
TPB CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MONTHLY REPORT

October 21, 2020

Nancy Abeles, CAC Chair

The 2020 CAC met for an online-only meeting on Thursday, October 15. At the meeting the committee discussed updating the CAC, transit safety targets, the regional travel survey, and the Participation Plan update.

UPDATING THE CAC

Bryan Hayes, TPB Transportation Planner, briefed the committee on staff recommendations for updating the CAC. He said that the goals of the recommendations are to ensure that committee members represent the variety of jurisdictions and communities in the Washington area, to strengthen the relationship between elected officials on the board and the committee, and to modernize operating procedures.

The committee responded positively to the recommendations. The following comments summarize committee discussion:

- The committee is enthusiastic about receiving training before the start of the term. Background training about the TPB, related activities, and the interrelationship between transportation and land use planning processes can help the committee be more effective. They also encouraged staff to make the CAC training materials available to the public.
- The shift to appointments by subregion is sensible, but risks underrepresenting the inner suburbs, the region's most populous subregion.
- Several members who live in the outer suburbs expressed a preference to have an online option for all future meetings.
- Other members spoke to the value of building personal relationships at in-person meetings.
- Providing information and tools to committee members can help them be more effective in distributing information and soliciting input from their communities.
- There was broad support for changing the committee name from the Citizens Advisory Committee to the Community Advisory Committee.
- A suggestion was made to set aside CAC member positions for people who represent specific interest groups, and to ensure participation from Equity Emphasis areas.
- Members support efforts to build stronger relationships with the Board and Technical Committee.

TRANSIT SAFETY TARGETS

Eric Randall, TPB Transportation Engineer, briefed the committee on the draft regional targets for transit safety performance measures as required under the federal performance-based planning and programming rulemaking for public transportation providers and MPOs. Following his presentation, he answered a series of clarifying questions and technical terminology.

REGIONAL TRAVEL SURVEY

Kenneth Joh, TPB Transportation Planner, briefed the committee on findings from the 2017-2018 Regional Travel Survey. The committee asked clarifying questions about trips by age, household size, and about time of day. A member asked to see data that compares availability of transit with trip types. The committee was curious about much of the survey's complex and ample data, and were interested in hearing further briefings.

PARTICIPATION PLAN UPDATE

Bryan Hayes, TPB Transportation Planner, briefed the committee on comments received during the 45-day public comment period. He described how staff responded to comments and updated the final version of the plan. He said the board will be asked to approve the plan at the October TPB meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

John Swanson, TPB Transportation Planner, walked the committee through the October TPB agenda.

ATTENDEES

MEMBERS		STAFF AND GUESTS
Nancy Abeles, chair	Rob Jackson	Bryan Hayes, TPB staff
Audrey Derissaint-Nwaze	Kalai Kandasamy	John Swanson, TPB staff
Jeremy Martin	Jacqueline Manapsal	Abigail Zenner, TPB staff
Ricky Tejada	Daniel Papiernik	Karen Armendariz, TPB staff
Emmet Tydings	Jeff Parnes	Eric Randall, TPB staff
Veronica Lowe	Lorena Rios	Kenneth Joh, TPB staff
Katherine Kortum		Nicole McCall, TPB staff
		Bill Orleans, Public