

# COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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## Orientation Module #1: CAC 101

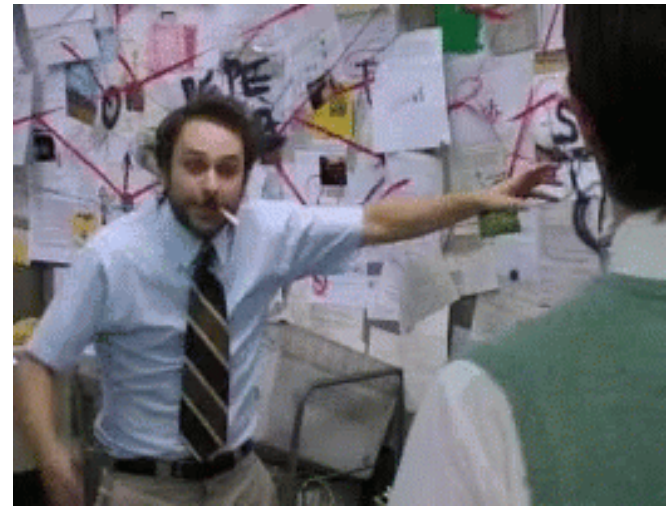
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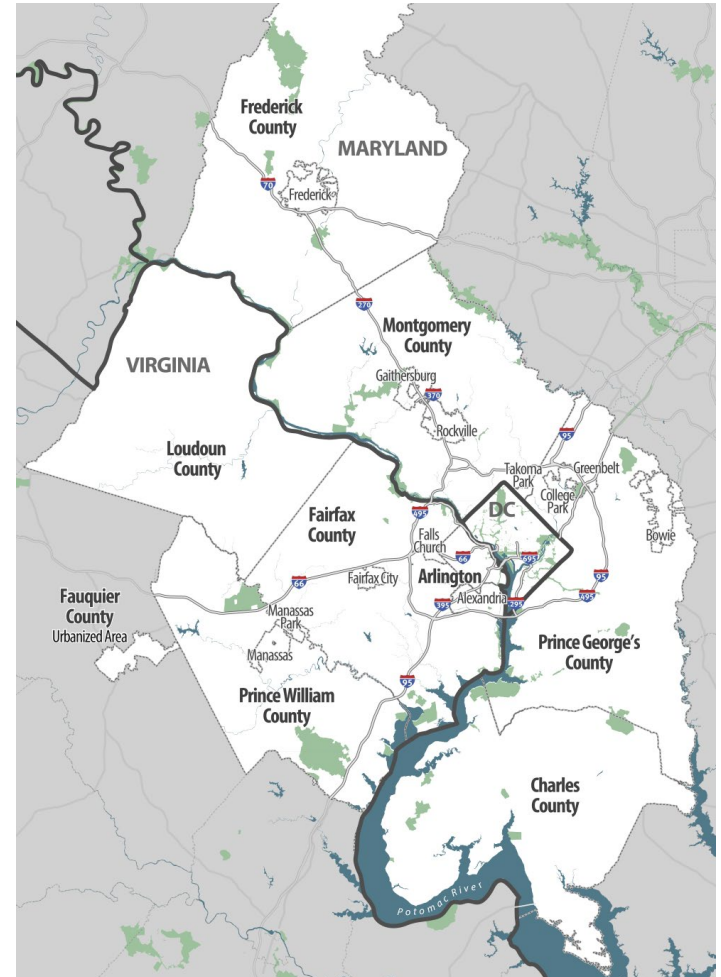
# What We'll Cover Today...

- What are MWCOG, TPB and the CAC?
- A brief history of the CAC and its accomplishments
- What is the CAC's mission and how does that relate to TPB projects?
- What is the CAC's role in transportation planning in the region?
- A snapshot of 2023 activities



# Who are TPB and COG?

- The TPB is housed at the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOCG or COG)
- National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the region
- Prepares plans and programs that the federal government must approve for federal-aid transportation funds to flow to metropolitan Washington



# What is an MPO?

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A local government? A  
state government? A  
federal government?

None of those. But part  
of all of those!



# MPOs, an Abbreviated History

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- **Federal Aid Highway Act of 1962:** Required transportation projects in urbanized areas with over 50,000 population to be based on a “*continuing, comprehensive, and cooperative*” process if using federal \$
- **1973 Highway Act:** Dedicated funding to MPOs in every urbanized area over 50,000 population
- **1975:** DOT issues rules governing MPOs to include local elected officials and established the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- **1992: Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA):** Required MPOs to conduct air quality conformity planning and financially constrained plans



# TPB's Structure

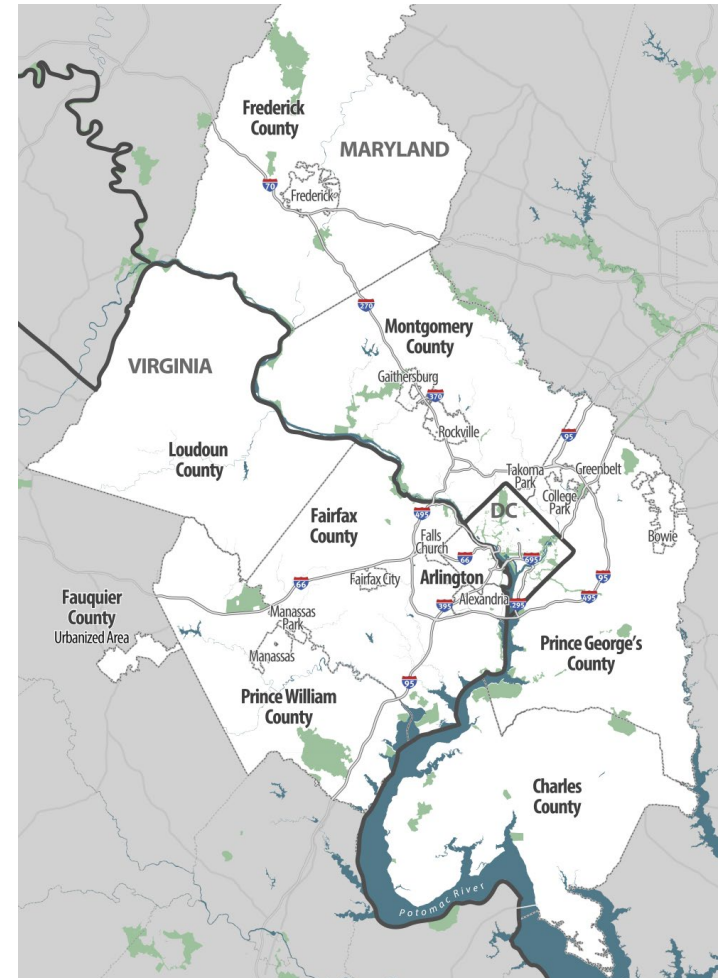
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- **TPB Members:** TPB member jurisdiction representatives, WMATA, and ex-officio members (FTA, FHWA, NCPC, NPS, MWAA)
- **TPB Staff:** TPB is staffed by COG's Department of Transportation Planning
- **Committees, sub-committees, and workgroups:** Variety of groups of people who bring expertise in different transportation topics...including
  - Access for All Advisory Committee
  - Community Advisory Committee



# About the CAC

- 24 total members appointed by the Transportation Planning Board
  - At least 5 members from each state & the District of Columbia
- Membership represents broad perspectives found across the National Capital region
- Leadership – one member from each jurisdiction
  - Chair + two Vice Chairs



# CAC Mission

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- **To promote public involvement in transportation planning in the region**
  - Ex. Visualize 2050, the TPB's long-range transportation plan (LRTP)
- **To advance equitable representation in regional transportation planning**
  - Ex. TPB's Public Participation Plan
- **To provide independent region-oriented community advice to the TPB on transportation plans and issues**
  - Ex. Presentations from TPB staff or other agencies like WMATA's Better Bus Initiative





# A Brief History



1992  
First CAC  
meeting

1999  
Committee  
formalized

2020  
Committee  
updated

2023  
2<sup>nd</sup> committee  
under new  
format (you!)



# CAC Accomplishments



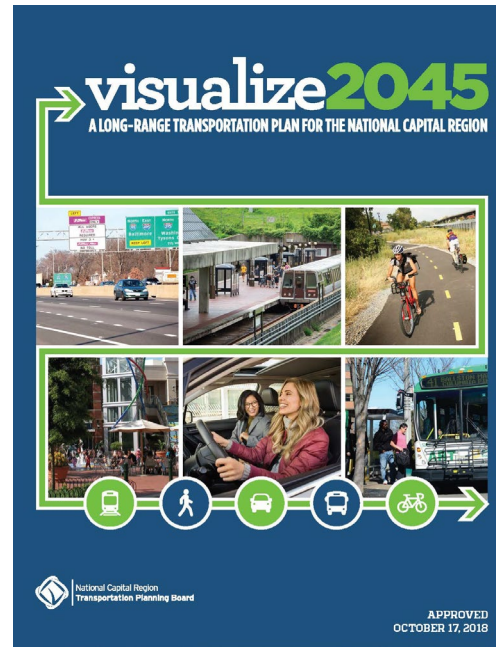
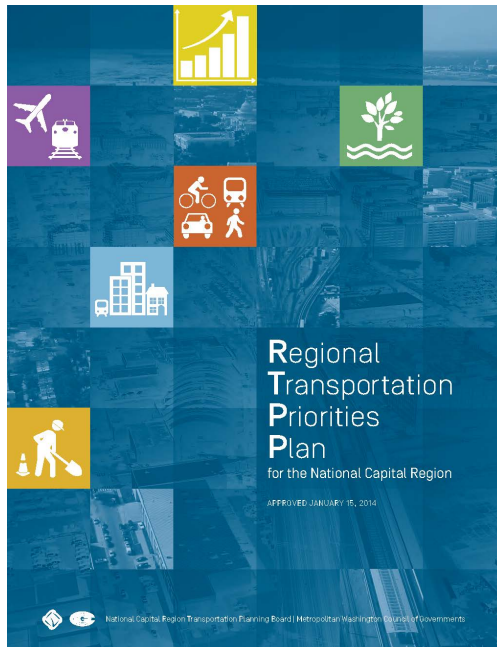
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**RESOLUTION APPROVING  
THE COMPLETE STREETS POLICY FOR THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION**

**WHEREAS**, the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) has been designated by the Governors of Maryland and Virginia and the Mayor of the District of Columbia as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Washington Metropolitan Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the TPB Vision, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for the National Capital Region, and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Government's *Region Forward* have goals to encourage walking, bicycling, and the use of public transportation as safe, convenient, environmentally friendly, and economical modes of transportation that promote health and independence for all people; and



TPB NEWS, VISUALIZE 2045

## Equity and safety headline an action-packed TPB meeting

Jul 28, 2020



At its July meeting, the TPB approved a resolution to affirm it would consider equity in everything it does. The board also approved a set of safety recommendations and projects that would encourage biking and walking throughout the region. (Aimee Custis/Flickr)

At its July meeting, the TPB took a series of actions focused on equity, safety, and making it easier for people to get around the region by foot or by bike. At the meeting the board adopted a policy statement affirming that the TPB take equity into account for every decision and work activity. The board also included this equity statement in its approval of a set of safety recommendations for the region.



# CAC's Role in Transportation Planning

The image is a composite screenshot of a Zoom meeting. At the top, there are three video thumbnails for participants: Ashley Hutson, Pam Sebesky, and Angry, Victor S. To the right, the names of Mayor Emmett J... and Matt Arcieri - Ci... are visible. The main content area is split into two parts. The upper part shows a document viewer displaying text under the heading "Public Participation Evaluation". The text describes a presentation by Rachel Beyerle, TPB Communications Manager, about the 2022 TPB Participation Plan Evaluation. Below this, under the heading "WMATA Better Bus Listening Session", it mentions Allison Davis, TPB Alternate Member and Vice President of Planning for WMATA, and Peter Cafiero, Managing Director of Intermodal Planning for WMATA. The lower part of the screenshot shows a presentation slide titled "Discussion Questions" from the "BETTER BUS" program. The slide lists three questions: 1. What does Better Bus mean to you and your communities? 2. What would make a network redesign successful? 3. What would make a network redesign unsuccessful? The slide also includes a header with "project updates", "our communications toolkit", and "market and existing service by reading documents on www.wmata.com/betterbus". A sidebar on the right shows a list of presentation slides. At the bottom right, there are more video thumbnails for participants, including Michael Arcieri and Peter, Mark F., and a grid of icons for other participants.

Via **webex** by CISCO

Ashley Hutson Pam Sebesky Angry, Victor S. Mayor Emmett J... Matt Arcieri - Ci...

Acrobat Document in PDF Agenda - December 2022 - run through 12-27.docx

Home Tools Document

### Public Participation Evaluation

Rachel Beyerle, TPB Communications Manager, introduced Lori Zeller and Charlie Echard of Foursquare ITP who presented the results of the 2022 TPB Participation Plan Evaluation. The presentation included an overview of findings and recommendations based on a review of TPB public participation practices between January 2019 and September 2022 as well as high-level results from four focus group discussions.

### WMATA Better Bus Listening Session

Allison Davis, TPB Alternate Member and Vice President of Planning and for WMATA, and Peter Cafiero, Managing Director of Intermodal Planning for WMATA, presented on the Better Bus Program and its initiatives, including the Network Redesign launch. Allison provided a brief overview of Better Bus initiatives and current status. Peter provided a brief discussion on members' ideas and priorities for a Better Bus program. The discussion focused on elements but particularly on the needs of people with disabilities.

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## Discussion Questions

1. What does Better Bus mean to you and your communities?
2. What would make a network redesign successful?
3. What would make a network redesign unsuccessful?

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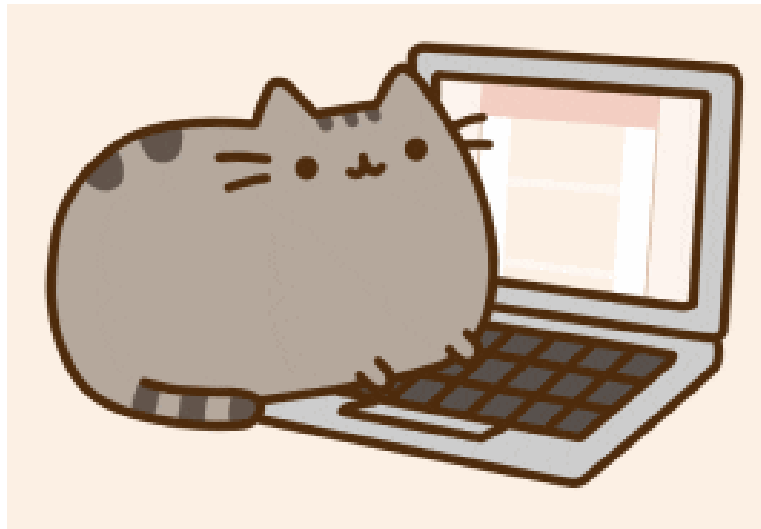




# The Year Ahead...

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- The **Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)** outlines the tasks that the TPB will accomplish over the next year.



# Potential 2023 Meeting Topics

- Orientation Module #1
- Welcome 😊
- Transportation Planning in the Region
- Coordinated Plan Update
  - TLC Update



- Federal Cert. Review
- Orientation Module #2
  - Visualize 2050

No meeting



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