

ITEM 7 – Action
January 18, 2017
Approval of 2017 Appointments to the
TPB Citizens Advisory Committee

Staff

Recommendation: Appoint members and alternates to the 2017 CAC.

Issues: None

Background: The TPB Participation Plan calls for the appointment of 15 individuals to serve as members of the CAC for each calendar year: six members designated by the current CAC and nine members nominated by the TPB officers. In December, the 2016 CAC elected six individuals to serve on the 2017 CAC. On January 18, 2017, the three TPB officers will each nominate three individuals to serve as CAC members. The TPB officers will also nominate individuals to serve as alternate members. In addition, Chairman Newton will announce the appointment of the 2017 CAC chairman.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Planning Board
FROM: Lyn Erickson, Plan Development and Coordination Program Director
SUBJECT: Appointment of Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) members for 2017
DATE: January 12, 2017

The term of the TPB's 2016 Citizens Advisory Committee ends in January 2017. The term for the 2017 CAC begins in February. This memorandum presents the nominations of the member of the CAC for the 2017 term for the Board's consideration and approval.

According to the TPB's Participation Plan, the CAC comprises 15 members. Six of these members—two each from the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia—are designated by the previous year's CAC. The TPB officers nominate nine individuals—three each from the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia. The Participation Plan also specifies that the chairperson of the TPB will appoint the chairperson of the CAC.

In December 2016, the 2016 CAC elected six individuals to serve on the 2017 committee. Subsequently, the TPB officers reviewed the remaining applications and finalized the nominations from their respective jurisdictions. Listed below are all 15 nominations for the 2017 CAC. The TPB is requested to consider the nominations and approve with or without changes, the appointment of all 15 members as well as up to three alternates for each jurisdiction. Following the Board's action, TPB Chairman Bridget Donnell Newton will announce the appointment of the CAC chair.

The new committee will convene its first meeting on February 9.

The application for the nominees is attached.

Nominated as 2017 CAC members:

NOMINEE	STATE	NOMINATED BY
Keith Benjamin	DC	2016 CAC
Meredith Howell	DC	Charles Allen
Robyn Jackson	DC	2016 CAC
Katherine Kortum	DC	Charles Allen
Jeanoes Lexima	DC	Charles Allen
Nancy Abeles	MD	2016 CAC
Jeremy Martin	MD	Bridget Newton
Adeyinka Oguniegan	MD	Bridget Newton
Era Pandya	MD	Bridget Newton
Emmet Tydings	MD	2016 CAC
Robert Jackson	VA	2016 CAC
Molly O'Connell	VA	Jay Fiset
Lorena Rios	VA	Jay Fiset
Stephen Still	VA	2016 CAC
Charles Sumpter	VA	Jay Fiset

Nominated as 2017 CAC alternate members:

NOMINEE	STATE	NOMINATED BY
Paul Angelone	DC	Charles Allen
Anna Ray	DC	Charles Allen
Jessica Smith	DC	Charles Allen
Ronit Dancis	MD	Bridget Newton
Veronica Lowe	MD	Bridget Newton
Evan Papp	MD	Bridget Newton
Daniel Papiernik	VA	Jay Fiset
Jeffrey Parnes	VA	Jay Fiset

Keith Benjamin

Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

Being born in Washington DC, I have watched the transformation of this community and the opportunities that continue to prevail through innovative economic development and transportation projects and initiatives. Though so much should be celebrated, I cannot help but think about the question of access for all when it comes to DC improving for the better. How do we make sure that every family has safe access to their basic health, education and job needs? How do we improve the opportunities of the city without losing the culture that has made this city so great? How do we make sure that the features that the city's transient residents enjoy can also be available to those who have lived in the city all of their lives?

Having now served on the Committee and sat as Vice-Chair, I know how important this work is and would be honored to continue to engage in this work.

What are your public policy and transportation interests? Please briefly describe your experiences related to those interests and how they will help you contribute to the CAC.

During the last decade, I have worked to build bridges between federal, state and local official policy priorities and primary constituency needs. From underserved American inner cities, to the rural south, to Native American reservations, to immigrant populations in European city suburbs, to indigenous sects in West Africa, I have worked to identify how transportation plays a vital role in alleviating community stressors. By identifying and developing collaborative advocacy campaigns, providing innovative technical assistance, establishing new leadership pipelines, and expanding coalition collaborations, I am passionate about how equitable place is a primary caveat to better mobility, increased health, and intentional safety.

List any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may inform your involvement in CAC discussions.

Chair- Ward 7 Transportation Committee

Meredith Howell

Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

I would like to take an active role in influencing the growth and maintenance of the Washington, D.C. metro area's complex transportation system. Membership on the CAC would also be an unparalleled learning experience in transportation policy analysis and planning. Engaging with transportation decision-makers and other concerned citizens would also provide all three jurisdiction's perspectives concurrently rather than in isolation.

What are your public policy and transportation interests? Please briefly describe your experiences related to those interests and how they will help you contribute to the CAC.

I'm interested in equitable, accessible, and walkable communities, particularly for communities of concern like minority, low-income, and environmentally vulnerable populations. I'm also interested in engaging the public - the previously mentioned groups in particular - in the transportation planning process. It's long, complex, and opaque but it impacts everyone's lives in more regards than they probably realize. I also believe that there should be sufficient and reliable transportation options for all segments of the population, regardless of socioeconomic status.

As a USDOT employee, I have had the privilege of conducting performance audits that help the various operating administrations better deliver safe, reliable transportation to the country and to do so efficiently, effectively, and economically. I've also had the opportunity to engage citizens in four very different communities around transportation infrastructure impediments that have historically and presently impact their quality of life. As a program manager of an effort focused on equity, inclusion, connectivity, and government-citizen collaboration, I have firsthand experience in facilitating conversations between the community and design, urban planning, policy, and transportation professionals.

List any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may inform your involvement in CAC discussions.

I am an active board member of the Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS) D.C. Chapter. The mission of WTS is to promote and facilitate the global advancement and retention of women in the transportation sector.

Is there anything else you'd like us to know related to your interest in serving on the CAC?

I'm a resident of Ward 8 and USDOT employee (six years) with an educational background in urban planning and public administration. I truly have a passion for people, community, and cities. As an area resident, I have a vested interest in seeing the transportation system succeed because it impacts the economic, educational, and quality of life for me and everyone else who lives here or visits. Transportation connects us all.

Robyn Jackson

Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

I'm interested in continuing the conversation regarding public outreach and how the CAC can help the TPB in this endeavor.

What are your public policy and transportation interests? Please briefly describe your experiences related to those interests and how they will help you contribute to the CAC.

My interest lies in transportation access and equity, which includes the development of multimodal systems that connects communities to job opportunities. My experience participating in neighborhood meetings, working in outreach for a grass roots organization, and now planning for larger transportation systems have taught me to look at the bigger picture while keeping the "little guy" in mind. I can contribute to the CAC by bringing a broad reaching viewpoint, from the perspective of a neighborhood citizen. I can also help to contribute effective outreach strategies to generate interest in the TPB's goals. For background, I regularly attend my community meetings and provide information on transportation plans and other initiatives that my community may otherwise be unaware of and may affect their daily commutes. Through my previous employer, I was responsible for creating content to help communicate complicated transportation initiatives to the general public; so that the public can provide meaningful feedback that informs the decision making process. In addition, through my current employer I have the opportunity to make socially responsible decisions that bring together engineers, planners, and the public over a broader reaching scope.

Is there anything else you'd like us to know related to your interest in serving on the CAC?

My previous experience on the CAC has taught me a lot about thinking of regional systems and how these systems can benefit smaller communities. Much of the information I've been exposed to is pertinent to the general public and can affect someone's day to day activities. I would like to continue to work with the TPB to begin to develop a comprehensive outreach plan and help to define a role for the CAC. endeavor.

Katherine Kortum

Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

I am interested in transportation issues and work in the field in my day job. I'd like to be involved on a local level to help ensure that my voice is heard in deciding the direction for the region's transportation/land use plans.

What are your public policy and transportation interests? Please briefly describe your experiences related to those interests and how they will help you contribute to the CAC.

Much of my graduate work (including my thesis and dissertation) and then my paid work has been on shared mobility - Uber, Lyft, carsharing, bikesharing, etc. I want to use these services, and many others, to increase the transportation options that everyone has. It's not about a "war on cars," but rather a chance for people to have choices to use a car or not. I'd like to expand my professional knowledge of expanding transportation options and making regions better for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, and non-car owners. There's no one-size-fits-all solution to the issues.

List any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may inform your involvement in CAC discussions.

Board member: Institute of Transportation Engineers, American Society of Civil Engineers'
Transportation & Development Institute

Member of: Young Professionals in Transportation, Women's Transportation Seminar

Is there anything else you'd like us to know related to your interest in serving on the CAC?

I have been working in transportation for ten years and have advanced degrees in transportation engineering. I think many of the decisions that most influence people's lives are made at the local level, not the federal level, and thus local involvement has the most impact. I have lived in Germany and want to do what I can to encourage the US to adopt some of the European best practices for livability, walkability, safety, and general transportation options.

Jeanoes Lexima

Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

To finish what I started, finalizing a plan of action that actually achieves something.

What are your public policy and transportation interests? Please briefly describe your experiences related to those interests and how they will help you contribute to the CAC.

Accessibility (cost and quality). Connecting decision makers to day to day issues of vulnerable populations.

List any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may inform your involvement in CAC discussions.

My own nonprofit, DOT leadership forums, ANC, and other community engagement.

Is there anything else you'd like us to know related to your interest in serving on the CAC?

I want to see what we achieve vs. discuss.

Nancy Abeles

Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

This year I'm getting more into two intertwined areas and would like to work on them further: the TPB Long Range Planning realignment with unfunded priority projects, and Public Participation, in terms of trying to broaden and deepen public involvement for this—and in general. I have been shadowing Gary Hodge, who is the CAC representative on the Long Range Planning Task Force. I am also interesting in continuing on the CAC because of my concurrent involvement on a CAC and community round tables for road and land-use in my immediate locale: the MD Route 355 BRT CAC; the BRAC Implementation Committee for road improvements surrounding Walter Reed; the NIH Community Liaisons group; and the Bethesda Downtown Plan. All of those entities are interactive, and on any or all of those groups, there is no one else to my knowledge who brings a regional knowledge perspective to those local groups; and, to the TPB CAC, I bring knowledge and experience of local projects and citizen involvement as well as stakeholder cooperation. The complementary dimensions of my experience enhance my ability to contribute to both sides of the paradigm.

What are your public policy and transportation interests? Please briefly describe your experiences related to those interests and how they will help you contribute to the CAC.

In addition to my interest in striking balance of use among all transportation modes, including non-vehicular, I am interesting in emerging transportation technologies. Through my (non-technical) work at an IT/Cybersecurity-oriented company, I am aware of both the pros and cons of these technologies. Additionally, I am interested in urban planning and land use, which to my mind is inseparable from transportation challenges and solutions. I read and attend seminars or seminars about these areas, and see a gap between MPO planning directions and private sector innovations in transportation technologies and behavior/cultural changes. I would like my service on the CAC, helping to provide a "Bigger Picture" perspective, could aid the CAC in promoting that these two "silos" develop and evolve in better conjunction.

List any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may inform your involvement in CAC discussions.

As I listed before, as a community leader and representative, I serve on the BRAC Integration Committee (BIC), the MD 355 BRT CAC, the NIH Community Liaisons, and I also represent my community within the Montgomery County Civic Federation, and I chair my HOA Outside Impacts Committee, to which local road and development projects apply. I also serve on other collaborative volunteer groups; one related to work and the other for a community-building nonprofit. Both groups involve collaborations on problem solving between individuals of diverse demographics and expertise.

Is there anything else you'd like us to know related to your interest in serving on the CAC?

For my work and collaboration regarding transportation issues, I received the 2016 Montgomery County Civic Federation Star Award for outstanding contribution to the citizens of Montgomery County.

Jeremy Martin

Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

To provide input from my community and gain a regional perspective on the work I do in Rockville and Montgomery County

What are your public policy and transportation interests? Please briefly describe your experiences related to those interests and how they will help you contribute to the CAC.

I am interested in biking, transit and reducing GHG emissions from transportation.. I have commuted by bike and Metro for years, take buses as well, and have a wheelchair-bound child. I work on fuels policy at the Union of Concerned Scientists.

List any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may inform your involvement in CAC discussions.

I am a Traffic and Transportation Commissioner for the City of Rockville, and I represent the Maryland Municipal League on the Montgomery County Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee. I also participate I some of the BRT CACs.

Is there anything else you'd like us to know related to your interest in serving on the CAC?

I think that should cover it.

Adeyinka Oguniegan

Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

I would like to continue serving on the Citizen Advisory committee to increase my knowledge of how transportation policies are created, funded and implemented. It is also important for me to provide the perspective of a resident of Prince George's County

What are your public policy and transportation interests? Please briefly describe your experiences related to those interests and how they will help you contribute to the CAC.

I'm interested in the equitable distribution of transportation resources; the role communities play in influencing policy decisions; the rising costs of transportation; and the long term planning for new projects and maintenance of existing systems.

List any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may inform your involvement in CAC discussions.

Prince George'Street Advocates for Community Transit.

Prince George's Chamber of Commerce

Is there anything else you'd like us to know related to your interest in serving on the CAC?

I've enjoyed this past year on the committee and learned a great deal. I would like to continue serving as the committee works to implement new strategies to increase engagement of residents throughout the region.

Era Pandya

Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

I am currently part of AFA and CAC for BRTS and have learned so much about the upcoming and ongoing projects in the region. This has helped me understand some of the micro and macro challenges that goes in to the procurement and development of the project to enhance the transportation of the region. I am interested in serving on TPB's advisory committee mainly to gain more knowledge and to provide input about the region that has so much to offer.

What are your public policy and transportation interests? Please briefly describe your experiences related to those interests and how they will help you contribute to the CAC.

I am mainly concerned about I270 and 495 corridor that creates too much stress on transportation as well as on the public that takes it everyday to reach their jobs. It is really stressful as sometimes I do have to take it and I have no certainty when will I reach to the desired location. I think this existing infrastructure needs to be re-evaluated.

List any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may inform your involvement in CAC discussions.

AFA and CAC for BRTS in Montgomery County

Is there anything else you'd like us to know related to your interest in serving on the CAC?

I want to know more about the ongoing projects and upcoming projects that enhances the areas transportation needs.

Emmet Tydings

Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

I want to serve because no one cares more than me about congestion relief and economic development as it relates to transportation in the Washington Metro region than me!

What are your public policy and transportation interests? Please briefly describe your experiences related to those interests and how they will help you contribute to the CAC.

Besides the 13 years I have served on the CAC I currently sit on other committees and boards in the transportation discussion throughout the metro area and Baltimore. I am also steeped in the evolution of transportation "Regionalism" that is a key concept driving change in the MWCOG MPO.

List any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may inform your involvement in CAC discussions.

- < CO-Founder and Exec Board member of Suburban Maryland Transportation Alliance (SMTA) (current)
- < Member Transportation Committee of the Greater Olney Civic Association (current)
- < Board Member Howard County Tech Council - recent past Chair 2013 - 2015 (current)
- < Chairman & Co-Founder - Greater Olney Newspaper 22k Circ. (2015 - present)
- < Alternate - Montgomery County Context Sensitive Road Design Committee (2009)
- < Chairman of Steven Joseph County Council campaign at Large 2002
- < Member - Olney Master Plan MoCo (2005)

Is there anything else you'd like us to know related to your interest in serving on the CAC?

My attendance at the CAC has been excellent over the years with the exception of 2015 where I have had two hip replacements and a trip out of the country that kept me away from several CAC meetings and I hope that anomaly doesn't reflect poorly on my ability and willingness to contribute.

Robert Jackson

Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

I believe community review of, and input to, regional transportation decisions, especially funding decisions, is critical to good government and sound transportation policies that benefit the public. The CAC includes diverse membership (chiefly from the fact that members' experience and viewpoints are not the same). Hearing and considering differing perspectives provides better input to transportation decision makers and likely matches the views of the public in the Greater Washington Area.

I also believe I have added thoughtful input to the CAC and, ultimately, the TPB, in my almost two years on the CAC. I would like to continue contributing to the CAC and the betterment of transportation and quality of life for the millions of people residing in our part of the nation.

What are your public policy and transportation interests? Please briefly describe your experiences related to those interests and how they will help you contribute to the CAC.

I'm a long-term community activist and leader in Fairfax County, having served as president of both the McLean Citizens Association and the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Association. I became heavily involved in transportation issues when I led the MCA's efforts in providing community input to Fairfax County's re-planning and rezoning of Tysons. Our advocacy points were incorporated into the 2010 Comp Plan amendment. I believe in data-driven transportation decisions and a spirit of compromise that attempts to find solutions that address the varied concerns of all stakeholders in a fair and reasonable way.

List any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may inform your involvement in CAC discussions.

McLean Citizens Association, including its Transportation, Planning & Zoning and Tysons Liaison Committees. I am also co-chair of the Greater Tysons Citizens Coalition, a group of individuals and organizations that monitor and advocate issues of interest as Tysons redevelops.

Is there anything else you'd like us to know related to your interest in serving on the CAC?

No, this about cover my interest.

Molly O'Connell

Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

I am interested in continuing with CAC because I think effective regional transportation that serves the entire population is critical to our metro area. I've also found the experience really enriching in terms of learning more about COG and about how regional transportation planning works here.

What are your public policy and transportation interests? Please briefly describe your experiences related to those interests and how they will help you contribute to the CAC.

I have been working in community development and planning for 3 years - first in Prince George's County and now in Arlington County - and so I look at many public policy and transportation issues from a planner's viewpoint: how does this affect growth? how does this affect vulnerable populations? etc. But I also have lived in Maryland, D.C., and now Virginia, and have used multiple modes of transportation to get to work and get around, so I also approach this as a commuter who uses roads, public transit, and walking on a regular basis.

List any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may inform your involvement in CAC discussions.

APA - National Capital Area Chapter

Is there anything else you'd like us to know related to your interest in serving on the CAC?

No.



Lorena Rios

Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

I want to continue learning and contributing what I have learned during the last few years I have participated in this committee. Now, more than ever with the disruptive technologies coming up for cars and bikes in addition to the multidisciplinary approach to be more effective, it is a and "exciting" time to be part of this group and bring a different point of view to the table.

What are your public policy and transportation interests? Please briefly describe your experiences related to those interests and how they will help you contribute to the CAC.

I believe in a multidisciplinary approach to solving transportation issues is the most comprehensive way to achieve such goal. Policy making should be based on evidence and issue prioritization should be based on cost vs benefits. Technology must be incorporated into all immediate and future planning. Joining the AFA committee will help me understand the transportation challenges faced by our aging population, lower income families and physically and mentally handicapped population.

List any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may inform your involvement in CAC discussions.

All Advisory Committee To the TPB, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Northern Virginia, M CCP Foundation, Northern Virginia Realtors Association.

Is there anything else you'd like us to know related to your interest in serving on the CAC?

After spending more than a few years attending CAC meetings, the conclusion it is obvious to me. I am part of a group that has a tremendous range of expertise and is willing, able and qualified to contribute their suggestions to the TPB from the citizen's point of view. Thus I am very interested in continue being a member of the CAC in 2017.

Stephen Still

Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

I have a life long interest and passion in transportation planning. My university degrees from Bachelors to PhD were all in transportation planning.

I recognize that transportation problems are complex; however, systematic solutions can be found through smart planning, and practical political will. The best solutions are often multi-modal in nature, and recognize that a combination of transit, pedestrian, and bicycle access all have an important role to create viable alternatives. Now we are entering a new phase of transportation where technology can provide unprecedented opportunities for mobility and safety in the form of autonomous vehicles.

There are those not fortunate to have alternatives, either through age or disability. Planners must address their needs as well.

What are your public policy and transportation interests? Please briefly describe your experiences related to those interests and how they will help you contribute to the CAC.

Current interests include technology applications for efficient transportation, and renewed focus on shared mobility through transit, automated vehicles, integrated with bicycles and pedestrian access.

Experiences through affiliations at university transportation research centers and long membership in the CAC has also provided access to leading thinkers in regional planning.

List any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may inform your involvement in CAC discussions.

CAC. Advisory council with the joint George Mason University, University of Buffalo Transportation Center.

Is there anything else you'd like us to know related to your interest in serving on the CAC?

CAC has been an effective vehicle for change. From the Regional Transportation Priorities Plan, to the recent unfunded project initiative, CAC has had an effective voice and I welcome to chance to continue my involvement.

Charles Sumpter

Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

In 2014, I completed the Leadership Institute and found the program to be very beneficial to me and the work I do in Alexandria. Participating in the Citizen Advisory Committee would give Virginia an opportunity to have input on transportation challenges across our region and I am happy to help.

What are your public policy and transportation interests? Please briefly describe your experiences related to those interests and how they will help you contribute to the CAC.

From 2013-2015, I served on the Eisenhower West Steering Committee, representing citizens in my community. I am very interested in transit oriented development and smart growth. Additionally, promoting more sidewalks to get citizens out of their cars is of great interest to me. I have my ear to the ground on what citizens, especially in the West End of Alexandria want and desire.

List any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may inform your involvement in CAC discussions.

TPB Leadership Institute
The Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership - through the University of Virginia
Eisenhower West Steering Committee
Eisenhower West Implementation Advisory Group
Civic Association

Is there anything else you'd like us to know related to your interest in serving on the CAC?

I am very interested in development projects that focus on metro stations. In Alexandria, particularly the West End where I live, our stations are some of the most underdeveloped stations in the region. I want this to change and have been working on this. It would be good to see what others in the region are doing to improve this situation. I am a huge proponent of regionalism and believe it should be a guiding principle in how we develop and improve the flow of cars, people, and products.

Paul Angelone

Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

a. I have an interest to utilize my experiences to help implement the region's forward-thinking transportation plans. I am an active bicyclist, metro rider, and pedestrian but also own a car. Transportation decisions impact the lives of every resident and I would like to contribute to ensure that future decisionmaking by the TPB enables the region to become more equitable and accessible for both current and future residents.

What are your public policy and transportation interests? Please briefly describe your experiences related to those interests and how they will help you contribute to the CAC.

My strong background in public policy, educational background in urban planning, and experience working for the Urban Land Institute (ULI) and the Obama Administration would make me an excellent addition to the CAC. This experience will help me to translate community needs into meaningful recommendations for the TPB on to long-range regional transportation policy.

In my current position, I am director for the ULI's Advisory Services Program which has been providing strategic advice to communities and organizations on a wide variety of real estate, planning, urban design and public policy subjects. I have managed panels addressing complex infrastructure, transportation, and land use issues across the United States. I also have led the development of a learning tool to provide public officials a better understanding of the trade-offs that affect real estate development.

Prior to joining ULI I worked for the federal government – first for the White House Council on Environmental Quality and then for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Department of the Interior – to actively promote and advance Administration policy regarding the environment. I coordinated major cross-cutting programs among multiple Federal agencies, states, local governments, tribes, and the public related to climate change, infrastructure, and resilience efforts within the United States and territories. This included working closely with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to speed up their planning process and increase public engagement through the National Environmental Policy Act, which included studying the need for additional multi-modal freight terminals near the Illinois International Port District.

List any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may inform your involvement in CAC discussions.

I attend community meetings hosted by a variety of public policy organizations, District government, and Trinidad neighborhood groups. My role in CAC would be in my personal capacity as an interested District resident. I have volunteered on multiple political campaigns for District offices.

Is there anything else you'd like us to know related to your interest in serving on the CAC?

I have a strong interest in making the metropolitan region's 22 jurisdictions, two states and the District of Columbia, plus the federal government work better together. Transportation is one of the key areas where there has been successful regional cooperation but a re-envisioning of this structure needs to be done. By better structuring our transportation planning across jurisdictional boundaries, the Washington D.C. region will be able to better address other critical issues such as economic and racial inequalities, inadequate housing supply, climate and environmental issues, and economic development.

Anna Ray

Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

I'm interested as it is important to have non-"professionals" involved in planning and review processes to consider the real world impact of the decisions made.

What are your public policy and transportation interests? Please briefly describe your experiences related to those interests and how they will help you contribute to the CAC.

Equity and Accessibility for all residents. My involvement as part of the leadership for Black Women Bike DC and my community involvement with Capital Bikeshare's equity program have solidified my personal interests in my community and the greater Washington footprint.

List any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may inform your involvement in CAC discussions.

Black Women Bike DC
WABA LCI instructor

Is there anything else you'd like us to know related to your interest in serving on the CAC?

Not at this time.

Jessica Smith

Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

As a homeowner East of the River in the District, I believe that people in the community and their needs are underrepresented in discussion, planning, and implementation. I hope that my knowledge and perspective will be an asset in filling this void.

What are your public policy and transportation interests? Please briefly describe your experiences related to those interests and how they will help you contribute to the CAC.

Equitable Development and Safety. My work experience has broadened my understanding of the component that creating a thriving neighborhood, transportation is at the center of creating livable and healthy communities. As mentioned, my goal is to represent the needs of my community and hopefully my input reflects the importance of equity.

Is there anything else you'd like us to know related to your interest in serving on the CAC?

Part of my graduate studies at GWU, I became familiar with urban planning policy and the historical impacts that have affected the Washington area. I believe my education, native Washingtonian perspective, and work experience in economic growth will be a positive addition.

Ronit Dancis

Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

I am a community organizer and advocate for transit, walkable activity centers and sustainable landuse in Montgomery County. The more work I do on these issues, the more the importance of regional transportation issues becomes clear. I am eager to learn more about regional transportation issues and incorporate them into my advocacy on the County, State and regional levels.

What are your public policy and transportation interests? Please briefly describe your experiences related to those interests and how they will help you contribute to the CAC.

My passion is making our neighborhoods, urban downtowns, and activity centers walkable and accessible for millennials, seniors and people of all ages and physical abilities. I regularly testify in front of the County Council, Planning Board and the Montgomery County state legislative delegation on transit, walkability and land use. I also advocate for plentiful transit. In September I organized and led a "Late Night Metro Ride" with county and state elected officials to call attention to Metrorail service cuts; the event was covered by 3 local TV stations. I am a Purple Line supporter who commutes to work via Metrobus along the future Purple Line route; I frequently tweet about my commute and how long it takes

List any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may inform your involvement in CAC discussions.

President, Action Committee for Transit
contributor, GreaterGreaterWashington blog

Is there anything else you'd like us to know related to your interest in serving on the CAC?

I live "car free" in downtown Silver Spring, a short walk from the Silver Spring Transit Center and Silver Spring Metro Station.

Veronica Lowe

Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

My interest in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee is to be able to bring a diverse point of view to the committee that will have a positive impact for the disabled, low-income and minority citizens in the Washington Metro Region as it relates to transportation planning.

What are your public policy and transportation interests? Please briefly describe your experiences related to those interests and how they will help you contribute to the CAC.

My public policy and transportation interests are related to improving transportation regional issues for transportation funding, resources, coordination, and emergency preparedness. I have had 25 years of public and pupil transportation that includes providing service to low-income and people with disabilities both in urban and rural communities. I have been certified in many areas of emergency preparedness and I have had experience in the legislative process.

List any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may inform your involvement in CAC discussions.

Most current member of the Transportation Services Advisory Council (TSAC). The mission of the TSAC is to identify transportation trends and issues, to increase public awareness of transportation alternatives, and to influence public policy by advising Frederick County elected officials and decision-makers on the development of a comprehensive and coordinated regional transportation network. Your insights into the needs of people with disabilities in the community would be invaluable.

Professional Affiliations

National Association of Pupil Transportation (NAPT)
Maryland Association of Pupil Transportation (MAPT)
Transportation Association of Maryland (TAM)
Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO)
Association of School Business Officials (ASBO)

Professional Committees

Community Partners and Accessibility Advisory
Support Employees Negotiations Team
Random Drug and Alcohol Testing
Aspiring Leadership Committee
Transportation Problem Solving
Management and Support Council

Community Service

Member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Chairing and serving on numerous committees providing service to the community
PTA member serving on several committees and boards

Is there anything else you'd like us to know related to your interest in serving on the CAC?

I believe that my professional and personal belief in serve and fiscal responsibility, along with my education, experience and the ability to be resourceful, will bring an extremely diverse perspective to the citizens that the CAC serves.

Evan Papp

Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

Ever since moving to the Mid-Atlantic region in 2007, I've been taking the metro system to work.

I live in Riverdale, MD near the MARC train stop, I take the College Park metro to work every day, and I'm a strong advocate for the Purple Line with a Riverdale station planned.

I also use many of the bicycle trails for recreation and have spent years biking to work in Northern Virginia, Washington, DC and Riverdale Maryland.

And I started a small weekend rental business with friends in West Virginia and have experienced the I-495 and the I-270 gridlock on countless occasions.

What are your public policy and transportation interests? Please briefly describe your experiences related to those interests and how they will help you contribute to the CAC.

My background in public policy at the University of Maryland combined with my current employment as a communications specialist at USAID focusing on energy infrastructure in Africa, means I will bring these experiences and skills to advocate and advance TBP's agenda forward.

List any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may inform your involvement in CAC discussions.

As a professional communicator, I have experience in multi-media video, audio production, social media engagement, strategic communications, and press and congressional outreach. I'm also involved with the Riverdale Mayor's Council and the Federal Communicator's network.

I'm very interested in solving transportation issues and will continue to advocate for smart solutions.

Is there anything else you'd like us to know related to your interest in serving on the CAC?

I was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Zambia and Jamaica and have lived in places with horrible transportation planning and infrastructure. And I've traveled throughout Europe and Japan and have seen what is possible to improve the transportation in the metro region.

Daniel Papiernik

Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

As a long term resident (30+ years) of Northern Virginia I would like to participate in the process of planning transportation improvements that will provide positive impacts to those who live, work and visit the DC metropolitan area.

What are your public policy and transportation interests? Please briefly describe your experiences related to those interests and how they will help you contribute to the CAC.

In my 25+ career in transportation planning and engineering I have worked on some significant transportation projects throughout the area, including the Dulles Toll Road, Greenway, 495 and 95 Express Lanes, I-66 and I-395. I have an avid interest in helping to forge a common vision for transportation across modes within the DMV.

List any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may inform your involvement in CAC discussions.

IEEE, IBTTA, Transportation Research Board

Is there anything else you'd like us to know related to your interest in serving on the CAC?

I am an advocate for making our transportation systems interoperable and a firm believer that providing users with multimodal options is fundamental to sustaining the economic vitality of the DMV.

Jeffrey Parnes

Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

I believe the transportation network of any community can be make or break that community. The systems provides its residents opportunities to commute for jobs, pursue their education, explore their surroundings and the freedom to grow. Communities without adequate transportation networks are at a disadvantage compared to other communities and provide a disservice to their residents.

I have been active in land use and transportation matters for over 30 years in Fairfax County and the Greater Washington Area. I have watched both the Orange line being built in the I66 median in the mid-80s and now watch with satisfaction the Silver line inch its way up the Dulles Road median in Fairfax County. I remember the completion of the Green line and extension of the Blue lines into Prince George's counties.

What is now needed now is connectivity between neighboring communities without necessarily traveling through the region's core. I can only see that resulting from a regional approach, and the only body capable of making that happen is the Metropolitan Washington Council of Government's Transportation Planning Board. Therefore I wish to continue to participate on and serve that body.

What are your public policy and transportation interests? Please briefly describe your experiences related

to those interests and how they will help you contribute to the CAC.

- Land-Use Issues
- Bicycle Advocacy
- Suburban Issues
- Rural/Exurban
- Citizen at Large
- Environmental Concerns
- Road/Bridges Advocacy
- Neighborhood-Scale Issues
- Transit Rider/Transit Advocacy
- Parks/Trails
- Senior Citizen Issues
- Pedestrian Advocacy
- Motor Vehicle Advocacy
- Highway Safety
- Telework
- Ridesharing
- Smart Growth
- Transit-Oriented Development
- Transportation Funding
- Highway Commuting

As for the advocacy groups listed above, in any and many of the experiences in the Greater Washington area I've walked, biked, taken the bus and Metro and driven to work. I've worked to revise transportation funding, tackled environmental, land use and smart growth issues, and seen my area grow from a rural community (my first house was next to a barn with chickens and horses) to suburban and now urban area. I've help my mother use the local services to get to dialysis and taken my children to sports and school functions.

List any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may inform your involvement in CAC discussions.

When I moved here in the 1980s, I served as the Greenbrier Civic Association representative on the Fairfax Center Task Force which created what became the Fair Oaks/Fair Lakes complex with the Fairfax County Parkway/I66 interchange. I served on the funding committee that followed the task force that implemented the funding that made transportation improvements recommended by the study a reality .

I presently serve as the chair of the Fairfax County Transportation Advisory Commission, Land Use and Committee chair of the Sully District Council, and as a cochair of the Fairfax Federation Transportation Committee (after serving as Federation President for three years).

I have also served as the Fairfax County Citizen representative on the Greater Washington 2050 Task Force after previously attending one of the TPB's Community Leadership Institutes.

Is there anything else you'd like us to know related to your interest in serving on the CAC?

From these experiences I believe that region's transportation problems can only be resolved at a regional level. My continued service on the TPB Citizens Advisory Committee would enable me to not only act locally but continue to serve regionally.