

ACCESS FOR ALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

November 7, 2019

Kacy Kostiuk, Chair

The Access for All Advisory Committee (AFA) met on November 7 and the highlights from the meeting are provided below. A list of participants is on the last page. The AFA advises the TPB on transportation issues and services important to low-income communities, minority communities, people with limited English proficiency, people with disabilities, and older adults.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN UPDATE

Mr. John Swanson led the committee in a discussion about TPB's public participation process in preparation for update of the Public Participation Plan. The committee was asked for their thoughts on the purpose of public participation in the TPB Process and how TPB should tailor its outreach to different types of communities.

Responses included:

- Educating the public well in advance and including an explanation of Title VI requirements
- Making it clear to the public the extent to which their input has an affect
- Emphasizing the impact of transportation access on public health so people understand the importance of participating
- Offering inclusive options for participating in-person as well as digitally
- Providing information in accessible formats: sign language and visual options, screen reader compliance, non-technical language
- Developing toolkits with focus on the different groups you are trying to reach, as each may have unique needs and preferences
- Go to where the people are - community centers, congregate meal sites, etc.

Due to time constraints and to offer opportunities to committee members not in attendance, staff will send the questions out via email and offer sufficient time for response.

DOCKLESS VEHICLE DISCUSSION

Per the request of the committee at the September meeting, Chair Kostiuk and staff developed a session on Dockless Vehicles to provide background regarding national and regional trends and to capture AFA comments for a more formalized response to micromobility in the region.

Mr. Mike Farrell presented on National and Regional Trends that show an increase in dockless vehicles, especially scooter use, across the country and in the region, and addressed some of the ways concerns are being addressed.

Ms. Sharada Strasmore, DDOT, presented on micromobility in DC and solutions for addressing member concerns. These concerns include the use of parking corrals and docks, reminder signs that it is illegal to operating dockless vehicles on the sidewalks in the Central Business District (CBD), and educating the users.

Chair Kostiuk described possible next steps and moderated a discussion focusing on the main issues AFA members previously identified. The discussion also emphasized some possible solutions based on the presentations and group knowledge:

- Pathways/Safety
- Accessibility & Affordability
- Availability
- Education & Outreach
- Other

AFA comments and suggestions included:

- Improved enforcement – a charge for not following rules
- Cross-jurisdictional harmony in management of dockless vehicles
- Requiring docking stations
- Sidewalk use restrictions beyond the city center
- In collaboration with people with disabilities, some type of warning system to alert when a scooter is in use or parked nearby, and for the user when they are on the sidewalk illegally
- Data on pedestrian use of the right of way, as they are the biggest group impacted

Consensus was reached for the committee to develop a formalized, written response to be shared with stakeholders and the jurisdictions.

Next steps are for staff to develop a document to share with members for review and opportunity for further input, towards the goal of having something finalized by the December 9 Dockless Vehicle Workshop.

OTHER BUSINESS

- A member shared information about a transportation survey of low-income District residents who use 3 service organizations in the District.
- Information was shared on an upcoming event on November 20, sponsored by the DC Bar and entitled “Shared Vehicles, Shared Streets: Policy Challenges in a Changing Transportation Environment
- A plan was made for staff to email members information on these items as well as a link to RSVP for COG’s December 9 Dockless Vehicle Workshop

In 2020 AFA meetings will be changed to the 1st or 2nd Tuesday of the month. The schedule as it now stands is:

- January 14
- Feb 11
- May 12
- July 14
- October 13
- Nov 10 - tentative

MEETING ATTENDANCE

District of Columbia	Virginia	TPB Staff
Anthony DeLorenzo, DC Department of General Services	Clemon Hammie, VDOT	Brandon Brown
Heather Foote, resident	MaryJo Hensler, Fairfax County Neighborhood & Community Services	Lyn Erickson (phone)
Christopher Grayton, Yellow Cab of DC	Roger Hoskins, representing older adults	Debbie Etheridge
Vivian Guerra, DDOT	Jennifer Kanarek, NV Rides (phone)	Mike Farrell
M. Kaminer, S.O.M.E., Inc.	Peter Leisen, Arc of Northern Virginia (phone)	Bryan Hayes
Wendy Klancher, DC Department of For-Hire Vehicles (phone)	Jeanna Muhoro, Fairfax County Neighborhood & Community Services (phone)	Andy Meese
Nechama Masliansky, S.O.M.E., Inc.	Lorena Rios, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Northern Virginia	Eric Randall
Sharada Strasmore, DDOT	Doris Ray, ENDependence Center of Northern Virginia	Jackie Sellman
Gloria Swieringa, Prince George's Commissions for Individuals with Disabilities	Karen Smith, Arc of Greater Prince William (phone)	Nick Suarez, intern
Michael Swistara, GWU Law Student		John Swanson
	Regional	Lynn Winchell-Mendy
Maryland	Janine Ashe, FHWA	
Shawn Brennan, Montgomery County Aging & Disability Services	Cecelia Castillo-Ayometzi, WMATA	Chair
Charlie Crawford, representing individuals with disabilities	Glenn Millis, WMATA	Kacy Kostiuk, City of Takoma Park – Ward 3 Councilmember
Thomas Curtis, Maryland Department of Disabilities		
Debbie Fisher, representing people with developmental disabilities		
Sara Fought, JCA Connect-A-Ride		

Yolanda Hipski, Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland		
Bill Orleans, resident		