

**REPORT**  
**TPB Citizens Advisory Committee**  
**September 17, 2014**  
**Veronica Davis, CAC Vice Chair**

At the CAC meeting on September 11, the committee received briefings on the 2014 CLRP Performance Analysis, the Priorities Plan Assessment of the 2014 CLRP, and the 2014 Update to the TPB's Participation Plan. This was the committee's first meeting with Kanti Srikanth as the new director of COG's Department of Transportation Planning.

**2014 CLRP Performance Analysis & Priorities Plan Assessment of the 2014 CLRP**

Dan Sonenklar of the TPB staff presented the results of an analysis that forecast transportation trends for 2040 based upon the inputs of the CLRP. This analysis includes information on mode share, vehicle miles of travel, travel in and outside of Regional Activity Centers, congestion, and air quality. Mr. Sonenklar said that this was first time that this analysis has been provided at the same time that the CLRP draft is released for public comment.

Later in the meeting, John Swanson of TPB staff presented an assessment of the CLRP in relation to the Regional Transportation Priorities Plan (RTPP). Mr. Swanson's presentation highlighted ways in which the projects, funding commitments and overall performance of the system laid out in the CLRP will support key objectives identified in the Priorities Plan.

The CAC welcomes this analysis and assessment. The committee has long sought for the TPB to provide more information about the wider context and impacts of the CLRP as part of the regional planning process. Earlier this year, the CAC pushed for documentation of the linkages between the Priorities Plan and the CLRP process.

CAC member comments and questions included the following:

- ***Concerns that WMATA's Momentum 2025 package of improvements is not funded.*** Members noted that congestion on Metro is a major unsolved problem. They expressed disappointment that the Metro 2025 package of improvements, including all 8-car trains and core stations improvements, was not funded in the 2014 CLRP. They asked what it would take to fund those projects. Mr. Srkanth answered that the \$6 billion package of Momentum's 2025 improvements may not be funded in the CLRP, but there is unanimity among the states to do it once the funding is available. He noted that the governors and the mayor of D.C. had recently agreed to fund a down payment of \$75 million.
- ***Concerns about housing affordability of Activity Centers.*** Members expressed concerns that The TPB's work does not adequately highlight or seek to address the increasing expense of housing in activity centers, particularly in locations near transit. One member said that people are being pushed out of transit-accessible locations and in the process they are becoming more reliant on driving.

## Other Items

- Bryan Hayes of TPB staff briefed the committee on the final draft of the 2014 Participation Plan Update. He noted that the CAC in June provided comments on a discussion draft of the Participation Plan Update. Those comments were incorporated into a final revised draft that was released for a 45-day public comment on July 10. The TPB is scheduled to approve the plan update at its meeting on September 17.
- Mr. Srikanth reviewed the upcoming TPB agenda. Among other things, Mr. Srikanth noted that the following documents were being released for public comment on September 11: Draft 2014 CLRP and FY2015-20 TIP, Draft Conformity Analysis for the CLRP and TIP, and Draft 2014 Participation Plan Update.
- The meeting concluded with an open conversation with Mr. Srikanth in which CAC members had a chance to learn about his approach to regional transportation planning. He said the TPB is most effective when it acts as a consensus-building organization. A CAC member observed that regional planning works well in the development of broad policies, but it seems to become very parochial whenever specific projects are discussed. Mr. Srikanth noted that project-level planning does not occur at the TPB level. He said it is important to recognize that not everyone project will fit every regional need. Rather we should focus on aggregating regional progress towards regional goals.

## Other Business

- At its meeting in July, the CAC passed a resolution asking for the TPB to form a working group to develop policy principles on the reauthorization of MAP-21, the federal surface transportation program. Since the July meeting, Congress extended MAP-21 to next May. Because of this extension, the CAC understands that the TPB will not act on the CAC resolution at its September meeting. The committee nonetheless urges the TPB not to put off this matter for too long.
- Erin McAuliff, CAC member for D.C., submitted her resignation because she is leaving the region for professional reasons. Rick Holt, CAC alternate member for Virginia, also submitted his resignation because of a scheduling conflict.

### ATTENDEES

#### CAC Meeting, September 11, 2014

##### Members Present

1. Veronica Davis (DC)
2. Andrea Hamre (VA)
3. Jeffrey Parnes (VA)
4. Lorena Rios (VA)
5. Tina Slater (MD)
6. Zachary Smith (DC)
7. Stephen Still (VA)
8. Emmet Tydings (MD)

1. Neha Bhatt (DC)
2. Tom Burrell (VA)
3. John Epps (MD)
4. Tracy Hadden Loh,  
Chair (MD)
5. Erin McAuliff (DC)
6. Cindy Petkac (DC)
7. Jarrett Stoltzfus (MD)

##### Staff and Guests

Kanti Srikanth, COG/DTP staff  
Bob Griffiths, COG/DTP staff  
John Swanson, COG/DTP staff  
Ben Hampton, COG/DTP staff  
Bryan Hayes, COG/DTP staff  
Lamont Cobb, COG/DTP staff  
Bill Orleans, citizen

##### Alternates Present

Gary Hodge (MD)

##### Members Not Present