



MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Planning Board
FROM: Tim Canan, AICP, TPB Planning Data and Research Program Director
SUBJECT: COG/TPB Activities to Compile COVID-19 Transportation Impacts Information
DATE: December 8, 2020

Numerous actions have been taken to contain the pandemic spread of the COVID-19 virus and to mitigate COVID-19's threat to personal and public health. These actions have affected socio-economic activities throughout the country, including the Washington metropolitan area. The impacts of the pandemic have been significant, and it is necessary to understand the full depth and breadth of these impacts in the region from a broad context.

In his October 15, 2020 memorandum to the Transportation Planning Board (TPB), Andrew Meese, TPB Systems Performance Planning Director, indicated that COG and TPB have commenced an effort to examine the impacts of COVID-19 on the region from a multisectoral perspective. Sectors in this analysis include transportation, the economy, the environment, and health. Staff from COG's Departments of Transportation Planning, Community Planning and Services, and Environmental Programs are collaborating to compile relevant data and information that help portray the broad context of the pandemic in the region from this perspective.

Because of the complexity of some of the data as well as notable lags in data availability for some key indicators, staff has grouped the multisectoral analysis activities into two distinct phases: 1) near-term activities, which entail compiling and presenting data that are already available and can readily be presented, and 2) longer-term activities, which will require obtaining data that may not yet be available and conducting a deeper dive into the complex interrelationships of these data sources. Staff is currently in the process of making initial presentations of data and findings from the near-term activities to various Boards and committees within COG and TPB. The TPB will be briefed at its December 16, 2020 meeting on the first of these analyses as well as on the overall approach for conducting the multisectoral analysis for assessing the impacts of COVID-19 in the region.