

REPORT
TPB Citizens Advisory Committee
May 14, 2015
Bob Summersgill, Chair

On May 14 the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) was briefed on TPB Safety-related activities and provided with an update on the work of the COG Multi-sector Working Group on Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions. The committee also discussed the work of its various subcommittees.

Briefing on TPB Activities Related to Safety

Marco Trigueros of DTP staff presented on TPB data collection and analysis related to transportation safety. He described the various TPB coordinated safety activities designed to meet federal requirements and member jurisdiction needs. These activities include the work of the Transportation Safety Subcommittee, data compilation/analysis, and the Safety Element of the Constrained Long-Range Plan. He spoke about fatality rates across different TPB jurisdictions and described how the Washington region compares to other MPO planning areas. He provided information on data regarding injuries and fatalities for pedestrians and cyclists, as well as accidents related to freight trucks. He emphasized challenges in data collection among several datasets across various levels of government.

The committee raised several points of inquiry into the TPB's safety activities and the data presented. Attendees asked about collaborating with universities, police, insurance companies and wireless phone providers to enhance existing accident data. They also discussed having more specific data, such as time of day, weather, and more details on the causes of accidents.

Update on the Multi-Sector Working Group to Examine Greenhouse Gas Reductions

Bob Griffiths of DTP staff provided an update to the committee on the activities of the COG Multi-Sector Working Group (MSWG) that is examining strategies to reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions. He reported that the Working Group has developed a list of 22 strategies believed to be most promising and worthy of more detailed quantitative analysis. A consultant team will analyze these strategies between May and July. The results of this analysis will be presented to the TPB and other COG/TPB committees between September 2015 and January 2016. Mr. Griffiths said the consultant's analysis will help create a baseline for future evaluation. He emphasized that the Working Group's strategies are high-level recommendations that may connect to scenario level analysis for both near- and long-term solutions.

The committee asked if performance targets would be developed through the consultant's recommendations, and debated the efforts of increasing CAFE standards and speed limits. They encouraged the TPB to consider more targeted efforts in educating the public.

Updates from CAC Subcommittees and Subcommittee Work Session

Chairs from each of the CAC subcommittees provided the committee with brief updates on work activities undertaken since the last CAC meeting.

Other Business

Mr. Griffiths briefed the committee on the May TPB agenda.

TPB staff announced that Jeremy Martin and Nancy Abeles, both from Maryland, have new roles on the committee. TPB Vice-Chair Newton nominated Martin to serve as a full member of the committee to fill a vacancy. Abeles was nominated to fill Martin's spot as an alternate on the committee. These nominations were approved by the TPB Steering Committee on May 1.

ATTENDEES CAC Meeting, May 14, 2015

Members Present

Bob Summersgill (DC)
Keith Benjamin (DC)
Gary V. Hodge (MD)
Jeremy Martin (MD)
Jeff Parnes (VA)
Lorena Rios (VA)
Tom Sanchez (DC)
Douglas Stewart (VA)
Stephen Still (VA)
Alex Tremble (MD)
Emmet Tydings (MD)

Members Not Present

Veronica O. Davis (DC)
John Epps (MD)
Holly Muhammad (DC)
Andrea Hamre (VA)

Alternates Present

Nancy Abeles (MD)
Rob Jackson (VA)
Emily Oaksford (DC)
Michael Rodriguez (VA)
Tina Slater (MD)

TPB Staff

Bob Griffiths, COG/DTP staff
John Swanson, COG/DTP staff
Bryan Hayes, COG/DTP staff
Lamont Cobb, COG/DTP staff
Andrew Meese, COG/DTP staff
Marco Trigueros, COG/DTP staff

Guests

Bill Orleans