
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT
February 11, 2016

Jeremy Martin, Vice-Chairman

On Thursday, February 11 the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) held its first meeting of the 2016 session. TPB staff briefed the committee on project submissions for the upcoming CLRP amendment and the TPB's plans for 2016. The CAC also discussed priorities that the committee would like to address during the upcoming session.

PROJECT SUBMISSIONS FOR THE 2016 CLRP AMENDMENT

Ben Hampton presented an overview of the TPB's Financially Constrained Long-Range Transportation Plan (CLRP). He described the federal requirements, the types of projects that are included in the plan, and the opportunities for public comment. Andrew Austin presented the details about the proposed project submissions for the 2016 CLRP Amendment.

The committee asked about the status of the different DC Streetcar lines and discussed the potential impacts of moving to a two-year CLRP cycle. The CAC was undecided about whether or not to submit comments on the project submissions individually, or as a group.

OVERVIEW OF RECENT AND ANTICIPATED TPB ACTIVITIES FOR 2016

Kanti Srikanth presented on the TPB's work accomplishments from 2015 and he described the programs through which the TPB funds local projects, including the Transportation/Land-Use Coordination (TLC) program, the Transportations Alternatives Program (TAP), and Enhanced Mobility. He also said that the TPB hosted a series of three presentations by WMATA to build a common understanding on the board about challenges faced by Metro.

Looking at 2016, Mr. Srikanth presented on proposed changes to the TPB's long-range planning efforts. Specifically he described plans to develop a priority list of unfunded projects—through scenario analysis and stakeholder and public engagement—that would inform the 2018 CLRP Update.

The committee asked about ways that the TPB could advocate for WMATA and to identify new funding mechanisms. The committee expressed a strong interest in weighing-in on WMATA. The committee also asked to play a role in the development of an outreach strategy for the unfunded projects work.

DISCUSSION ABOUT CAC PRIORITIES FOR 2016

Jeremy Martin led the CAC in a discussion about their interests and suggestions for the committee to explore over the upcoming year. This conversation will be used as the basis for a discussion between CAC leadership and TPB staff in setting a work plan for the committee.

Suggested priorities include:

- Stay involved in the work to develop a prioritized list of unfunded transportation projects
- Track work on transportation safety and follow up on the CAC recommendation to eliminate traffic deaths in the Washington region
- Learn about changes in transportation technologies and how they may impact the future mobility and accessibility of the region
- Encourage the TPB get out into the region and work more with local planning initiatives

- Advocate for change at WMATA
- Explore the cost of transportation in the region, including return on regional investments and the true cost of driving
- Promote and support ongoing bicycle planning in the region

OTHER DISCUSSION

- The committee took time for introductions and to discuss how the CAC works for new committee members
- There was no time to discuss the upcoming TPB agenda

ATTENDEES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeremy Martin, Vice-Chairman
 Keith Benjamin, Vice-Chairman
 Jeanose Lexima
 Bob Summersgill
 Emmitt Tydings
 Robyn Jackson
 Rob Jackson
 Tina Slater
 Jeff Parnes
 Tom Sanchez
 Nancy Abeles
 Lorena Rios
 Stephen Still

ALTERNATES

Colin Leach
 Adeyinka Ogunlegan
 Gary Hodge
 Bob Lawrence
 Molly O'Connell
 Michael Rodriguez

TPB STAFF AND GUESTS

Bryan Hayes, staff
 John Swanson, staff
 Lamont Cobb, staff
 Kanti Srikanth, staff
 Andrew Austin, staff
 Ben Hampton, staff
 Bill Orleans