



MEMORANDUM

TO: TPB Technical Committee
FROM: John Swanson, TPB Transportation Planner
SUBJECT: Update on Draft "Pedestrian and Bicycle Priority Initiatives for the National Capital Region"
DATE: December 22, 2017

The TPB at its meeting on January 17 is tentatively scheduled to endorse a package of pedestrian and bicycle initiatives that have been identified for inclusion in the unfunded aspirational element of Visualize 2045, the TPB's long-range transportation plan, which is scheduled for approval in October 2018. The board's December 20 agenda included an informational item on this material, but that briefing did not occur due to time constraints.

The package of priority initiatives includes two components: The completion of the National Capital Trail (previously known as the Bicycle Beltway) and the prioritization of access improvements to high-capacity transit stations. The package has been summarized in a draft report titled "Pedestrian and Bicycle Priority Initiatives for the National Capital Region."

An earlier version of this document was presented to the Technical Committee at its December 1 meeting, but that draft was subsequently modified before it was included in the TPB mailout on December 14. The changes for the final draft were based upon feedback received from the Bicycle-Pedestrian Subcommittee and other reviewers. In addition to editorial and graphic enhancements, substantive changes were made as follows:

- The 2nd priority initiative was changed from "Metrorail Station Access Improvements" to "Access Improvements to High-Capacity Transit Stations." This change was made to encompass commuter rail, light rail, streetcar, and BRT stations.
- The description and total mileage (from 53 to 60 miles) for the National Capital Trail was expanded to include short connector trails, which had been previously approved by the Bicycle Beltway Working Group, but were not included in the earlier draft.

The changes noted above were incorporated into the draft that was distributed in the TPB mailout of December 14. That same version of the document will be included in the TPB mailout of January 11.