



TPB REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Meeting Summary: April 24, 2018

ATTENDEES

David Koch, DDOT (Chair)	Nick Perfili, WMATA	Steve Yaffe, Citizen
William Jones, Arlington Co.	Clinton Edwards, DRPT	Lyn Erickson, TPB (phone)
Kyle Nembhard, MDOT	Bill Orleans, Citizen	
Jacques Lerner, DFHV	Jim Maslarka, Alexandria	
Randy White, FCDOT	Ken Joh, TPB	
Gary Erenrich, MCDOT	Andy Meese, TPB	
Carrie Anderson-Watters, Frederick Co. (phone)	Arianna Koudounas, TPB	
	Eric Randall, TPB	
	Matthew Gaskin, TPB	

AGENDA

- 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS, *David Koch, Chair***
 - Call to order and introductions.
- 2. UPDATE: STATE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, *Eric Randall, TPB***
 - The purpose of this presentation is to provide an update on the progress of the State of Public Transportation Report, which is an activity included in the annual Unified Planning Work Program.
 - The report is in development, and will contain overview information on the public transportation in the region regarding ridership, achievements, and connection to the overall long-range plan for the region.
 - The report consists of four main components:
 - Executive Summary
 - Provider Highlights/Statistics
 - Major Events/Accomplishments
 - TPB Activities in support of public transportation
 - In order to collect the appropriate information, TPB staff will be developing a quick survey for regional providers to complete. The survey will ask for provider statistical information, noted achievements, and any applicable links or websites that may be helpful.
 - Anticipated survey information will be due in May, followed by a review at the June 26 meeting in preparation for presentation at July 6 Technical Committee Meeting.

Questions

- Suggestions for additional components were suggested to be added or examined while creating the report:

- Span of Service, Land Usage, Rides per Capita
- Bike/Ped. Access or improvements, information on paratransit

3. VRE: UPDATE OF TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN (TDP), Sonali Soneji, VRE

- The purpose of this presentation was to provide an update on the TDP for VRE, a regional commuter rail service with two lines and transporting over 4.7 million riders between Virginia and DC annually.
- The TDP consists of an internal and external perspective. Internally the document summarizes and coordinates near term actions and initiatives to achieve VRE's long-range vision. Externally, the document identifies needs, service changes, funding, and local priorities to meet the near and long term opportunities and challenges.
- Major events have occurred since the last TDP in 2012, including; a new CEO, 2040 System Plan adoption, increased ridership, and grants totaling \$222 million for line expansions.
- There are three main goals for the developing TDP:
 - Service Delivery
 - Business Practices
 - Service Enhancement
- The TDP has an anticipated adoption date of October 2018, preceded by several workshops for projects/need identification, financial planning, service evaluation.

Questions:

- In creation of the TDP did you do any benchmarking? Not at the moment but once we have targets we plan on doing that.
- In your presentation, you stated that 17% of VRE riders transfer to Metro to complete a trip. How did you obtain this information? VRE conducts two surveys annually. These surveys are completed on board and have a good response rate.
- Have you done any peer group analysis? Initially yes, however it proved to be too difficult to directly compare data. Peer providers are all arranged differently.

4. I-66 COMMUTER CHOICE PROGRAM UPDATE, Patricia Happ, NVTC

- This presentation served as an update to the 40-year agreement between NVTC and VDOT in transforming the area along the I-66 corridor within the beltway.
- This program provides benefits, via toll collection on I-66, to those eligible candidates: Loudoun and Fairfax Co., and smaller local jurisdictions.
- The call for projects for the first year of funding has already occurred and currently programming selection is underway.
- Eligibility for project selection include:
 - Must benefit the toll-paying users of the facility
 - Must meet at least one or two improvement goals
 - Must be an eligible project
 - Must have funds obligated in two years and expended in five years
- Eligible projects include:
 - New/enhanced local and commuter bus service
 - Vanpooling/Carpooling
 - Capital improvement (Rail and Bus)
 - Park and Ride lots
 - Roadway improvements pertaining to dynamic tolling
 - Roadway operational improvements
 - Transportation Systems Management and Operations
 - Projects in VDOT long-range plan



- 17 applications were received with a total funding request of \$29.6 million.

Questions:

- How much funding is available for these projects? The funding is calculated by the Commonwealth based on the revenues from the tolls. Since the tolling is new those calculations are still ongoing. It is not anticipated that all funds will be used each cycle. If a project is not selected this first round, there is a possibility it may be funded in the future.
- Is this program different from an already existing grant program? Yes, this program is for projects on the I-66 corridor within the beltway. The other grant program applies to projects along the entire I-66 corridor.

5. DDOT: AUTOMATED ENFORCEMENT OF BUS LANES AND BUS ZONES, Megan Kanagy, DDOT

- This presentation served as an introduction to a new partnership between DDOT and Howard University to perform research on bus lane and zone automated enforcement.
- The work builds in the previous TPB study, and will examine the H Street NW Contraflow proposal and the WMATA proposed H & I Street pair proposal for bus lanes. In addition, 16th Street NW should be striped next year as a bus lane.
- The enforcement of these zones and lanes is essential for successful implementation of future and current projects. When these areas are blocked by vehicle it can interfere with bus service by lengthening travel times and slowing down the bus route. There is consideration of moving enforcement from the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) to DDOT.
- This project is currently divided into two major tasks;
 - Automated Enforcement Authority Report
 - Enforcement authority of District ROW v. non-District ROW
 - Enforcement authority for the bus lanes and zones
 - Market Research Report
 - Recommended enforcement system/technology for bus lanes/zones
 - Recommended penalties for enforcement

Questions:

- There was legislation in Annapolis on a similar topic. Baltimore wanted to install bus-mounted enforcement cameras, a piece of legislation Montgomery County supported. The legislation did not advance, but DDOT might want to consider the text.
- The status of the H& I bus lane proposal was discussed. There do not seem to have been any advances in this study the past two years.

6. FEDERAL RULEMAKING AND WORK PROGRAM UPDATE, Eric Randall, TPB

- Update to the Transportation Safety Rule, final release is set for May 3.
- LRPTF Endorsed Initiatives: BRT and Transitways was discussed, a survey was sent out last week and initial responses were shared.
- No RPTS Meeting for the month of May. Will return to regular meetings June 26.
- June 5 Public Providers Forum on Public Transit

7. ADJOURN

- David Koch, RPTS chair for 2018 adjourned the meeting at 1:45 PM.
- The next meeting is scheduled for June 26, 2018.

All meeting materials are available for download from the subcommittee's website:
<https://www.mwcog.org/events/2018/4/24/tpb-regional-public-transportation-subcommittee/>

