



## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Transportation Planning Board  
**FROM:** Kanti Srikanth, TPB Staff Director  
**SUBJECT:** Steering Committee Actions and Report of the Director  
**DATE:** November 12, 2020

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The attached materials include:

- Letters Sent/Received
- Announcements and Updates





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The attached letters were sent/received since the last TPB meeting.





National Capital Region  
**Transportation Planning Board**

October 22, 2020

K. Jane Williams  
Acting Administrator  
Federal Transit Administration  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Public Transportation COVID-19 Research Demonstration Grant Application for Montgomery County, Maryland

Dear Ms. Williams:

I am writing to express the support of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB), the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the National Capital Region, for an application by Montgomery County in Maryland for a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Public Transportation COVID-19 Research Demonstration Grant. The grant funding will be used to implement a real-time Automated Passenger Counting (APC) system onboard the County's Ride On bus system. The technology will provide real time information to bus customers about available capacity, provide trip planning information to customers about alternate routes, and improve the ability of the bus control center to track bus crowding and dispatch buses to crowded routes. In addition, Ride On will enhance its mobile ticketing application to enable rear-door boarding along with contactless fare payment.

The project proposed for this grant will support FTA COVID initiatives thru 1) exposure mitigation – allowing customers to avoid crowded buses and enabling the control center to dispatch additional buses to prevent crowding; 2) an innovative mobility solution – by providing contactless fare payment and improved central bus dispatching; and 3) strengthen public confidence – by providing real time information about conditions and alternatives.

The project is in agreement with best practices being developed in the public transportation industry in response to the COVID pandemic. In addition, the project is consistent with the regional transportation goals adopted by the TPB in our Regional Transportation Priorities Plan and as identified in the Washington region's long-range transportation plan, Visualize 2045. The TPB has long supported the provision of a broad range of public and private transportation choices for our region which maximize safety, accessibility and affordability to everyone and minimize reliance upon single occupancy automobiles.

The TPB requests your favorable consideration of this request by Montgomery County. I anticipate that upon a successful grant award, subject to the availability of the required matching funding, the region's transportation improvement program (TIP) will be amended to include the grant funding for this project.

Ms. Williams  
October 22, 2020

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kelly Russell", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kelly Russell  
Chair, National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

Cc: Mr. Chris Conklin, Director, Montgomery County Department of Transportation



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The attached documents provide updates on activities that are not included as separate items on the TPB agenda.







## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Transportation Planning Board  
**FROM:** Stacy Cook, TPB Transportation Planner  
**SUBJECT:** Visualize 2045 Update: Board Kickoff  
**DATE:** November 12, 2020

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TPB staff invite the members of the Transportation Planning Board to a virtual Kickoff for the update to Visualize 2045, TPB's Long-Range Transportation Plan. Members of the public are encouraged to listen and watch. Participation will occur through the same technology used for Board meetings.

### **PURPOSE**

- Officially mark the start of the Visualize 2045 update process
- Communicate key facts and how TPB Board members can be involved
- Celebrate successes and Visualize our Future, Together

### **DATE AND TIME**

- December 2020 Board meeting: 12/16/2020
- Time 11:30 A.M. - Noon

### **AGENDA**

- Welcome by Kanti Srikanth
- Visualize 2045 motion graphic
- Presentation:
  - A rededication to equity, resiliency, and safety
  - Thinking Regionally, Acting Locally: A Look Back to Look Forward
  - This is your plan.
- Q/A