



## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** 2015 CAC  
**FROM:** Bryan Hayes, TPB Staff  
**SUBJECT:** Topics Discussed by the CAC in 2015  
**DATE:** January 14, 2016

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### **TRANSPORTATION SAFETY IN THE WASHINGTON REGION**

Over the course of the year, the CAC received several briefings related to transportation safety.

In May, TPB staff presented an overview of activities around data collection and safety coordination. During this briefing the committee asked about collaborating with universities, police, insurance companies, and wireless phone providers to enhance existing data. They also discussed having more specific data, such as time of day, weather, and more details on the causes of the accidents.

Another briefing on the TPB's "Street Smart" highlighted the ways that the TPB is working with jurisdictions to educate the public about pedestrian and bicycle.

The committee was briefed on the District's efforts to develop and implement a vision zero policy, and about similar efforts underway across the region. Members asked about challenges of enforcement, data transparency, and infrastructure solutions. They wondered why neighboring states are not required to share data or maintain reciprocity for enforcing traffic regulations.

This work culminated in the CAC Resolution to Eliminate All Traffic Fatalities in the Washington Region which was presented to the TPB in December. At the request of TPB Chairman Phil Mendelson, TPB staff is working on a response to the CAC's request.

### **MULTI-SECTOR WORKING GROUP TO EXAMINE GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTIONS**

At the request of the 2014 CAC, TPB staff worked to regularly brief the CAC about the work activities of the Multi-Sector Working Group to Examine Greenhouse Gas Reductions.

During these briefings, the CAC inquired about performance targets, debated about the efforts of increasing CAFE standards and speed limits. They also encouraged the TPB to consider more targeted efforts in educating the public.

### **UNFUNDED CAPITAL NEEDS WORKING GROUP**

Throughout 2015, the CAC was briefed as TPB staff worked with jurisdiction partners and TPB members to compile a list of unfunded projects and to develop a scope of work for the Unfunded Capital Needs Working group.

The CAC encouraged TPB staff to work with COG staff to coordinate scenario analysis of the unfunded projects and scenario analysis related to greenhouse gas reductions.

The CAC suggest ways in which a list of unfunded projects could be useful. These include: prioritizing projects by jurisdiction; grouping projects by type; analyzing cost effectiveness for the region; identifying projects that expand access to jobs; identifying projects that achieve greenhouse gas emission reduction goals; highlighting projects that improve safety; and identifying gap projects, or projects that span jurisdictions.

The CAC also requested that the working group find ways to incorporate bicycle and pedestrian projects, and focus on WMATA capital needs.

The committee commented on the draft scope of work for the Unfunded Capital Needs Working Group. They expressed concerns about the length of time proposed for the process, and whether or not the process will adequately address political concerns, land use coordination, and financial constraints.

## OTHER DISCUSSION TOPICS

- **Real-time Transit Information** – The CAC requested a briefing on the status of real-time transit information in the Washington region. The committee discussed benefits of standardizing real-time transit data across all agencies, and suggested that the TPB might play a leadership role in this coordination. The CAC explored this issue further through a subcommittee.
- **TLC, TAP, and TCSP** – The CAC was briefed on the work of the TLC, TAP, and TCSP programs, and efforts underway by staff to better integrate these programs and expand their reach. The CAC suggested: expanding the TLC program as a way to promote regional priorities; making the results of the TCSP available and useful for private development; and exploring ways to measure the benefits of pedestrian and bicycle improvements to demonstrate how increased use of these modes can contribute to congestion relief.
- **2015 CLRP Amendment** – The CAC was briefed throughout the process developing the 2015 CLRP Amendment. This included updates on the Air Quality Conformity Analysis, the Performance Analysis, public comment, new project submissions, and changes to existing projects.
- **TPB's Regional Freight Planning Activities** – The committee discussed several issues regarding safety, land use impacts, federal legislation, and public comment. They also discussed the proposed Virginia Avenue rail tunnel, and air rights over existing freight lines.
- **Regional Transportation Priorities Plan** – The CAC expressed concerns about the need for grassroots outreach that extends beyond traditional stakeholders. The committee called for more rigorous evaluation of public support for projects.

## **CAC SUBCOMMITTEES**

- CAC Subcommittee on the TPB's List of Unfunded Projects in the Washington Region
- CAC Subcommittee on Public Participation at the TPB
- CAC Subcommittee on COG's Multi-Sector Working Group to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- CAC Subcommittee on Establishing Standards for Real-Time Transit Information in the Washington Region
- CAC Subcommittee on the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority