

# National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

## **CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPLICATION**

RECRUITMENT OPEN UNTIL NOVEMBER 30, 2008

Community leaders and interested citizens from across the Washington region are invited to apply for membership on the 2009 Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) to the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB).

### **What is the CAC?**

The CAC is a group of 15 people who represent diverse viewpoints on regional transportation issues, including long-term planning concerns, and short-term policies and programs. The TPB itself is the body that coordinates transportation planning for the entire metropolitan Washington region. The TPB includes elected local officials, representatives from transportation agencies and other key officials. Staff for the TPB is provided by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG).

The mission of the TPB Citizens Advisory Committee is:

- 1) to ***promote public involvement*** in transportation planning for the region and
- 2) to ***provide independent, region-oriented citizen advice*** to the TPB on transportation plans and issues.

The 15 members of the CAC are either elected or appointed. Every fall, six members are elected by the current CAC to serve in the coming year. The other nine members are appointed by the TPB each January. The membership is evenly divided between the District of Columbia, Suburban Maryland and Northern Virginia. According to TPB procedures, the CAC membership should represent environmental, business and civic interests in transportation, including appropriate representation from low-income, minority and disabled groups and from the geographical area served by the TPB.

The CAC meets every month on the Thursday evening that is six days prior to the monthly TPB meeting (the TPB always meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month). The CAC meetings are from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, 777 N. Capitol St, NE, Washington, DC 20002.

### **Recent Committee Activities**

The CAC acts in an advisory role to the TPB and offers comments to the board reflecting the committee's diverse viewpoints. Over the years, the CAC has focused on key regional transportation issues, such as the transportation funding shortfall, environmental concerns and emergency preparedness issues.

In recent years, the CAC has encouraged regional decision-makers to improve the coordination between land-use and transportation planning. In 2000 the committee called for the TPB to initiate a regional study that would examine different transportation and land use scenarios. The committee has been an integral player in moving that scenario study forward and in ensuring a robust region-wide debate on the challenges and policy options facing local and state governments.

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The committee has also consistently called for enhancements in the TPB's public participation activities. The CAC has urged the TPB to develop more user-friendly public information and publications on transportation planning issues. In recent years, the committee has promoted and sponsored public forums called "What if the Washington Region Grew Differently?" that seek to educate citizens and solicit public input on regional transportation and land-use challenges.

For more information on the CAC's activities, including committee reports and agendas, go to: [www.mwcog.org/transportation/committee/cac](http://www.mwcog.org/transportation/committee/cac).

**Applicants:**

- Should be able to attend monthly meetings at the Council of Governments.
- Should be willing to serve for a 1-year term.
- Should complete the attached application form. Completed applications will be considered by the members of the CAC when they select six individuals to serve on next year's CAC and by the TPB chair and vice chairs when they nominate nine additional individuals to serve on the CAC.

**For More Information or to Submit Your Application, Please Contact:**

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**Deadline for Applications:**

November 30, 2008

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**Please provide the following information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Residential Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street* *City* *State* *Zip*

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street* *City* *State* *Zip*

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street* *City* *State* *Zip*

Primary Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*Use additional pages to answer the following questions if necessary.*

**1. Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?**

**2. Please check all the interest areas that reflect the perspective you would bring to the CAC.**

The Citizens Advisory Committee is dynamic and effective because it represents diverse citizen experiences and interests. All residents are encouraged to apply regardless of their expertise or transportation interest.

*Check all that apply:*

Affordable Housing	Land-Use Issues	Persons with Disabilities
Bicycle Advocacy	Low-Income Issues	Suburban Issues
Business/Chamber	Minority Communities	Rural/Exurban
Citizen at Large	Environmental Concerns	Road/Bridges Advocacy
Downtown D.C.	Neighborhood-Scale Issues	Transit Rider/Transit Advocacy
Employees/Labor	Parks/Trails	Senior Citizen Issues
Freight/Rail/Trucking	Pedestrian Advocacy	Student Issues
Motor Vehicle Advocacy	Highway Safety	School District/Parent
Telework	Ridesharing	Alternative Commuting
Smart Growth	Transit-Oriented Development	Environmental Justice
Economic Development	Transportation Funding	Highway Commuting
Other <i>(Please specify)</i> :		

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3. Please briefly describe your experience related to the interest areas you checked in question 2 that you feel may contribute to your effectiveness on the Citizens Advisory Committee. Also, list any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may relate to your service on the Citizens Advisory Committee.

4. Is there any other information related to your serving as a member of the TPB Citizens Advisory Committee that you'd like to tell us about?

5. If appointed to the Citizens Advisory Committee, could you begin your term in February 2009?

Yes      No

6. How did you learn about the Citizen Advisory Committee opportunity?

7. Demographic Information (Optional):

Sex:      Male                  Female

Disability:      Yes      No      Age:    20-29      30-39      40-49      50-59      60 +

Ethnicity:                  African American                  American Indian/Alaskan Native                  Hispanic

Multiracial                  Asian/Pacific Islander                  White (European Decent)                  Other