

Meeting Highlights TPB Technical Committee – February 2, 2024

The Technical Committee met on Friday, February 2, 2024. Meeting materials can be found here:
<https://www.mwcog.org/events/2024/2/2/tpb-technical-committee/>

The following items were reviewed for inclusion on the TPB's February agenda:

TPB AGENDA ITEM 8 – NATIONAL CAPITAL TRAIL NETWORK UPDATE

Staff provided a status report on the National Capital Trail Network. The TPB was briefed on the draft network update at its January 17 meeting, with comments requested by February 9. The board will be asked to approve the updated network at its February 21 meeting.

TPB AGENDA ITEM 9 – BRIEFING ON SELECTED 2024 WORK ACTIVITIES

Staff gave a briefing on several Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) projects that are currently underway, including work on equity, climate change, safety, and more.

TPB AGENDA ITEM 10 – BRIEFING ON THE DRAFT FY 2025 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

The committee was briefed on the draft UPWP for FY 2025 (July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025). The UPWP is an annual statement of work identifying the planning priorities and activities to be carried out within a metropolitan planning area. This presentation was focused on new activities and projects.

TPB AGENDA ITEM 11 – BRIEFING ON THE DRAFT FY 2025 COMMUTER CONNECTIONS WORK PROGRAM

The board was briefed on the draft Commuter Connections Work Program (CCWP) for FY 2025 (July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025). The CCWP is an annual statement of work that identifies alternative commuter program projects and services designed to help improve traffic congestion and meet regional air quality goals in the non-attainment area. The board will be asked to approve the FY 2025 CCWP at its March 21 meeting.

The following items were presented for information and discussion:

VISUALIZE 2050: UPDATE ON LOGO, PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT, PROJECT INPUTS, NEXT STEPS

Staff briefed the Committee on the new Visualize 2050 logo, status of the project inputs, and the upcoming public engagement opportunity.

TRANSITIONING TO MOVES4

Staff briefed the Committee on staff's plans to use EPA's MOVES4 model, released on August 30, 2023, for estimating criteria pollutant emissions in the upcoming Visualize 2050 Air Quality Conformity Analysis. MOVES4 will also be used to analyze greenhouse gas pollutants. Staff shared the main differences between EPA's MOVES3 and MOVES4 models, including the findings of preliminary sensitivity analysis conducted using the two models.

INTERCITY TRAVEL STUDY

The Committee was briefed on the scope of work for a study of intercity bus and rail travel into and out of the National Capital Region, including stations and stops, trips, destinations, passenger demographics, modes of access, and other data of interest as well as identify needed facilities and access improvements. This study will build on the information review presented in June 2023 and the TPB's work session in October 2023.

OTHER BUSINESS

- RRSP/TLC Applications due March 8
- Planning Area Boundary Adjustment and TPB Membership Change
- Detailed Transit Assumptions for Visualize 2050 due March 1
- Staff Update