demanding real change. I urge you to please remove widening of major highways as well as stroads

(Google it; aka arterials) and instead opt for quality, accessible transit and a clean future for all.

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From: charlie.renze@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Charlie Renze
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Sent: Saturday, May 11, 2024 10:45 AM
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Mr. Michael Replogle

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From: rdriet@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Rudi Riet
<rdriet@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2024 3:49 PM
To: TPBcomment
Subject: For Earth Day, fix the Visualize 2050 plan

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Sincerely,

Mr Rudi Riet

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risk of Lyme disease in Maryland. There will surely be additional impacts by 2050 if we do not endeavor to stop climate change now.

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Sincerely,

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Laura Bachle

From: sedond@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Douglas Sedon
<sedond@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 9:47 AM
To: TPBcomment
Subject: For Earth Day, fix the Visualize 2050 plan

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Laura Bachle

From: sedond@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Douglas Sedon
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Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 10:55 PM
To: TPBcomment
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From: anshu.g.sharma@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Anshu Sharma
<anshu.g.sharma@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2024 5:41 PM
To: TPBcomment
Subject: The draft Visualize 2050 plan needs fixing

Dear Transportation Planning Board (TPB),

I ask that you extend the review of the Visualize 2050 project list and conduct an evaluation that meets the requirements of the TPB Board's 2021 resolution. The Visualize 2050 process is required to consider multiple build scenarios and "zero-based budgeting" of projects based on TPB priority strategies and goals, in particular TPB's target for a 50% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from transportation by 2030.

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Public comments in 2023 and last month overwhelmingly called for prioritizing transit, pedestrian, bicycle and local complete streets projects, opposed continued highway and arterial expansion, and asked you to fulfill your climate change commitments.

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(I apologize for sending this message late, I was at a conference over the past two days)

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Sincerely,

Mr. Anshu Sharma

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Laura Bachle

From: lindas@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Linda Silversmith
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Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 6:46 PM
To: TPBcomment
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Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 5:36 PM
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Laura Bachle

From: slater.tina@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tina Slater
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Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 10:43 AM
To: TPBcomment
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We seriously need to ELIMINATE the projects that will make Climate Change worse --- expanding or building new roadways invites more cars, encourages sprawl, and results in the same (or more) traffic congestion.

We don't have too many more years in which to "get it right" on climate change. Please think of the future and deny these lane widening/new road projects.

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Sincerely,

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From: jcs2b@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of John Stanley
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Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 11:54 AM
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From: bsteig@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of William Steigelmann
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Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 2:56 PM
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From: frances.stewart6@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Frances Stewart
<frances.stewart6@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 12:01 PM
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From: magthecat1@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Maggie Taylor <magthecat1@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 2:16 PM
To: TPBcomment
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From: ddtmagnolia@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of DeeDee Tostanoski
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Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 5:07 PM
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From: amu@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Aaron Ucko
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Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 10:15 PM
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From: zcweinstein@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Zachary Weinstein
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Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 9:58 PM
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From: mike4petworth@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Michael Whelan
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Laura Bachle

From: woolfwoman@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sandra Woolfenden
<woolfwoman@everyactioncustom.com>
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 6:53 PM
To: TPBcomment
Subject: Please fix the region's long-range transportation plan before it's too late

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Yay! It looks like theTPB had great ideas and plans to accomplish moving forward. Please go back and review what you said you would do, and do it. Listen to the comments you solicited. Follow the refs you mentioned for reducing pollution. More traffic cannot possibly reduce pollution! As for equity, what happened to the plans for dedicated busses and rail transportation?

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