

ACCESS FOR ALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

February 11, 2022

Canek Aguirre, Chair

The Access for All Advisory Committee (AFA) met virtually on February 11 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, underrepresented communities, people with limited English proficiency, people with disabilities, and older adults.

2021 SOLICITATION – PROJECTS SELECTED

Ms. Lynn Winchell-Mendy, TPB Transportation Planner, presented the 21 projects selected for funding under the 2021 Enhanced Mobility Solicitation and next steps for project implementation. Including this solicitation, 92 projects totaling \$34 million in Federal and matching funds have been funded under the program. Staff is currently confirming Federal compliance and beginning the application process for obtaining Federal Transit Administration approval.

Questions included how budget cuts to Metro Access might impact funded projects, and clarification of the term “expansion” in reference to Mobility Management projects vs. vehicle procurement, since the Selection Committee prioritized vehicle replacement vs. expansion but some Mobility Management projects received funding for expansion of existing projects to other areas of the region.

2022 UPDATE OF THE COORDINATED HUMAN SERVICE TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

Ms. Winchell-Mendy also providing an overview of the Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan and its connection to the Enhanced Mobility Program. A large part of the work of the AFA in 2022 will be providing input into the plan components in preparation for the 4-year update:

- Inventory of Existing Service
- Unmet Need
- Strategies
- Priority Projects

The timeline shared anticipates coming to the TPB for approval of the draft plan in December.

TPB CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION STUDY RESULTS

TPB staff presented on the study and its components at the November 2021, with a promise to return with results. Mr. Mark Moran, TPB Program Director, Travel Forecasting and Emissions Analysis, refreshed the group on the goals of the study and the key analysis steps. Ms. Michael Grant of IFC, contractor, presented on the four pathways for the ten scenarios analyzed:

Pathways:

- Vehicle Technology and Fuels Improvements
- Mode Shift and Travel Behavior
- Transportation Systems Management and Operation (TSMO)
- Combined Pathways

Mr. Grant also discussed the tools, and models used in the analysis, and finally the findings and key conclusions, which included:

- Achieving a 50% reduction in on-road GHG emissions (from the 2005 level) by 2030 is extremely ambitious
- Achieving an 80% reduction in on-road GHG emissions (from the 2005 level) by 2050 is more attainable with vehicle technology advancements and a clean electric grid.

DRAFT 2022 UPDATE OF THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLAN FOR THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

Mr. Andy Meese, TPB Systems Performance Planning Program Director, set the stage by providing an overview of the plan, its purpose, components, and what is new since the last update in 2015.

Mr. Michael Farrell, TPB Transportation Planner, shared regional statistics on the bike use and walking, best practices recommended for the region per input from Bicycle & Pedestrian Subcommittee, and the timeline for plan finalization and presentation for TPB approval in April. Mr. Farrell also included information on activities in the region to address concerns about scooter use:

- Permits Limit Numbers, Locations
- Age limits
- Geofencing
- Speed regulators
- Push notifications
- In-person Training Events
 - Most crashes caused by inexperience

A discussion on AFA's continued interest in the impacts of micromobility on people with disabilities followed, and included:

- Requirements to lock scooters instead of leaving them in pathways still presents a problem for wheelchair users depending on how they are locked.
- "Rolling" (scooter and wheelchair users) should be included in the plan for pathways, trails, etc.
- The importance of considering the accessibility of micromobility for people of low-income and those without smartphone and computers.
- The lack of adaptive bikes and scooters.
- Pedestrian right of way and curb use, especially for vehicles dropping off Metro Access passengers.
- Ensuring the definition of pedestrian and walking includes individuals using manual/power wheelchairs, motorized scooters, rollators, canes, crutches, walkers.
- Making sure that Complete Streets and Green Streets designs work for everyone, including individuals using mobility devices and those with visual impairment.

Mr. Farrell confirmed that the AFA will be made aware of future convenings on micromobility and encouraged to attend and share their concerns.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Ms. Winchell-Mendy, TPB Transportation Planner advised the committee that she will be sending out an email with a form to confirm member interested in continuing in 2022 and collecting some demographic information for COG/TPB's Title VI Plan
- Chair Aguirre announced the 2022 meeting dates:
 - April 8
 - July 1
 - September 2
 - December 16

**FEBRUARY 11, 2022
ATTENDANCE**

| District of Columbia | Virginia | TPB Staff |
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| Ariel Emata, Liberty Transportation | Andrew Wexler, Arlington County | Andy Meese |
| Heather Foote, Age Friendly DC Transportation Committee | Brittany Voll, DRPT | Dan Sheehan |
| Nechama Maslianksy, S.O.M.E. | Emily Braley, NV Rides | Dusan Vuksan |
| | Jennifer Schriebman, The Arc of Northern Virginia | Erin Morrow |
| Maryland | Karen Smith, Arc of Prince William/INSIGHT, Inc. | Kanti Srikanth |
| Bill Orleans, member of the public | MaryJo Hensler, Fairfax County Neighborhood & Community Services | Lyn Erikson |
| Bong Delrosario, Maryland Department of Disabilities | Sarah Cornett, The Arc of Northern Virginia | Lynn Winchell-Mendy |
| Deborah Fisher, representing people with developmental disabilities | Tom Furlong, Diamond Transportation | Mark Moran |
| George Kandathil, Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland | Peter Leisen, The Arc of Northern Virginia | Michael Farrell |
| Marci LeFevre, City of Hyattsville | Roger Hoskin, representing older adults | Rachel Beyerle |
| Rob Malone, Arc of Prince William County | | Sergio Ritacco |
| Sara Fought, JCA Connect-A-Ride | Regional | |
| Shawn Brennan, Montgomery County Aging & Disability Services | Angela White, National MS Society of Greater DC | Unknown |
| Sherri Mohebbi, IT Curves | Brenda Richardson, Women Like Us | AJ |
| Yolanda Hipski, Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland | Cecelia Castillo-Ayometzi, WMATA | |
| | Michael Grant, ICF | Chair |
| | | Canek Aguirre, City of Alexandria Councilmember |
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