

# **APPENDIX D**

## **PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND COMMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

# PUBLIC FORUM ON THE FY 2019-2024 TIP

On Thursday, July 12, TPB staff held a Public Forum on the development of the FY 2019-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as required by the federal Metropolitan Planning Regulations. The forum was broadcast via Facebook Live and held following an abbreviated meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC).

## Outreach and Attendance

The Public Forum was advertised using multiple media formats. The forum was highlighted in a TPB News article on July 10 which is delivered to more than 900 subscribers. On July 5, an email was sent to over 1,200 recipients. The email included link to follow the Public Forum on Facebook Live. In the weeks leading up to the forum, multiple posts were made to the TPB's Facebook and Twitter accounts. The forum was attended by 15 people including members of the CAC. Four people watched the Facebook Live broadcast of the forum. TPB staff would like to thank Mark Rawlings from the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), Kari Snyder from the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), Norman Whitaker from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), and Allison Davis from the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) for their presentations and participation in the forum's Question and Answer session.

## Summary of Forum Presentation

TPB staff presented information on the types and amounts of funding in the current FY 2017-2022 TIP and details about the development of the FY 2019-2024 TIP. Representatives from the DDOT, MDOT, VDOT and WMATA each provided a brief overview of how their agencies select and fund projects from their long-range transportation plans into their short-term budget programs and the TPB's TIP. Upcoming opportunities for public involvement were highlighted for each of the DOTs and WMATA's programs currently under development. The presentation concluded with a preview of the Performance-Based Planning and Programming (PBPP) measures required under federal law.

The draft FY 2019-2024 TIP is expected to include such large-scale projects as the South Capitol Street Bridge and the Union Station to Georgetown Transitway in the District, the Purple Line and the I-495/I-270 Traffic Relief Plan projects in Maryland, and the Silver Line Phase II Metrorail extension, and I-66 Multimodal Improvements outside the Beltway in Virginia.

Often, implementing agencies cannot update projects in the TIP until the project is "shovel ready." The TIP is continuously being amended and modified, so any financial summary can only provide a momentary "snapshot" of the TIP. Due to varying schedules across the National Capital Region, some agencies have more fully developed inputs to the TIP through FY 2024. Other agencies are in earlier stages of program development and anticipate requesting amendments to the TIP early next year.

The presentation and a link to the Facebook video are available online at [www.mwcog.org/TIPforum](http://www.mwcog.org/TIPforum).

## Participant Questions and Comments

Forum attendees asked questions or made comments on a wide range of subjects, including:

- The differences or similarities between criteria used in the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority's TransAction plan and the new Smart Scale funding program
- The linkages between system performance and funding under PBPP
- Differences between various performance measures
- Capital programming in the TIP vs. operational programming, not typically included in the TIP

## PUBLIC COMMENT PERIODS

The TPB held a total of three 30-day public comment and inter-agency review periods during the development of Visualize 2045 and the FY 2019-2024 TIP. The first two periods were held between December 14, 2017 – January 13, 2018; and January 19 – February 17, 2018. The FY 2019-2024 TIP was developed during the summer of 2018 and a draft was made available for the final comment period from September 7 to October 7, 2018. Please see [Appendix J of the Visualize 2045 document](#) for complete documentation of all three comment periods.