Meeting Highlights
TPB Technical Committee – July 7, 2023

The Technical Committee met on Friday, July 7, 2023. Meeting materials can be found here:
https://www.mwcog.org/events/2023/7/7/tpb-technical-committee/

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

TPB AGENDA ITEM 7 – CAR FREE DAY PROCLAMATION
In an effort to create awareness and encourage residents to go car free by using public transportation, bicycling or walking, or go car lite and carpool, Regional Car Free Day events are being organized in the region for September 22. These events will encourage the community and regional decision-makers to support car free policies and initiatives.

TPB AGENDA ITEM 8 – FY 2024 MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SET ASIDE PROGRAM PROJECT APPROVAL
A portion of the federal Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TAP) is sub-allocated to the TPB for project selection in suburban Maryland. The committee was briefed on projects recommended for funding, which will be acted on by the TPB in July.

TPB AGENDA ITEM 10 – DRAFT NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION FREIGHT PLAN
The draft 2023 National Capital Region Freight Plan was presented for committee review, in preparation for the presentation at the July 19 TPB meeting. The new plan will succeed the regional Freight Plan approved by the TPB in 2016.

TPB AGENDA ITEM 11 – ENHANCED MOBILITY GRANT SOLICITATION
The committee was provided with an overview of the federal Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility grants solicitation process, which begins with pre-application conferences in August and the solicitation period in September.

TPB AGENDA ITEM 12 – TRANSPORTATION PLANNING CERTIFICATION REVIEW FOR THE WASHINGTON REGION
The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) conducted a federally required certification review of the transportation planning process for the Washington, DC-VA-MD Transportation Management Area (TMA) in March 2023. The committee was briefed on the major findings in the summary report.

The following items were presented for information and discussion:

VISUALIZE 2050: COMMENTS RECEIVED TO DATE, OTHER UPDATES
Staff reported on public comments received to date and provided an update on the project inputs submission status and upcoming training(s) on entering info into the PIT.

REGIONAL COORDINATION ON TRANSIT ON-BOARD SURVEYS
The Committee was briefed on staff activities to undertake a regionally coordinated effort among more than 20 public transportation providers to collect transit trip data needed to support regional travel demand forecasting.

COG ROUND 10 COOPERATIVE FORECASTS OF POPULATION, HOUSEHOLDS, AND EMPLOYMENT
Staff presented the Round 10 Cooperative Forecasts, adopted by the COG Board of Directors on June 14, 2023.

OTHER BUSINESS
- VDOT Amendment for TPB approval – to update the TIP to match the FY 2024-2027 STIP
- Vehicle Probe Data Users Group Bottlenecks Workshop Update
- Transit Within Reach deadline August 3
- Staff Update