



TPB ENDORSED INITIATIVES: ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

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Presentation Items

- TPB Endorsed Initiatives - Recap
- BRT and Transitways
- Metrorail Core Capacity Improvements
- Access Improvements to Stations
- Next Steps

TPB Endorsed Initiatives - Recap

- At the end of last year, the TPB endorsed seven initiatives after working through a year-long process with its Long-Range Plan Task Force (LRPTF)
- The board is interested in how to monitor and encourage the implementation of **projects, programs, and policies** that support the initiatives
- TPB subcommittees are tasked with conducting discussions and soliciting feedback from members for near and long term future implementation
 - June RPTS – Survey inputs and roundtable discussion
 - Today (July RPTS) - Follow-up discussion concerning these initiatives, and work towards building a consensus



Initiatives tasked for the RPTS

- **Regionwide Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and Transitways:** BRT, transitway, and streetcar routes that are in jurisdictions' plans but not yet in the TPB's long-range plan would be added at various locations throughout the region.
- **Metrorail Core Capacity Improvements:** This initiative includes running eight-car trains exclusively on all Metrorail lines—replacing six-car trains entirely. It would also add a second Rosslyn station, and a new rail line across the Potomac River connecting the District and Virginia through Georgetown to Union Station towards Waterfront.
- **Access Improvements to High-Capacity Transit Stations:** This initiative would add better bicycle and pedestrian access to rail stations.



BRT and Transitways

Jurisdictions and agencies could...

- Develop BRT network plans and collaborate with each other for interjurisdictional connections
- Preserve Right of Way (ROW) for BRT on key corridors/network, through adopting a master plan
- Prioritize movement of people over personal vehicles, including conversion of parking and general purpose lanes to bus-only lanes



Metrorail Core Capacity Improvements

Jurisdictions and agencies could...

- Provide fare discounts to select groups through human services agencies or other cognizant agencies
- Better formalize and document interjurisdictional cooperation on transit scheduling



Access Improvements to High-Capacity Transit Stations

Jurisdictions and agencies could...

- Develop and maintain transportation access plans for bus and bike/ped access to high-capacity transit stations
- Prioritize non-auto access, including infrastructure and signal timing/priority at nearby intersections
- Deconflict bike/ped and bus movement
- Involve state highway and local roadway agencies



Next Steps

- Continue to develop and refine list of **policies, projects, and programs** that could be adopted by jurisdictions/agencies or the TPB to implement the endorsed initiatives
- Sep/Oct – Compile findings from these discussions into a briefing for the TPB
- Sep/Oct RPTS – Follow-up discussion
- November – Briefing to TPB on Endorsed Initiatives



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Initiatives Tasked for the Regional Public Transportation Subcommittee

- What are the impediments to realizing the full potential of this/these initiative(s)?

Feedback:

- The realization and understanding of the concept to move people instead a personal vehicles, funding and cooperation from agencies with relevant jurisdiction (i.e. city or state DOTs).
- Implementing this initiative will require continuing staff-level cooperation among the involved jurisdictions, NVTC, statewide transit funding agencies (e.g., DRPT), WMATA, and TPB.
- Funding may be required for right-of-way acquisition and/or construction.
- Political will and funding
- Existing local roadway networks and land uses, institutional and jurisdictional barriers, funding and prioritization challenges

Initiatives Tasked for the Regional Public Transportation Subcommittee

- What specific actions (including projects, programs, and policies) can your jurisdiction take to advance these ideas?

Feedback:

- Corridor studies that recommend improvements to enhance service reliability and reduce bus travel times
- Coordinate local bus systems into a regionwide bus network
- Reduced and/or standardized fare on all transit
- Institute or continue cooperation and consultation with WMATA, TPB, state transit funding agencies, and regional counterparts.
- Continued study and analysis to demonstrate results and outcomes from local experience or by others. Continued discussion of the consequences of not taking action
- Jurisdictions can help by providing the political will to support these capital project, insist they good options are considered and have the political will to reduce underutilized rail service generally in outlying areas of the system



Initiatives Tasked for the Regional Public Transportation Subcommittee

- What resources are needed to enable you to take actions?

Feedback:

- Operating support and cooperation from agencies with jurisdiction over roads
- Funding may be required for County projects, including those coordinated with development proffers
- Additional funding will be required to address impediments.
- Roadway improvements for better station access

Initiatives Tasked for the Regional Public Transportation Subcommittee

- What actions can the region collectively take?

Feedback:

- Continued study and analysis to demonstrate results and outcomes from local experience or by others. Continued discussion of the consequences of not taking action.
- Support implementation of initiative.
- Institute or continue cooperation and consultation with WMATA, TPB, state transit funding agencies, and regional counterparts.
- Change land use policies in the suburban counties to encourage denser development adjacent to Metrorail stations.
- Communicate needs for dedicated transit facilities to increase political will.