

Meeting Highlights TPB Technical Committee – September 9, 2022

The Technical Committee met on Friday, September 9, 2022. Meeting materials can be found here: <https://www.mwcog.org/events/2022/09/09/tpb-technical-committee-tpb/>

The following items were reviewed for inclusion on the TPB's September agenda.

TPB AGENDA ITEM 7 – FOR BOARD APPROVAL: TPB BYLAWS UPDATE

The TPB Bylaws will be updated to reflect the Board's interest in continuing to offer virtual participation for future meetings. TPB will be asked to approve the Bylaws in September. Board members commented that they wanted more flexibility in virtual participation options, and this information was shared with the committee.

TPB AGENDA ITEM 8 – PBPP: DRAFT 2022-2025 REGIONAL TARGETS FOR HIGHWAY SYSTEMS PERFORMANCE AND HIGHWAY ASSETS

The committee was briefed on requirements under the federal performance-based planning and programming (PBPP) rulemaking for MPOs to set three targets for highway systems performance and six targets for highway asset condition (bridge and pavement) performance measures, for the period 2022-2025. A draft set of targets developed by staff in coordination with the state DOTs was presented. In October, the board will be asked to adopt the 2022-2025 highway systems performance and highway assets (bridge and pavement) targets for the region.

TPB AGENDA ITEM 9 – U.S. DOT SAFE SYSTEMS APPROACH FOR ROADWAY SAFETY

As part of the TPB's focus on safety, the committee was briefed on the U.S. DOT Safe System approach as the guiding paradigm to address roadway safety. The Safe System approach has been embraced by the transportation community as an effective way to address and mitigate the risks inherent in our enormous and complex transportation system. It works by building and reinforcing multiple layers of protection to both prevent crashes from happening in the first place and minimize the harm caused to those involved when crashes do occur. It is a holistic and comprehensive approach that provides a guiding framework to make places safer for people. This is a shift from a conventional safety approach because it focuses on both human mistakes AND human vulnerability, and designs a system with many redundancies in place to protect everyone. The U.S. DOT's National Roadway Safety Strategy and the Department's ongoing safety programs are working towards a future with zero roadway fatalities and serious injuries.

TPB AGENDA ITEM 10 – BRIEFING ON THE 2022 STATE OF THE COMMUTE SURVEY

Every three years since 2001, Commuter Connections has conducted a random sample survey of employed persons in the Metropolitan Washington Region to monitor trends in commuting behavior such as mode shares, telecommuting, and distance traveled, as well as attitudes about commuter assistance services. The committee was briefed on the highlights from the 2022 State of the Commute Survey.

The following items were presented for information and discussion:

2021 STATE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION REPORT

The committee was briefed on the 2021 annual State of Public Transportation report. The purpose of this report is to provide a concise overview of the state of regional public transportation in the National Capital Region.

VISUALIZE 2045 AND THE 2024 PLAN UPDATE

Ms. Cook provided information on Visualize 2045 and reviewed considerations related to the 2024 plan update.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE ROUND 10 COOPERATIVE FORECASTS

The Committee was briefed on initial activities for the next major update of COG's Cooperative Forecasts, Round 10, including findings from a consultant-led study on key planning considerations for preparing long-range regional forecasts.

PBPP: GHG PROPOSED RULE

On July 15, a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) was published in the Federal Register to add a PBPP Greenhouse Gas (GHG) performance measure and target-setting requirement. The committee was briefed on the proposed rulemaking, which would require State DOTs and MPOs to establish declining CO2 emissions targets to reduce CO2 emissions generated by on-road mobile sources relative to calendar year 2021. Comments on the NPRM are due by October 13, 2022.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Car Free Day September 22: <https://www.carfreemetrodc.org/>
- COG Retreat Update
- Update on Air Passenger Survey
- On-Call Consultant Contract update
- MWCOG Job Listings – <https://www.mwcog.org/about-us/human-resources/job-listings/>
- Staff Update