
TPB CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MONTHLY REPORT

March 18, 2020

Nancy Abeles, CAC Chair

The 2020 CAC met for an online-only meeting on March 12. At the meeting the committee learned about the Air Quality Conformity Analysis, Transportation Oriented Communities, and Connected and Autonomous Vehicles.

AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY ANALYSIS

Jane Posey, TPB Transportation Engineer, briefed the committee on the role that the Air Quality Conformity Analysis plays in TPB plans and how it informs other activities. She showed that the Washington region is currently meeting its conformity goals and is expected to do so in the future.

TRANSIT-ORIENTED COMMUNITIES

Tim Canan, TPB Planning Data and Research Director, shared an interactive map that identifies high-capacity transit station areas and classifies them using geographic filters. He explained how the interactive map can be used to support local planning efforts.

CONNECTED AND AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES

Stacy Cook, TPB Transportation Planner, briefed the committee on regional discussions underway around connected and autonomous vehicles (CAV), and outlined various possible ways CAVs might impact federal, MPO, and TPB-specific activities and regional planning, adding that it is not yet possible to predict all possible and far-reaching impacts. She also provided some introductory information as a starting point for discussions.

Using the online tool for hosting the meeting, the committee asked about possible impacts to congestion. They were also curious about societal impacts and whether the high cost of automated vehicles would exacerbate transportation inequities. They discussed the fact that private ownership of CAVs would likely be unaffordable, at least in the short-term, but benefits could be more widely experienced if CAVs are implemented in shared fleets. Additional discussions explored whether legislation regulation could promptly align with innovation and vendor offerings and how innovation and implementation could best serve climate and land use imperatives. The committee discussion reflected a tension between how to balance personal behavior and the greater good. The CAC looks forward to further briefings on CAVs and hearing about the planned TPB forums.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Nancy Abeles, CAC Chair, reported back to the committee on board comments regarding the February CAC report.
- Lyn Erickson, TPB Plan Development and Coordination Program Director, walked the committee through the March TPB agenda.

ATTENDEES

MEMBERS

Nancy Abeles, Chair
Audrey Derrissaint-Nwaze
Jeremy Martin
Chris Smariga
Katherine Kortum
Elisa Walton

Theodore Wilhite
Rob Jackson
Kalai Kandasamy
Jacqueline Manapsal
Daniel Papiernik
Jeff Parnes

STAFF AND GUESTS

Lyn Erickson, TPB staff
Bryan Hayes, TPB staff
John Swanson, TPB staff
Tim Canan, TPB staff
Jane Posey, TPB staff
Stacy Cook, TPB staff
Andrew Meese, TPB staff
Patrick Zilliazcus, TPB staff

Bill Orleans, public