



REGION FORWARD COALITION

Friday, April 22, 2022
NOON – 2:00 P.M.

NOTE: Virtual Meeting

Call-in and Web Conferencing Information

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AGENDA: “ACCESSIBILITY”

- NOON** **1. WELCOME**
Brianne Nadeau, District of Columbia, Coalition Chair
Will Jawando, Montgomery County, Coalition Vice Chair
Penny Gross, Fairfax County, Coalition Vice Chair
- A. COG Updates
B. Partner Updates
- 12:10 P.M.** **2. IMPROVING WALK & BIKE ACCESS TO HIGH CAPACITY TRANSIT STATIONS**
Tim Canan and John Swanson, COG/TPB staff
- By 2030, the region will contain 225 locations served by high-capacity transit (HCT), which includes Metrorail, commuter rail, light rail, streetcar, and bus rapid transit (BRT). Access improvements in areas served by HCT can promote and catalyze the development of healthy transit-oriented communities (TOC) that offer more housing at all income levels, affordable and environmentally-friendly travel options, more energy efficient development, and more housing, jobs, and amenities co-located near one another. Staff from the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) will brief the Coalition on the regional call to action to prioritize access improvements in HCT and present recent work by the TPB to consider deficiencies, demand, and the needs of vulnerable populations in HCT station areas when prioritizing future access improvement investments.
- 12:45** **3. NATIONAL CAPITAL TRAIL NETWORK**
Andrew Meese and Michael Farrell, COG/TPB Staff
- Developed under TPB guidance, the National Capital Trail Network ultimately will be a 1,400-mile-long system of multi-use trails connecting all parts of the region, promoting non-motorized modes of travel for both commute and non-commute purposes. A “buffer analysis” conducted by TPB staff indicates that the lion’s share of the region’s people, jobs, transit stations, Regional Activity Centers, and Equity Emphasis Areas are within ½ mile of the envisioned network, supporting regional Prosperity, Accessibility, Livability, and Sustainability targets. Staff will provide a briefing on the National Capital Trail Network, noting synergies with local jurisdictional activities.
- 1:20 P.M.** **4. IMPROVING WALK/BIKE ACCESS IN FREDERICK AND GEORGETOWN**
Kelly Russell, City of Frederick
Greg Billing, Georgetown BID
- The City of Frederick and DC’s Georgetown are examples of two places that have leveraged COG/TPB support to improve pedestrian and bicycle access. Both communities have received awards from the TPB’s TLC (Transportation Land-Use Connections) and Transportations Alternatives (TA-Set Aside) programs in recent years. Frederick has used this support to comprehensively connect pedestrian

and bicycle facilities throughout the city, including providing access to transit and connecting people in Equity Emphasis Areas. Georgetown has used TPB support as part of a much larger effort to revitalize the waterfront and connect key regional trails.

2:00 P.M. 5. ADJOURN

The next Region Forward Coalition meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 22, 2022