Meeting Highlights TPB Technical Committee – July 8, 2022

The Technical Committee met on Friday, July 8, 2022. Meeting materials can be found here: https://www.mwcog.org/events/2022/07/08/tpb-technical-committee-tpb/

The following items were reviewed for inclusion on the TPB's July agenda.

TPB AGENDA ITEM 7 - FOR BOARD APPROVAL: REGIONAL CAR FREE DAY 2022 PROCLAMATION

In an effort to create awareness and encourage residents to go car free by using public transportation, bicycling or walking, or go car lite and carpool, Regional Car Free Day events are being organized in the region for September 22. These events will encourage the community and regional decision-makers to support car free policies and initiatives.

TPB AGENDA ITEM 8 – FOR BOARD APPROVAL: FY 2023 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SET ASIDE PROGRAM FOR MARYLAND TPB JURISDICTIONS

A portion of the federal Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TAP) is sub-allocated to the TPB for project selection in suburban Maryland. The committee was briefed on the recommended projects and the TPB will be asked to approve them on July 20, 2022.

TPB AGENDA ITEM 9 - ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ANALYSIS PHASE 1: UPDATE EQUITY EMPHASIS AREAS

In preparation for the Environmental Justice analysis of Visualize 2045, staff have applied the TPB-approved methodology to update the Equity Emphasis Areas using the most recent American Community Survey data. The resulting map was shared.

TPB AGENDA ITEM 10 - TPB BYLAWS UPDATE

The TPB Bylaws will be updated to reflect the Board's interest in continuing to offer virtual participation for future meetings. TPB will be asked to approve the Bylaws in September.

The following items were presented for information and discussion:

2022 CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROCESS (CMP) TECHNICAL REPORT

The committee accepted as final the 2022 CMP Technical Report, developed as a biennial update of this major component of the CMP. The draft report was reviewed by the committee at the June 3 meeting.

BUS EQUITY ANALYSIS RESULTS

Revisiting the transit equity white paper and webmap prepared in Spring 2021, the committee was briefed on an updated webmap and revised analysis of transit equity, looking at the latest local bus service coverage and frequency in the region in relation to the travel needs of traditionally disadvantaged populations.

IIJA GRANTS

The committee was briefed on a summary of federal funding grants and program updates as enacted by the federal surface transportation reauthorization of November 15, 2021 when the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) was signed into law.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Resiliency 4-Part Webinars Series: Webinar: July 15, please visit: https://www.mwcog.org/events/2022/07/15/break-down-barriers-integrating-climate-resilience-into-transportation-planning-programming/
- SPOTS questionnaire
- Staff Update