

ITEM 8 - Action
January 21, 2015

Approval of Appointments to the TPB Citizens Advisory
Committee (CAC) for the Year 2015

Staff

Recommendation: Appoint members and alternates to the 2015 CAC.

Issues: None

Background: The TPB Participation Plan calls for the appointment of 15 individuals to serve as members of the CAC for each calendar year: six members designated by the current CAC and nine members nominated by the TPB officers. In December, the 2014 CAC elected six individuals to serve on the 2015 CAC. On January 21, the three TPB officers will each nominate three individuals to serve as CAC members. The TPB officers will also nominate individuals to serve as alternate members. In addition, Chairman Mendelson will announce the appointment of the 2015 CAC chairman.



NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD

MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Planning Board

FROM: Kanti Srikanth, Director, Department of Transportation Planning

SUBJECT: Appointment of Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) members for 2015

DATE: January 15, 2015

The term of the TPB's 2014 Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) ends in January 2015. The term of the 2015 CAC is scheduled to begin in February 2015. This memorandum presents the nominations of the members of the CAC for the 2015 term for the Board's consideration and approval.

According to the TPB's Participation Plan, The Citizens Advisory Committee comprises 15 members. Six (6) of these members—two each from the District of Columbia, Virginia and Maryland— are designated by the previous year's CAC. The TPB officers nominate nine (9) individuals— three each from the District of Columbia, Virginia and Maryland. The Participation Plan also specifies that the chairperson of the TPB will appoint the chairperson of the CAC.

In December, the 2014 CAC elected six individuals to serve on the 2015 committee and reported the nominations to the Board at its December 17, 2014 meeting. Subsequently the TPB officers reviewed the remaining applications and finalized the nominations from their respective jurisdictions. Listed below are all 15 nominations for the 2015 term of the CAC.

With these nominations, the TPB is requested to consider the nominations and approve with or without changes, the appointment of all 15 members as well as alternates. Following the Board's action, TPB Chairman Phil Mendelson will also announce the appointment of the CAC chair. The new committee will convene its first meeting on February 12.

Application information for the nominees is attached.

No.	Nominee - Member	Jurisdiction	Nominated By	
1	Mr. Bob Summersgill	District of Columbia	TPB Officer	
2	Mr. Randall Benjamin	As above	As above	
3	Ms. Holly Muhammad	As above	As above	
4	Ms. Veronica Davis	As above		2014 CAC
5	Mr. Tom Sanchez	As above		As above
6	Mr. Jeff Parnes	Virginia	TPB Officer	
7	Ms. Lorena Rios	As above	As above	
8	Mr. Douglas Stewart	As above	As above	

9	Ms. Andrea Hamre	As above		2014 CAC
10	Mr. Stephen Still	As above		As above
11	Ms. Deanna Holford	Maryland	TPB Officer	
12	Mr. Alex Tremble	As above	As above	
13	Mr. Gary Hodge	As above	As above	
14	Mr. John Epps	As above		2014 CAC
15	Mr. Emmet Tydings	As above		As above

No.	Nominee - Alternate	Jurisdiction	Nominated By
1	Ms. Emily Oaksford	District of Columbia	TPB Officer
2	Ms. Julia Thayne	As above	As above
3	Ms. Lara Hegler	Virginia	As above
4	Mr. Robert Jackson	As above	As above
5	Mr. Michael Rodriguez	As above	As above
6	TBD	Maryland	As above
7	TBD	As above	As above
8	TBD	As above	As above

District of Columbia

Bob Summersgill

5. Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

I have become very interested in transportation issues. As a soon-to-be former ANC Commissioner, board member of the DC Chapter of the Sierra Club, and employee of the Transportation Research Board of the National Academy of Sciences, I have a perspective of local, national, and environmental issues related to transportation and its implementation. I am a bike commuter that also uses Metro. I use taxis, Uber, CarToGo, Zipcar, and car rentals as needed.

6. Please check all the interest areas that reflect the perspective you would bring to the CAC.

Bicycle Advocacy, Citizen at Large, Downtown D.C., Employees/Labor, Smart Growth, Land-Use Issues, Environmental Concerns, Neighborhood-Scale Issues, Parks/Trails, Pedestrian Advocacy, Highway Safety, Ridesharing, Transit-Oriented Development, Transportation Funding, Transit Rider/Transit Advocacy, Environmental Justice

7. Please briefly describe your experience related to the interest areas you checked in question 5 that you feel may contribute to your effectiveness on the Citizens Advisory Committee. Also, list any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may relate to your service on the Citizens Advisory Committee.

I am on the board of the DC Chapter of the Sierra Club, an active volunteer with Casey Trees, a supporter of the Coalition for Smarter Growth, a member of the Washington Area Bicyclist Association. As a soon-to-be former Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner, I have been active in zoning and transportation issues for ANC 3F (Connecticut Avenue between Porter and Nebraska). I work downtown, near the Building Museum, and have experience as a cyclist and pedestrian in that area as well.

8. Is there any other information related to your serving as a member of the TPB Citizens Advisory Committee that you'd like to tell us about?

Although I work at the Transportation Research Board of the National Academy of Sciences, I work with data, not policy. However, I have learned a tremendous amount working there about transportation.

District of Columbia

Veronica Davis

5. Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

My original and current intention for being on the TPB CAC is to bring awareness that we need to think regionally, act locally, and decide correctly. I'm interested in working with other citizens from other jurisdiction to shape the regional transportation network. I'm very passionate about transportation issues and I believe all residents deserve affordable, safe, and accessible transportation options. I believe that my professional, civic and academic backgrounds would be a great asset to the MWCOG.

6. Please check all the interest areas that reflect the perspective you would bring to the CAC.

Bicycle Advocacy, Business/Chamber, Downtown D.C., Economic Development, Land-Use Issues, Low-Income Issues, Minority Communities, Environmental Concerns, Parks/Trails, Pedestrian Advocacy, Transit-Oriented Development, Transportation Funding, Transit Rider/Transit Advocacy, Student Issues, Environmental Justice

7. Please briefly describe your experience related to the interest areas you checked in question 5 that you feel may contribute to your effectiveness on the Citizens Advisory Committee. Also, list any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may relate to your service on the Citizens Advisory Committee.

Professionally, I am co-own a company that provides environmental, urban/transportation planning, and public engagement services. As a consultant, I've been able to help shape the future of transportation in the region such as: moveDC - District of Columbia's Long-Range Transportation Plan, the DC streetcar program, and the DC Circulator. I am a registered professional engineer in DC, MD, VA, NC, and GA. I spend my volunteer time dedicated to getting more African-American women on bikes for whatever reason they want to use a bike through an organization I co-founded called Black Women Bike.

8. Is there any other information related to your serving as a member of the TPB Citizens Advisory Committee that you'd like to tell us about?

I'm a resident of Capitol View in Ward 7, which is considered one of the economically-disadvantage wards in DC.

District of Columbia

Tom Sanchez

5. Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

I am very interested in the role of public involvement in the transportation planning process. Transportation is a key factor in shaping our metropolitan region and directly impacts social and economic opportunity.

6. Please check all the interest areas that reflect the perspective you would bring to the CAC.

Affordable Housing, Bicycle Advocacy, Business/Chamber, Citizens at Large, Downtown D.C., Employees/Labor, Freight/Rail/Trucking, Motor Vehicle Advocacy, Telework, Smart Growth, Economic Development, Land-Use Issues, Low-Income Issues, Minority Communities, Environmental Concerns, Neighborhood-Scale Issues, Parks/Trails, Pedestrian Advocacy, Highway Safety, Ridesharing, Transit-Oriented Development, Transportation Funding, Persons with Disabilities, Suburban Issues, Rural/Exurban, Road/Bridge Advocacy, Transit Rider/Transit Advocacy, Senior Citizens Issues, Student Issues, School District/Parent, Alternative Commuting, Environmental Justice, Highway Commuting

7. Please briefly describe your experience related to the interest areas you checked in question 5 that you feel may contribute to your effectiveness on the Citizens Advisory Committee. Also, list any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may relate to your service on the Citizens Advisory Committee.

I have approximately 20 years of experience researching transportation issues from the perspective of urban planning and social justice. I am actively involved with the American Planning Association and the Transportation Research Board.

8. Is there any other information related to your serving as a member of the TPB Citizens Advisory Committee that you'd like to tell us about?

I have direct contact with young people (college students) who are unaware of the metropolitan planning process. I am very interested in providing insights into this process and getting them more interested in these issues.

District of Columbia

Randall Benjamin

5. Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

Being born in Washington DC, I have watched the transformation of this community and the opportunities that continue to prevail through innovative economic development and transportation projects and initiatives. Though so much should be celebrated, I cannot help but think about the question of access for all when it comes to DC improving for the better. How do we make sure that every family has safe access to their basic health, education and job needs? How do we improve the opportunities of the city without losing the culture that has made this city so great? How do we make sure that the features that the city's transient residents enjoy can also be available to those who have lived in the city all of their lives? For the last 2 years as Street Scale Campaign Manager with Safe Routes to School National Partnership I have worked within the \$30 million dollar initiative Voices for Healthy Kids in 40 undeserved communities identifying coalitions, resources, and opportunities for neighborhoods to become better for all. There are real solutions, with real people, real advocates and real elected officials that are taking advantage of the chance to address inequity issues in priority populations. Whether it is writing and passing complete street policies, identifying funds for Safe Routes to School and other street scale initiatives or creating coalitions for community safety efforts change is happening. Having the privilege of bringing those experiences to the table with TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee would be an honor.

6. Please check all the interest areas that reflect the perspective you would bring to the CAC.

Bicycle Advocacy, Citizen at Large, Downtown D.C., Telework, Smart Growth, Economic Development, Low-Income Issues, Minority Communities, Neighborhood-Scale Issues, Pedestrian Advocacy, Ridesharing, Transit-Oriented Development, Transportation Funding, Transit Rider/Transit Advocacy, Student Issues, School District/Parent, Alternative Commuting, Equity

7. Please briefly describe your experience related to the interest areas you checked in question 5 that you feel may contribute to your effectiveness on the Citizens Advisory Committee. Also, list any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may relate to your service on the Citizens Advisory Committee.

- Provided local technical assistance to 40 urban, suburban, rural, and reservation communities towards safe routes to schools programs and passage of complete streets policies
- Provided technical assistance to state campaigns in Minnesota, Ohio, Iowa, Washington, Oregon, Illinois and Washington DC on Safe Routes to School, TAP funds, bicycle and pedestrian planning, and strategies to increase physical activity in underserved communities
- Established and lead the National Active Transportation Diversity Task Force; conceptualized and created an Equity Asset Map documenting the work/collaborative density of 21 national organizations
- Member: National League of Cities Advisory Panel on Health Disparities creating a learning collaborative in eight cities
- Member: Better Bike Share Partnership Equity Panel providing strategies and \$900,000 in grant funding to increase use in underserved communities
- Authored and advocated for the passage of national resolutions on health equity and the built environment in underserved communities for the NAACP and NOBEL-Women
- Formed a bicameral partnership on a 10-year city redevelopment plan between Theis, Senegal and Cergy, France
- Exchanged best practices on environmentally sustainable affordable housing redevelopments for low income/moderate income residents in Cergy, Saint Quen L'Aumone and Jouy-le-Moutier
- Advised congressional offices on legislation including the Local Flexibility for Transit Act; FAA Reauthorization; Unemployment Insurance Tax Cut; Transit Operating Assistance Bill; and Surface Transportation Bill
- Led the "Didn't You Say..." Campaign, preparing local leadership in lobbying Congress to support SAFETEA-LU Reauthorization, transit operating assistance, and 13c.

- Proposed and planned the panel “Moving Towards Livable and Sustainable Communities: Are African Americans Being Left Behind?” with Congresswoman Donna Edwards
- Led field hearing, “Where Ohio Needs to Go: A Statewide Conversation on Transportation Equity and Federal Policy” The National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB) Community Leadership Institute (Certificate)

District of Columbia

Holly Muhammad

5. Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

I would like to ensure that my part of the community has a voice and can be part of the decisions that are affecting our lives. There is a gap between many East of the River neighborhoods and the decision process.

6. Please check all the interest areas that reflect the perspective you would bring to the CAC.

Affordable Housing, Business/Chamber, Motor Vehicle Advocacy, Economic Development, Land-Use Issues, Low-Income Issues, Minority Communities, Environmental Concerns, Neighborhood-Scale Issues, Parks/Trails, Pedestrian Advocacy, Transit-Oriented Development, Persons with Disabilities, Transit Rider/Transit Advocacy, Senior Citizen Issues, Student Issues

7. Please briefly describe your experience related to the interest areas you checked in question 5 that you feel may contribute to your effectiveness on the Citizens Advisory Committee. Also, list any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may relate to your service on the Citizens Advisory Committee.

I am a current term ANC Commissioner, a member of the Fairlawn Citizens Association, and VP of the Deanwood Heights Main Streets. I am in constant contact with the community at large. I am an Office of Aging Ambassador and I have advocated for Economic Development and Affordable Housing in my community. I have testified at Council Hearings on many of these issues.

8. Is there any other information related to your serving as a member of the TPB Citizens Advisory Committee that you'd like to tell us about?

I will bring a fresh, honest approach to the Committee from an area of the City that is way underserved.

District of Columbia

Emily Oaksford, alternate

5. Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

I really enjoyed serving on the TPB's CAC in the year 2012 and I wish to serve again. I am an urban planning professional interested in playing a role in the development of future transportation solutions for the region in which I live. I wish to help bring even greater efficiency to the movement of people and goods throughout this region, and I am interested in becoming more involved with TPB's decisions regarding funding priorities across transportation projects and modes. In addition, I hope to help aid in collaboration strategies between various planning departments and agencies. I currently work as the Planning Associate for Casey Trees, the local non-profit organization with a mission to increase the urban tree canopy of the nation's capital. I have been living in DC since September 2012, and I travel predominantly by public transit, bicycle, or foot. I am an advocate for alternative transportation modes, but I believe that it is a region's responsibility to provide its residents with a range of transportation choices, allowing them the ability to travel by any mode (including the private automobile) both smoothly and efficiently.

6. Please check all the interest areas that reflect the perspective you would bring to the CAC.

Affordable Housing, Bicycle Advocacy, Downtown D.C., Smart Growth, Economic Development, Land-Use Issues, Environmental Concerns, Neighborhood-Scale Issues, Parks/Trails, Pedestrian Advocacy, Ridesharing, Transit-Oriented Development, Transportation Funding, Transit Rider/Transit Advocacy, School District/Parent, Alternative Commuting, Environmental Justice

7. Please briefly describe your experience related to the interest areas you checked in question 5 that you feel may contribute to your effectiveness on the Citizens Advisory Committee. Also, list any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may relate to your service on the Citizens Advisory Committee.

In general, I work in the field of urban planning. Currently I work at an environmental organization that is locally based and focused in the DC metro area. However, my interests are broader than those regarding the environment, because I feel that a lot of other factors come into play when directing the way people move throughout their cities and regions. I am very interested specifically in the field of transportation planning and really enjoyed having the opportunity to work as a CAC member to help provide useful input into the planning and decisions that are made by the TPB. Prior to moving to Washington, DC, I served as a citizen volunteer on the 'Citizen's Advisory Group' for the development and update of the Santa Fe Bicycle Master Plan.

I am very aware of the commitment, responsibilities, and roles of the CAC and excited at an opportunity to be part of it again.

8. Is there any other information related to your serving as a member of the TPB Citizens Advisory Committee that you'd like to tell us about?

I believe that I am an ideal candidate for the Citizen Advisory Committee due to my background in planning, energetic personality, and passion for promoting healthy environments through smart and responsible transportation growth. Additionally, I have lived in various cities across the U.S. (including Tallahassee, Seattle, Philadelphia, Orlando, Aspen, and Santa Fe); my knowledge of these areas could help to add insight and 'lessons learned' regarding transportation solutions for the National Capital Region.

District of Columbia

Julia Thayne, alternate

5. Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

I am passionate about using urban infrastructure to spur sustainable development, and my area of interest and expertise is transport. I view the Citizen Advisory Committee as a mechanism not only for influencing DC's growth through advising on transport policy and programs, but also for collaborating with other experts to do so in the most positive, effective, and equitable way possible. During my day job as Director of Urban Programs at Siemens Center for Cities, I view cities on the macro scale, consulting local governments on how to invest in infrastructure to achieve certain environmental and economic targets. Outside of work, I am active in the cycling and gardening communities, organizing events and volunteering with others. I see the Citizen Advisory Committee as a mechanism for marrying those two scales - working on the street, neighborhood, and city levels to achieve change. I can think of no better way to serve the city where I live and work.

6. Please check all the interest areas that reflect the perspective you would bring to the CAC.

Affordable Housing, Bicycle Advocacy, Business/Chamber, Downtown D.C., Smart Growth, Economic Development, Land-Use Issues, Low-Income Issues, Minority Communities, Neighborhood-Scale Issues, Pedestrian Advocacy, Transit-Oriented Development, Transportation Funding, Transit Rider/Transit Advocacy, Alternative Commuting

7. Please briefly describe your experience related to the interest areas you checked in question 5 that you feel may contribute to your effectiveness on the Citizens Advisory Committee. Also, list any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may relate to your service on the Citizens Advisory Committee.

As described above, I am the Director of Urban Programs at Siemens Center for Cities. In addition to consulting city governments on transport infrastructure investments, I help them model the economic and environmental impacts of those investments, analyzing whether they make economic, political, and social sense. Furthermore, I work with non-partners to develop thought leadership pieces on urban infrastructure, and I collaborate with Siemens colleagues across the world to share best practices in city technology, including such infrastructure technologies as e-highways and street cars. My knowledge of the transport technologies, as well as how they work in a city both practically and politically, is deep, and I believe I could share this private sector experience with the group. In addition, I am an active advocate of community building, particularly with regards to cycling and gardening. I am currently organizing an event, which focuses on bike safety in SE DC. The event draws on existing resources and organizations, as well as latent interest in bike safety, to create a truly community-based and oriented event. In that way, the event reflects my interest in being involved in the city beyond just what I'm paid to do at Siemens. I believe that both the private sector experience at the macro level of the city and the community building experience at the micro level will be valuable to the group, providing evidence-based insights for developments on streets, in neighborhoods, and in the city as a whole.

8. Is there any other information related to your serving as a member of the TPB Citizens Advisory Committee that you'd like to tell us about?

I am convinced that in order to achieve sustainable change, the public and private, for-profit and non-profit sectors have to work together, especially where urban transport is concerned. I believe my experience spanning these sectors enables me to communicate across them, thus providing space for compromise and collaboration where it is generally difficult to find.

Virginia

Andrea Hamre, (Alexandria, VA)

5. Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

I have found serving an Alternate to the CAC in 2013 and a Member in 2014 to be tremendously valuable and believe I can continue to make a positive contribution to the CAC. I am a transportation researcher and believe in the transformative capacity of community engagement and the importance of data-driven and evidence-based decision-making. The CAC is an opportunity to support and practice informed citizenry and good governance.

6. Please check all the interest areas that reflect the perspective you would bring to the CAC.

Affordable Housing, Bicycle Advocacy, Smart Growth, Land-Use Issues, Low-Income Issues, Environmental Concerns, Parks/Trails, Pedestrian Advocacy, Ridesharing, Transit-Oriented Development, Transportation Funding, Transit Rider/Transit Advocacy, Student Issues, Alternative Commuting, Environmental Justice

7. Please briefly describe your experience related to the interest areas you checked in question 5 that you feel may contribute to your effectiveness on the Citizens Advisory Committee. Also, list any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may relate to your service on the Citizens Advisory Committee.

I believe I could serve as an asset to the committee, given my professional, community, and academic experiences. I have training in statistics and geospatial (GIS) analysis, as well as extensive writing and presentation experience, and believe these skills could be applied in my contributions to the committee. I earned a B.A. from Middlebury College in Environmental Studies, a M.S. from Virginia Tech in Agricultural & Applied Economics, and am currently a doctoral student in the Urban Affairs & Planning program at Virginia Tech's Alexandria campus. I also served for a year as an intern in the U.S. Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics. Further, I am a regular bicycle commuter and Capital Bikeshare member, volunteered with Phoenix Bikes in Arlington, VA, and served as a liaison to the Arlington Bicycle Advisory Committee and an officer with the Alexandria Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. I coordinated and led Alexandria's first manual bicycle and pedestrian counts for the National Bicycle and Pedestrian Documentation Project, and compiled a report based on that effort. I also helped found the Alexandria Spokeswomen, a group supporting women and bicycling in the City of Alexandria. I am also a member of the Women's Transportation Seminar and a recipient of a 2014 graduate student scholarship from the local chapter. I have lived in this metropolitan area since 2005, and know it to be exceptional. We have the potential to serve as a model for the nation and the world in terms of planning decisions that support opportunity and growth, and this is the vision I would bring to my service as a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee.

8. Is there any other information related to your serving as a member of the TPB Citizens Advisory Committee that you'd like to tell us about?

Serving on the CAC has been a tremendously valuable part of my practical learning during graduate school, and I am thankful to be considered for the 2015 terms.

Virginia

Stephen Still, (Reston, VA)

5. Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

I have had a lifelong interest and passion in urban transportation planning. My university degrees from Bachelors, to Masters, and PhD, were all specialized in transportation systems and planning. I recognize that transportation problems are complex; however, systematic solutions can be found through smart planning, and practical political will. The best solutions are often multi-modal in nature, and recognize that a combination of transit, pedestrian, and bike access all have an important role to create viable transportation alternatives to the automobile.

Alternatives are most widely accepted when individuals gain time and cost savings. The challenge and opportunity is to develop and execute efficient systems that deliver these savings. There are those not fortunate to have alternatives, either through income, age, or a disability. For those, transportation planners must provide good levels of service, so that the unfortunate do not fall further behind.

6. Please check all the interest areas that reflect the perspective you would bring to the CAC.

Affordable Housing, Bicycle Advocacy, Business/Chamber, Freight/Rail/Trucking, , Telework, Smart Growth, Economic Development, Land-Use Issues, Environmental Concerns, Neighborhood-Scale Issues, Parks/Trails, Pedestrian Advocacy, Transit-Oriented Development, Transportation Funding, Persons with Disabilities, Transit Rider/Transit Advocacy, Senior Citizen Issues, Alternative Commuting, Aviation

7. Please briefly describe your experience related to the interest areas you checked in question 5 that you feel may contribute to your effectiveness on the Citizens Advisory Committee. Also, list any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may relate to your service on the Citizens Advisory Committee.

In 2013, I was Chair of the CAC. The experience was very enlightening as I was so impressed with the enthusiasm and intellect of the members of the CAC. I believe we helped to improve the Regional Transportation Priorities Plan. From 2009-2012, I served on the Fairfax County Transportation Advisory Commission as a representative to the Providence District. The commission assists the Supervisors with various transportation issues that face the county, and takes various advocacy roles in improving transportation. I have been active in subcommittees including those for common sense initiatives, such as those aimed at low-cost improvements for bus stops targeted to the disadvantaged population. I am also serving on the Bicycle Advisory Committee that is designing an integrated bicycle network for Fairfax County, the first phase being focused on Tysons corner.

8. Is there any other information related to your serving as a member of the TPB Citizens Advisory Committee that you'd like to tell us about?

I participated in TPB's Community Leadership Institute in 2008, and found the program a great means to gain insight into the complex transportation problems facing the region. The Institute also provided realistic hope that tough problems can be solved in a cooperative spirit and with hard work. I would be anxious to apply these principles to current issues facing the COG as it leads the direction of regional plans.

Virginia

Jeff Parnes (Oak Hill, VA)

5. Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

Although my professional career is not related in any way to land use and transportation, my over thirty years of volunteer experience in the metropolitan area have provided me a wide background and understanding of the transportation issues facing Northern Virginia and the Capital Area as a whole. If my name is considered as a member of the 2014 CAC, I will continue to strive for transportation accessibility for all of our citizens, and accountability by our elected and our appointed officials.

6. Please check all the interest areas that reflect the perspective you would bring to the CAC.

Bicycle Advocacy, Motor Vehicle Advocacy, Telework, Land-Use Issues, Environmental Concerns, Parks/Trails, Pedestrian Advocacy, Highway Safety, Ridesharing, Transportation Funding, Suburban Issues, Road/Bridges Advocacy, Transit Rider/Transit Advocacy, Senior Citizen Issues, Highway Commuting

7. Please briefly describe your experience related to the interest areas you checked in question 5 that you feel may contribute to your effectiveness on the Citizens Advisory Committee. Also, list any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may relate to your service on the Citizens Advisory Committee.

I have been a Fairfax County resident for over 34 years, and a citizen activist over that period. I served as the Land Use Committee Chair of the Greenbrier Civic Association from 1982-85, and as served in that capacity as a member of the Rt 50/I 66 Study Area Task Force which preplanned the Fairfax Center Area, and in the subsequent Implementation Committee that set up the working structure that still exists today for architectural review and financial contributions for offsite improvements. From 1985 to date I have served as my home owners association Civic Affairs Committee chair, in addition to serving several stints as President, Treasurer and Board member of the association. From 1990 to date I have served as the Land Use and Transportation committee chair of the Sully District Council of Citizen Associations, in addition to serving as President and Vice President. I have served as the Fairfax County Citizen representative to the Dulles Area Transportation Association since I was appointed in the late 1990s, and in 2012 received their Partner Citizen Award at their 26th Anniversary Celebration & Awards Ceremony. Fairfax County Supervisor Michael Frey appointed me as Sully District Transportation Advisory Commissioner in 2003, and I served as Vice Chair for two years prior to my election by the TAC as Chair in 2010, a position I currently hold. I serve on the Board of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizen Associations, serving as Treasurer, Vice President and President over the period of 2003 to 2010, and I currently still serve as a co-chair of the Federation's Transportation committee. I completed the MWCOG TPB CLI training and also served as as one of the few non-paid members of the MWCOG Greater Washington 2050 Coalition. I have had multiple letters to the editor published in the Washington Post, all transportation related.

Virginia

Lorena Rios (Potomac Falls, VA)

5. Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

I think a multidisciplinary approach and/or different points of view are more beneficial than the absence of them when trying to achieve attainable goals especially at the regional level. In my opinion, ancillary parties to transportation issues such as architects, appraiser, funding officers and realtors should be included in this process since most transportation models fail to include them. At the local level, members of this committee can help disseminate regional organization's proposals within the general public by bridging consensus and/or agreement between government offices and the general public.

6. Please check all the interest areas that reflect the perspective you would bring to the CAC.

Affordable Housing, Business/Chamber, Motor Vehicle Advocacy, Telework, Smart Growth, Economic Development, Land-Use Issues, , Minority Communities, Environmental Concerns, Transportation Funding, Suburban Issues, Road/Bridges Advocacy, Senior Citizen Issues, Alternative Commuting

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Transportation is such a complex issue that being part of this committee for the last two years has allowed me to "scratch" the surface of it. I am planning to further my expertise on the subject by pursuing a PhD with a track on transportation in a local university, Thus, I would like to continue being a CAC member and be part of this endeavor

8. Is there any other information related to your serving as a member of the TPB Citizens Advisory Committee that you'd like to tell us about?

In my opinion, transportation is one of the issues in this area that can threaten our quality of life and destroy our economy if we do not address it head on. Reality is that we live in a multi-jurisdictional area where personal agendas are the norm not the exception which makes it extremely difficult to think, plan, act and implement anything in regional terms. Because I have experience in business networking and development as President of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Northern Virginia, in housing through a real estate business and as a former urban planner by academic background, I know I can bring a small sample of multi-disciplinary approach to the CAC.

Virginia

Douglas Stewart (Fairfax, VA)

5. Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

As someone who has been actively involved in bicycling, walking and transit advocacy in Fairfax County and Fairfax City for the past ten years, I would like to have the opportunity to network and share information on a more ongoing basis with other civic leaders involved in transportation throughout the region. I also think it's important to provide a stronger citizen-based grounding for both regional planning and state-level transportation decisions, and I see CAC as an important venue for influencing decisions on both these levels. The Community Leadership Institute training I attended in 2009 was a great introduction to other advocates from varied backgrounds working on similar issues to those in my jurisdictions. I see COG and TPB as the places where specific local concerns mesh with regional planning priorities, and vice versa. In that light, I think serving on the CAC would enable me to build a broader regional view and web of relationships that would enrich my work as a local and state-level transportation advocate.

6. Please check all the interest areas that reflect the perspective you would bring to the CAC.

Bicycle Advocacy, Smart Growth, Land-Use Issues, Environmental Concerns, Neighborhood-Scale Issues, Parks/Trails, Pedestrian Advocacy, Transit-Oriented Development, Transportation Funding, Suburban Issues, School District/Parent

7. Please briefly describe your experience related to the interest areas you checked in question 5 that you feel may contribute to your effectiveness on the Citizens Advisory Committee. Also, list any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may relate to your service on the Citizens Advisory Committee.

Bicycling advocacy -- I served as president of the Washington Area Bicyclists Association from 2007-09 and am a co-founder of Fairfax Advocates for Better Bicycling. I was a leading member of the Fairfax City Mason to Metro task group that developed a plan for improving bicycle connectivity between George Mason University's Fairfax campus and the Vienna Metro station. Two Mason-Metro projects received funding in the 2013 Transportation Alternatives Program, and a related project received a 2014 TPB Transportation and Land Use Connections grant. Smart Growth and Transit-Oriented Development-- I am a leading member of Fairfax City Citizens for Smarter Growth (www.fairfaxcitysmartergrowth.wordpress.com), which promotes compact, walkable, mixed-use development in the City of Fairfax. I was the Smart Growth chair for the Great Falls Group of the Sierra Club, where I actively advocated for good smart growth projects such as the Vienna MetroWest project. Transportation funding -- I am the transportation chair-elect for the Virginia Sierra Club. The primary responsibilities of this position are to advocate for statewide transportation policies and legislation that advocate the Sierra Club's environmental priorities, and to advocate for multi-modal transportation planning within planning processes such as the VDOT Six Year Improvement Program and the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority's project selection process. Senior Citizens -- I am well versed in older adult mobility issues through my work writing transportation reports for AARP, n4a (National Association of Area Agencies on Aging) and Partners for Livable Communities.

Virginia

Lara Hegler, alternate (Centerville, VA)

5. Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

Having previously worked 1/2 my career at public agencies and 1/2 in consulting, i have a unique viewpoint that takes into consideration both public and private sectors. I have over 20 years of progressive transportation engineering and traffic engineering experience and have worked in this region of Virginia for over 13 years. In addition, i have been involved in leading some of the most unique and complex projects in Virginia to date, including I-495 HOT Lanes Project, where I served in a variety of roles throughout the life of the project, beginning with development of the TMP through design and construction and transition to P3 ownership. I am also a parent and live in Fairfax County and am concerned regarding the traffic patterns and the true presentation of travel demand forecasts for the region. As a driver, parent, resident and engineer, I provide a great perspective to assist mobility in the region.

6. Please check all the interest areas that reflect the perspective you would bring to the CAC.

Bicycle Advocacy, Citizen at Large, Downtown D.C., Smart Growth, Economic Development, Low-Income Issues, Minority Communities, Neighborhood-Scale Issues, Parks/Trails, Pedestrian Advocacy, Highway Safety, Ridesharing, Transit-Oriented Development, Transportation Funding, Persons with Disabilities, Suburban Issues, , Road/Bridges Advocacy, Transit Rider/Transit Advocacy, Student Issues, School District/Parent, Alternative Commuting, Environmental Justice, Highway Commuting, performance measures

7. Please briefly describe your experience related to the interest areas you checked in question 5 that you feel may contribute to your effectiveness on the Citizens Advisory Committee. Also, list any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may relate to your service on the Citizens Advisory Committee.

I am particularly interested in participating in advisory committees to encourage ridesharing, commuting issues, alternative commuting and smart growth. In my career, I have worked on many projects in the region, mainly larger ones that have major impacts on the region's transportation network. At CH2M HILL, my role on the VDOT GEC Program provided me experience with coordinating with various agencies and entities on solutions for traffic related issues due to the construction of over \$6B of transportation improvements. I oversaw many engineers that supported the program and VDOT and met often with Fairfax County.

8. Is there any other information related to your serving as a member of the TPB Citizens Advisory Committee that you'd like to tell us about?

With the passing of MAP 21, I encourage and will advocate for performance measures to begin to play into the prioritization from the planning stages, which begins with WMATA. I'd like to part of the development of any new strategies or ideas that incorporate performance metrics into the planning process.

Virginia

Robert Jackson, alternate (McLean, VA)

5. Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

I have been active in civic affairs for a number of years, including 5 years as president of the McLean Citizens Association (2007-12) and one year as president of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations (2013-14). At the present, I serve as chair of Greater Tysons Citizens Coalition, an entity composed of residents of communities in and around Tysons, dedicated to representing their interests and collaborating with additional stakeholders. I have been very involved in transportation, transportation funding & related land use issues. I have a track record of working with other stakeholders, professional staff, media and elected officials to protect and enhance the quality of life for residents.

6. Please check all the interest areas that reflect the perspective you would bring to the CAC.

Business/Chamber, Citizen at Large, Motor Vehicle Advocacy, Telework, Smart Growth, Economic Development, Land-Use Issues, Environmental Concerns, Neighborhood-Scale Issues, Parks/Trails, Pedestrian Advocacy, Highway Safety, Transit-Oriented Development, Transportation Funding, , Suburban Issues, Road/Bridges Advocacy, Transit Rider/Transit Advocacy, Media Relations

7. Please briefly describe your experience related to the interest areas you checked in question 5 that you feel may contribute to your effectiveness on the Citizens Advisory Committee. Also, list any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may relate to your service on the Citizens Advisory Committee.

As president of two major civic associations, I have led efforts to identify transportation-related problems, the interests of other stakeholders, reasonable and practical solutions to those problems that address the concerns of my "constituents." I was one of the leaders who helped forge consensus on acceptable amendments to the Tysons Comprehensive Plan and related transportation funding. I work well with elected officials of both Parties, as well as professional staff. Because of my expertise, I have participated in a number of panels on transportation and land use issues, as well as been interviewed by numerous media and trade press. I also worked with VDOT to establish a stakeholder committee on widening Route 7; reviewed and advocated many local and regional transportation solutions; help vet multiple transit-oriented development proposals for Tysons, as well as other land use applications in Greater McLean, and developed considerable expertise on environmental issues related to transportation and land use projects, most especially related to storm water management.

8. Is there any other information related to your serving as a member of the TPB Citizens Advisory Committee that you'd like to tell us about?

While always looking to protect the interests of constituents, I am quite skilled at finding points of agreement, working to build consensus, respecting other views and preventing "mission creep" that can harm coalitions and destroy consensus. I understand that transportation problems in the Greater Metro Area are complex and solutions are likely to be diverse and incremental. Moreover, a committee member should not expect all jurisdictions will be in a position to agree on solutions to complex problems. A member's goal (and that of the entire committee) should be to make incremental progress, rather than to focus on "all or nothing solutions." It is also critical to determine who or which group may be harmed by a solution and attempt to mitigate such harm.

Virginia

Michael Rodriguez, alternate (Falls Church, VA)

5. Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

I'm very active in transportation and am a professional planner by trade (AICP certified). I work in consulting, primarily on transportation economics issues for agencies across the country. I am excited for the opportunity to offer my knowledge and skills in transportation to my local MPO.

6. Please check all the interest areas that reflect the perspective you would bring to the CAC.

Smart Growth, Economic Development, Transit-Oriented Development, Transportation Funding

7. Please briefly describe your experience related to the interest areas you checked in question 5 that you feel may contribute to your effectiveness on the Citizens Advisory Committee. Also, list any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may relate to your service on the Citizens Advisory Committee.

Smart Growth. My research in graduate school planning was very focused on smart growth, and I am a Tysons Corner resident. This is an issue very important to me and I'd like to advocate for smart growth initiatives at the MPO level.

TOD. Similar to smart growth, much of my research and professional work has been in TOD. Tyson's Corner, my backyard, is a huge example of this area bringing TOD to communities. I understand the ins and outs of those issues.

Transportation Funding. My policy degree in graduate school was focused on funding issues, especially the federal funding process with what became MAP-21. I know funding is a big concern at the MWCOG, and want to see what we can do in terms of cross-modal prioritization and also revenue generation. I'm familiar with the STIP and TIP process as a professional, and help agencies optimize scarce dollars.

Economic development. This is my strongest forte, as the firm I work for is known as Economic Development Research Group. I am an expert in transportation economics and economic development impacts of transportation projects. I can bring those view points as a citizen to help improve my community.

8. Is there any other information related to your serving as a member of the TPB Citizens Advisory Committee that you'd like to tell us about?

1. I have a master's in public administration and another in urban planning. I am an AICP certified planner.
2. While I work for a private consulting firm, I intend to participate as a private citizen. I will recuse myself from any potential conflicts of interest, for example, if my firm is bidding on specific work with the MWCOG. Aside from that, I am offering my knowledge and experience so that I can contribute to my community.

Maryland

John Epps (Clinton, MD)

5. Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

I am interested in serving on TPB's 2015 Citizen Advisory Committee because I understand the integral role that the CAC plays in forming transportation policy for our region. I look forward to furthering the progress we have made over the past few years I've sat on the committee

6. Please check all the interest areas that reflect the perspective you would bring to the CAC.

Bicycle Advocacy, Business/Chamber, Employees/Labor, Telework, Smart Growth, Economic Development, Land-Use Issues, Low-Income Issues, Minority Communities, Environmental Concerns, Parks/Trails, Pedestrian Advocacy, Transit-Oriented Development, Transportation Funding, Suburban Issues, Alternative Commuting

7. Please briefly describe your experience related to the interest areas you checked in question 5 that you feel may contribute to your effectiveness on the Citizens Advisory Committee. Also, list any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may relate to your service on the Citizens Advisory Committee.

As a land and business owner in the TDOZ of Capitol Height Metro, I am constantly faced with the challenges of pending development in an area under funded for the types of sustainable smart development needed to best leverage the available transportation resources in the area. In addition to the CAC, I sit on a number of local committees in my jurisdiction that take aim at making the immediate changes that will best influence the type of growth we'd like to see. I also live in the suburbs of Prince George's County where I commute by vehicle to work in Suitland as well as telework from home twice a week. I work closely with the transportation office at Census and serve as the President of the Census Cycling Club, an Affinity Group that helps bring Bike-to-Work Day to Suitland, as well as advocates for employees at Suitland Federal Center to have better access to information and facilities that make cycling a viable commuting option.

8. Is there any other information related to your serving as a member of the TPB Citizens Advisory Committee that you'd like to tell us about?

The more I serve on the CAC, the better educated I am on the impact that my jurisdiction has on regional transportation. I hope my work on the CAC leads to other opportunities to help my jurisdiction and regional make better transportation and land-use decisions.

Maryland

Emmet Tydings (Brookeville, MD)

5. Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

I've been a CAC member for several years and only become more interested with each year. I am also a founding and Exec Board member of Suburban Maryland Transportation Alliance, and sit on the Greater Olney Civic Association Transportation Committee. Also was an alternate on the Mont County Context Sensitive Road Design committee, and sat on the Priorities Planning Committee at TPB in 2010.

6. Please check all the interest areas that reflect the perspective you would bring to the CAC.

Bicycle Advocacy, Business/Chamber, Citizen at Large, Employees/Labor, Freight/Rail/Trucking, Telework, Smart Growth, Economic Development, Land-Use Issues, Environmental Concerns, Neighborhood-Scale Issues, Parks/Trails, Pedestrian Advocacy, Transit-Oriented Development, Transportation Funding, Suburban Issues, Road/Bridges Advocacy, Transit Rider/Transit Advocacy, Environmental Justice, Highway Commuting

8. Is there any other information related to your serving as a member of the TPB Citizens Advisory Committee that you'd like to tell us about?

I've been involved in civic work in transportation for many years and have gained a lot of knowledge and perspective in it for Maryland and the MWCOG MPO. I also currently Chair the Howard County Technology Council Board with over 300 member companies, and have sat on numerous Telecommunications Advisory Boards for large public companies, and so have experience running meetings and keeping on track.

Maryland

Gary Hodge (White Plains, MD)

5. Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

To apply four decades of successful regional transportation planning, advocacy and intergovernmental relations experience to the task of addressing our citizens' need for more efficient, responsive, and integrated transportation services in the diverse communities of metropolitan Washington.

6. Please check all the interest areas that reflect the perspective you would bring to the CAC.

Business/Chamber, Citizen at Large, Smart Growth, Economic Development, Land-Use Issues, Environmental Concerns, Neighborhood-Scale Issues, Parks/Trails, Pedestrian Advocacy, Highway Safety, Ridesharing, Transit-Oriented Development, Transportation Funding, , Suburban Issues, Rural/Exurban, Road/Bridges Advocacy, Transit Rider/Transit Advocacy, Highway Commuting.

I have significant relevant experience in all of the above interest areas

7. Please briefly describe your experience related to the interest areas you checked in question 5 that you feel may contribute to your effectiveness on the Citizens Advisory Committee. Also, list any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may relate to your service on the Citizens Advisory Committee.

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, 1971-74 (METRO transit station impact studies, amendment to WMATA compact for regional policing, METRO public safety planning); the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland (executive director and chair, 1980-98,2008-09, State commuter bus service, ridesharing, highway improvements, NHTSA highway safety plan, BRAC infrastructure investments, MWAQC air quality planning); Charles County Commissioner (2006-10, LRT alignment study, Waldorf urban design study/redevelopment initiative to transform suburban auto-dependent place to new urban TOD community, LOTS bus service, TPB member, TLC-funded Waldorf transportation improvement plan, Commission to Study So MD Transportation Needs, annual Tour Letter/CTP); Regional Policy Advisors (president,1999-present, mass transit funding advocacy, consultant on Phase One Waldorf TOD plan; All above (intergovernmental relations at local, state, federal levels on transportation issues, 1971-present); CAC member, 2014.

8. Is there any other information related to your serving as a member of the TPB Citizens Advisory Committee that you'd like to tell us about?

In all of my roles in public service and as a citizen of the metropolitan community, I have been an effective advocate for the improvement of local and regional transportation services. I have an intimate knowledge of the decision-making process at all levels of government, having been deeply engaged in the process as an appointed and an elected official, and as a private sector advocate. Initiatives I have launched to improve mass transit service for the 46,000 commuters from Charles County to the Washington area have resulted in real improvements and continue today with the support of new leaders at the County and the State levels. I have been a lifelong resident of the metropolitan Washington area. I grew up in Montgomery County and have very detailed knowledge of the region, its dynamics, and its constituent communities. It would be an honor to serve as an advocate for the citizens of the Washington area as a member of the Citizens Advisory Committee of the TPB for 2015. Thank you for your consideration.

Maryland

Deanna Holford (Rockville, MD)

5. Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

Promoting public transit, pedestrian, and bicycling issues is so incredibly important. Auto-centric places lose their sense of personality and community. It is better for businesses if cities are walkable. And, of course, our environment needs for us to stop driving. I would love to participate in promoting public involvement in transportation, and take part in making an impact on transportation planning!

6. Please check all the interest areas that reflect the perspective you would bring to the CAC.

Affordable Housing, Bicycle Advocacy, Citizen at Large, Downtown D.C., Telework, Smart Growth, Economic Development, Low-Income Issues, , Environmental Concerns, Neighborhood-Scale Issues, Parks/Trails, Pedestrian Advocacy, , Ridesharing, Transit-Oriented Development, Transportation Funding, Transit Rider/Transit Advocacy

7. Please briefly describe your experience related to the interest areas you checked in question 5 that you feel may contribute to your effectiveness on the Citizens Advisory Committee. Also, list any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may relate to your service on the Citizens Advisory Committee.

First of all, I have made a conscious choice to live car-free. I have only used public transit, bicycles, walking, and carpooling since early 2012. I have worked on transportation studies in my role at Westat, and this topic is a personal interest of mine that I do a lot of reading about. I am a young person and can represent millennial's well-documented shift away from cars.

Maryland

Alex Tremble (Bladensburg, MD)

5. Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

Over the last five years I have dedicated a great deal of my time and resources towards making our community a safer and more sought out place to live. However, although I have testified at County Council meetings on the importance of investing in creative transportation solutions and I have participated in numerous Town Hall gathering geared toward community development, it was not until after participating in, and graduating from, the TPB Community Leadership Institute that I realized how much good I could do for my community and the region by serving on this committee. I would like to use my knowledge of the National Park Service, the private sector, and the local transportation challenges effecting all community members to help find cost effective and creative ways to ensure that our region continues to grow and remain competitive for business, while also maintaining or decreasing the congestion and pollution predictions.

6. Please check all the interest areas that reflect the perspective you would bring to the CAC.

Downtown D.C., Employees/Labor, Telework, Low-Income Issues, Minority Communities, Environmental Concerns, Parks/Trails, Pedestrian Advocacy, Transit Rider/Transit Advocacy, Student Issues, Alternative Commuting, Environmental Justice

7. Please briefly describe your experience related to the interest areas you checked in question 5 that you feel may contribute to your effectiveness on the Citizens Advisory Committee. Also, list any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may relate to your service on the Citizens Advisory Committee.

My time living in this region (solely in minority communities) began over five years ago as a student commuting from Baltimore via public transportation (i.e., Metro, MARC, and Bus) to Downtown DC where I interned. As a young African American student interning for the U.S. Department of the Interior I became very familiar with the transportation challenges facing students, low-income families, and even middle class families. I currently work for the National Park Service (NPS). Working for the NPS provides me with an insight into the agency's challenges and thoughts on its parks/trails that few have access to, as well as insight into the mind and considerations of teleworkers because I am a part-time teleworker. This, in turn, allows me to understand and empathize with those who live and/or work in Downtown DC, as well as knowledge of telework trends for the region. I spent a year commuting via bicycle through my agency's Bike Share Program, and I have, unfortunately, been hit while riding my bicycle in Downtown DC. That said, I am still an avid recreational cyclist during the summer months. Finally, I currently represent the NPS on the Chesapeake Bay Environmental Justice Committee and have worked with groups advocating for Rapid Transit System and the Purple Line. I believe that my diverse set of experiences will add value to your committee.

8. Is there any other information related to your serving as a member of the TPB Citizens Advisory Committee that you'd like to tell us about?

In addition to a great deal of volunteer work I have done over the years, two of my most valuable skills are my facilitation and negotiation skills. A large portion of my jobs over the past four years has been to help agencies and organizations with opposing, or different, positions work collaboratively to solve challenges for the greater good. I have been effective in these roles because I do my best to remain objective, respectful, and open to consider challenges and/or solutions that I may not have been aware of. I would like to bring these skills to this committee to help make the tough decisions necessary to help our community members' commute easier and less costly, while, at the same time, not ostracizing any group or causing business to leave the area due to increase financial burdens etc.