

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

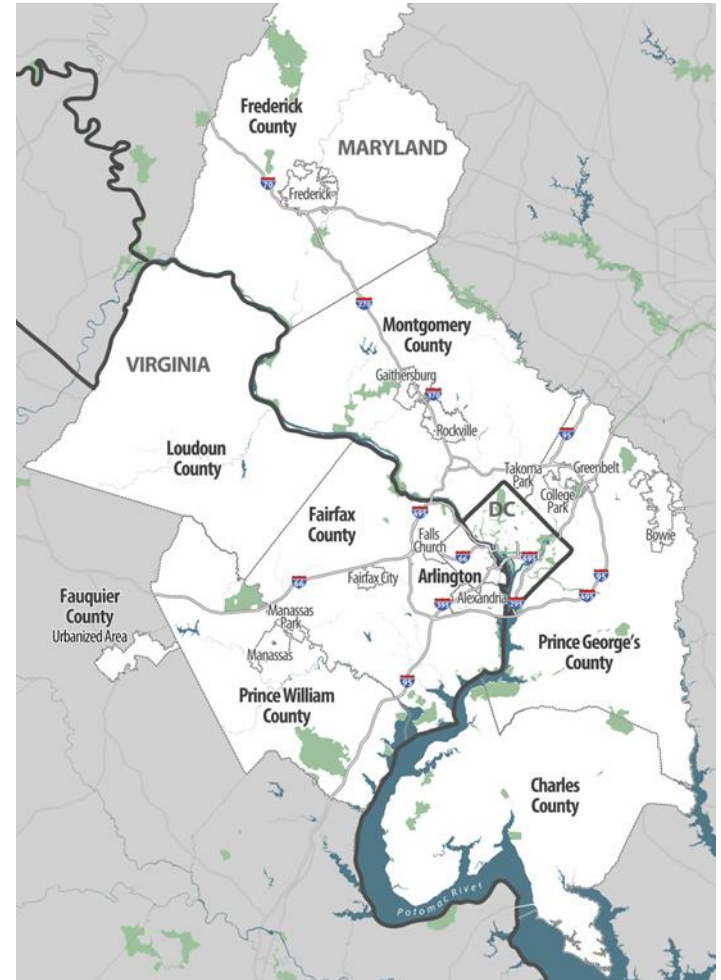
Combining the AFA and the Human Service Transportation Coordination Task Force

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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 **blue** = 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 will continue to be Chaired by a TPB member
- Chair is selected by the TPB Chair with consultation from the TPB Officers
- Chair can 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 populations
 - Minority populations
 - 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 issued a call for applications for members
- The deadline is **May 20**
- All historic AFA and Task Force participants have been invited to submit an application
- TPB Members have been 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; and 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



Timeline and Steps

March 16:	Notice to TPB about Proposed Change. Nominated Charles Allen to serve as AFA Chairman
April to May:	TPB staff will identify and reach out to possible applicants and ask TPB members for suggestions
April 13 to May 20:	Call for applications
April 20:	Brief the TPB on the AFA Committee restructure
Early June:	Finalized membership and notify members of first meeting
June 23:	First meeting of the new AFA Committee



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