

PROPOSAL TO RESTRUCTURE THE ACCESS FOR ALL (AFA) ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Combining the AFA and the Human Service Transportation Coordination Task Force

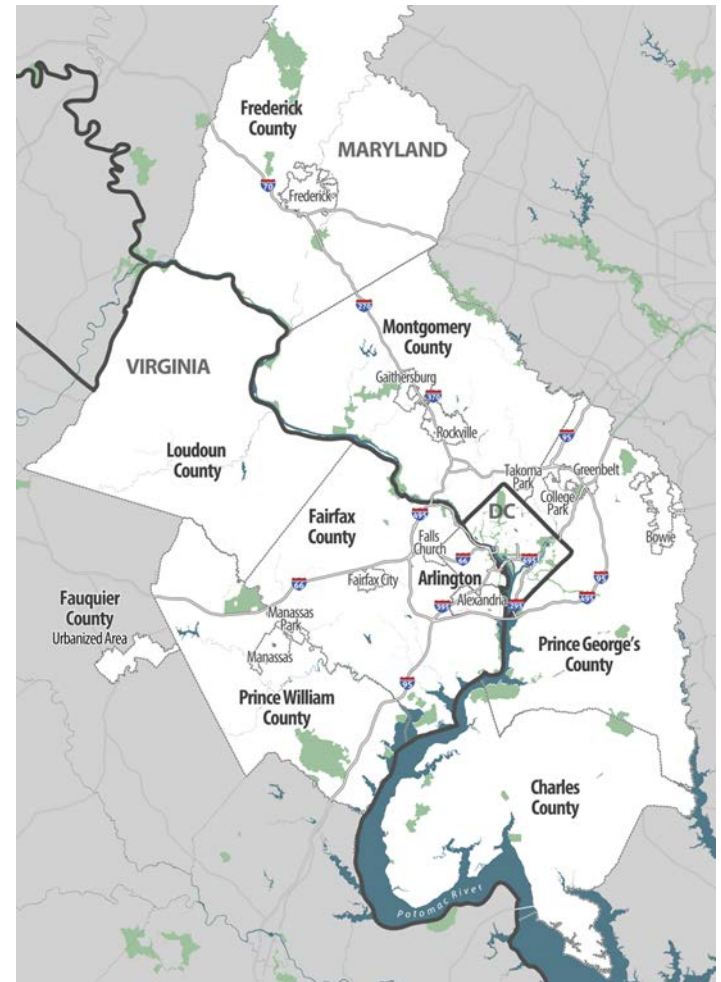
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Technical Committee Meeting
March 4, 2016



Background

- **Access for All Advisory Committee (“AFA”):** Established in 2001
Focus: Bring transportation concerns from low-income populations, minority populations, and persons with disabilities into the regional transportation planning process.
- **Human Service Transportation Coordination Task Force (“Task Force”):** Created in 2006 to oversee the development of the Federally-required Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan



Why Combine the AFA and the Task Force?

- The work of the Task Force is largely done
- Overlapping membership
- Tasks related to the Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan can be done through a restructured AFA
- Proposal to combine AFA and Task Force was presented to both groups and discussed on a conference call
 - Wide support to combine the groups

Revised AFA Mission Statement

The Access for All Advisory Committee (AFA) advises the TPB on transportation issues, programs, policies, and services important to **traditionally underserved communities**, including low-income communities, minority communities, **people with limited English proficiency**, people with disabilities, and **older adults**. The committee identifies issues of concern to traditionally underserved populations in order to determine whether and how these issues might be addressed within the TPB process.

Text in **red** = additions to formal mission statement



AFA Committee Objectives and Activities

- Facilitate **regional discussion about issues important to traditionally underserved communities**
- Provide **feedback to the TPB on the CLRP**, other long-range planning efforts, studies, and transportation issues in general
- Provide guidance on updates to the **Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan**
- Provide input on the priorities for the **TPB's solicitation for Enhanced Mobility** grant applications
- Serve as a **forum for coordination**



AFA Committee Chair

- The AFA would continue to be Chaired by a TPB member
- Chair would be selected by the TPB Chair with consultation from the TPB Officers
- Chair could name a Vice-Chair, who may or may not be a TPB member

AFA Membership

- As in the past, the AFA membership will be comprised of leaders representing traditionally underserved communities:
 - Low-Income
 - Minority
 - People with Limited English Skills
 - Persons with Disabilities
 - **Older Adults**
- Members serve as “community connectors”
- Ex-Officio Members: DDOT, MDOT, VDOT, WMATA, FTA, FHWA and jurisdictional transportation and social service agencies, and private transportation providers
- Maximum of 50 individuals (excluding ex-officio)

Call for Applications

- TPB Staff would issue a call for applications for members
- All AFA and Task Force participants will be invited to submit an application
- TPB Members would be asked for suggestions and staff would follow up to encourage applications
- TPB staff would work to ensure a diverse mix from around the region and of the following groups:
 - Low-Income Communities
 - Minority Communities
 - People with Limited English Skills
 - Persons with Disabilities
 - Older Adults
- TPB staff would outreach to groups that have been hard to get engaged in the past and encourage applications

Meeting Schedule

- Five meetings a year
- Special meetings or subcommittees held/formed as necessary
- In 2016: **June 23, 12 noon to 2pm**, September, October or November (all dates dependent upon the availability of the Chair)



Timeline and Steps

March 4:	Brief the Technical and Steering Committee
March to April:	TPB staff will identify and reach out to possible applicants, and ask TPB members for suggestions
March 18 to April 29:	Call for applications
April 20:	Brief the TPB on the enhanced AFA Committee and TPB nominates a Chair
May:	Membership finalized and members notified of first meeting
June 23:	First meeting of the enhanced AFA Committee



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