TPB CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MONTHLY REPORT

May 20, 2020

Nancy Abeles, CAC Chair

The 2020 CAC met for an online-only meeting on Thursday, May 14 to continue their discussion about the transportation impacts on climate change and to learn more about the safety study.

TRANSPORTATION CLIMATE INITIATIVE

Erin Morrow, TPB Transportation Engineer, said that there are no new updates from the Transportation Climate Initiative (TCI). She said that the board will be briefed on TCI in September and reminded the committee that the TPB will not be a signatory.

The committee discussed excitement and concerns with the TCI cap and invest program:

- Thankful that the states are having conversations about how to lessen the impacts of transportation on the environment.
- With state budgets under pressure, it is important to have alternate revenue sources for transportation, like the cap and invest program.
- Concern that the revenue generated from cap and invest will not be reinvested in transportation.
- Concern with the political viability of approving and enforcing TCl cap and invest across such a large multi-state area.
- Concern about the equity impacts of cap and invest.
- The committee also expressed concern that TCl efforts are not more well known. They felt that investing in public relations/marketing would be sensible.

The committee also discussed ideas for how projected revenues from the TCl cap and invest program might be used:

- Promote electrification of the transportation system.
- Revenues should go into retrofitting infrastructure to accommodate more modes.
- Invest in retrofitting the system so that it is less reliant on single-occupancy vehicle travel.
- Invest in projects that improve transportation safety.
- Money should be spent on projects near where the money was raised.
- Funding should be used to support behavior change.
- Improvements funded through cap and invest must be traceable to climate change benefits.

SAFETY STUDY

Jon Schermann, TPB Transportation Planner, briefed the committee on progress completed on parts of the Safety Study since his last briefing to the committee in January. He summarized the deep dives into intersections, pedestrians, and major arterials. He also discussed the methodology for developing recommendations to take to the board.

The committee asked questions about impacts of seatbelt use and vehicle type on the seriousness of collision. They also asked if data from each jurisdiction was available to the public. The committee said it would like to know more about crashes involving out-of-state drivers.

The discussion on recommendations will continue with staff at the June CAC meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Nancy Abeles, CAC Chair, walked the committee through discussions at the April TPB meeting.

Lyn Erickson, TPB Plan Development and Coordination Program Director, walked the committee through the May TPB agenda.

ATTENDEES

MEMBERS		STAFF AND GUESTS
Nancy Abeles, chair	Rob Jackson	Lyn Erickson, TPB staff
Audrey Derissaint-Nwaze	Jacqueline Manapsal	Bryan Hayes, TPB staff
Jeremy Martin	Daniel Papiernik	Erin Morrow, TPB staff
Emmet Tydings	Jeff Parnes	Jon Schermann, TPB staff
Veronica Lowe		Abigail Zenner, TPB staff
Tony Giancola		Karen Armendariz, TPB staff
Katherine Kortum		Andrew Meese, TPB staff
Elisa Walton		
		Bill Orleans, public
		Heather Foote, public

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