

## ACCESS FOR ALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

June 2, 2020

*Kacy Kostiuk, Chair*

The Access for All Advisory Committee (AFA) met virtually on June 2 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.

Chair Kostiuk opened the meeting and offered an opportunity for members to share their thoughts or feelings about the current situations related to COVID-19 and the death of George Floyd. Some concerns included experiences of fear and trauma, as well as concerns about access to transit, especially for seniors and people with disabilities, as streets are closed to provide more pedestrian and restaurant access due to COVID.

### **TPB PARTICIPATION PLAN: 2020 UPDATE**

Mr. Bryan Hayes briefed the AFA on the purpose of the participation plan, past plans, and proposed changes for the 2020 update. The focus of the presentation was the Participation Policy, which includes the Policy Statement, Policy Principles, and Policy Goals. AFA members were asked for input on two related questions:

- Do the goals, principles, and constituencies serve as a good foundation for making sure that our participation activities are inclusive?
- Does the guidance on how the public can get involved address the concerns and perspectives of the AFA?

Committee input included the importance of more audio options, a recommendation to include a policy on method of delivery which addresses regional differences and information accessibility for people with disabilities, and the need to reach people who haven't participated previously.

The presentation concluded with ways the public can get involved with TPB and next steps, which include a draft Participation Plan, public comment period (AFA membership will be advised when it opens), and TPB approval in the Fall.

### **CONNECTED AND AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES (CAV)s**

Chair Kostiuk shared takeaways from her participation in the first TPB Connected and Autonomous Vehicles (CAV) Webinar held on May 5.

Ms. Stacy Cook then presented on related activities of the TPB, including a forthcoming White Paper, and provided an overview of connected and automated vehicles which included information on the Federal, state and regional role. Results of a recent TPB survey (including AFA membership responses) was shared, which confirmed interest in CAVs and in TPB making them a priority area. The survey also reflected that Accessibility, Safety and Equity were the TPB's largest goal areas where respondents felt CAVs would have impact. The survey also captured concerns about and areas of opportunity for CAVs. A specific survey question developed for AFA survey respondents asked about

considerations for older adults and people with disabilities that should be made when developing and regulating CAVs in our region. Safety emerged as the most important.

AFA members were asked for further input, which included concerns about interaction between different levels of automation, the importance of not being afraid of technology that might improve equity, the importance of policies focused on requirements for universal design and accessibility, and hacking.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Chair Kostiuk thanked the committee for responding to the request for impacts of COVID-19 on them, their participants and programs. She shared that the comments were reported out to the TPB during the May 20 meeting, and board members appreciated the information and recognized its importance.

## **2020 MEETING DATES**

- July 7
- October 6
- Nov 10 - tentative

## MEETING ATTENDANCE

<b>District of Columbia</b>	<b>Virginia</b>	<b>TPB Staff</b>
Cesar Baretto, DDOT	Alexa Mavroidis, Arlington Transit Advisory Committee Accessibility Subcommittee	Abigail Zenner
Heather Foote, Age Friendly DC Transportation Committee	Brittany Voll, DRPT	Andy Meese
<b>Maryland</b>	Cynthia Alarico, Fairfax County Neighborhood & Community Services	Bryan Hayes
Debbie Fisher, representing people with developmental disabilities	Doris Ray, ENDependence Center of Northern Virginia	Debbie Etheridge
Gloria Swieringa, Prince George's County Commission for Individuals with Disabilities	Jennifer Kanarek, NV Rides	John Swanson
Hannah Henn, Montgomery County DOT	Karen Smith, Arc of Prince William/INSIGHT, Inc.	Kanti Srikanth
Kari Snyder, Maryland Department of Transportation	Lorena Rios, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Northern Virginia	Karen Armendariz
Rob Malone, Arc of Prince George's County	MaryJo Hensler, Fairfax County Neighborhood & Community Services	Lyn Erikson
Sara Fought, JCA Connect-A-Ride	Peter Leisen, Arc of Northern Virginia	Lynn Winchell-Mendy
Shawn Brennan, Montgomery County DHHS	Roger Hoskins, representing older adults	Sergio Ritacco
Yolanda Hipski, Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland	Tom Furlong, Diamond Transportation	Stacy Cook
	<b>Regional</b>	<b>Chair</b>
	Angela White, National MS Society of Greater DC	Kacy Kostiuik, City of Takoma Park – Ward 3 Councilmember
	Brenda Richardson, Women Like Us	
	Chris Blake, WMATA	
	Janine Ashe, FHWA	