

# National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

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TO: Transportation Planning Board  
FROM: Gerald Miller, Acting Co-Director, Department of Transportation Planning  
SUBJECT: Appointment of Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) members for 2014

According to the TPB's Participation Plan, The Citizens Advisory Committee consists of 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. Subsequently, the TPB officers nominate nine (9) individuals— three each from the District of Columbia, Virginia and Maryland. The Plan also states that the chair of the TPB will appoint the chair of the CAC.

The TPB is scheduled to appoint the 2014 CAC at the TPB's January 15 meeting so that the new committee can convene in February. The TPB officers have indicated they will nominate the individuals indicated below. Also at the January 15 meeting, TPB Chair Patrick Wojahn will announce the appointment of the CAC chair. Application information for the nominees is attached.

## **Maryland**

*Elected by the 2013 CAC*

Tracy Hadden Loh  
Emmet Tydings

*Nominated by TPB Chair Patrick Wojahn*

John Epps  
Tina Slater  
Jarrett Stoltzfus  
Cherien Eapen, *alternate*  
Gary Hodge, *alternate*  
Karen Young, *alternate*

## **District of Columbia**

*Elected by the 2013 CAC*

Neha Bhatt  
Veronica Davis

*Nominated by TPB Vice Chair Tommy Wells*

Erin McAuliff  
Cindy Petkac  
Zachary Smith

## **Virginia**

*Elected by the 2013 CAC*

Tom Burrell  
Stephen Still

*Nominated by TPB Vice Chair Tim Lovain*

Andrea Hamre  
Jeffrey Parnes  
Lorena Rios  
Rick Holt, *alternate*  
Thomas Sanchez, *alternate*  
Douglas Stewart, *alternate*

# Maryland

Tracy Hadden Loh (Mt. Rainier, MD)

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

I have served as both an alternate and a member of this committee for two years. As a lifelong resident of the region who crosses jurisdictional boundaries every day, I am a passionate advocate for increased regional coordination, planning, and infrastructure investment. The CAC is a mechanism for ordinary residents of the region to raise concerns and advocate for planning policies and actions that reflect our long-term interest in the livability of this region for ourselves and our children.

## **5. Please check all the interest areas that reflect the perspective you would bring to the CAC.**

Bicycle Advocacy, Smart Growth, Parks/Trails, Transit-Oriented Development, Transportation Funding, Alternative Commuting, Environmental Justice

## **6. 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.**

Regional project prioritization, especially for transit and cross-jurisdictional surface transportation investments such as bridges. I have lived in the DC metro area for all of my life (32 years). I was born and raised in DC, and currently live just over the border in Maryland. Like everyone who has made a life in this region, I understand that mobility is a regional issue and that increasing transportation reliability and choice is the key to our economic future and quality of life.

## **7. 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 strongly that ordinary citizens have a lot of valuable input to offer the TPB. The CAC is a great mechanism for coordinating that input.

# Maryland

Emmet Tydings (Brookville, MD)

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

I'm interested in serving on the CAC because I have been involved in transportation and planning issues for my community and the region for eight years now and become increasingly more productive in these endeavors as my involvement continues. I have served on the CAC for 5 years now and have accumulated a wealth of knowledge on transportation and land use issues to the point where I can be helpful in unbiased region-wide planning from a perspective of economic development and a better quality of life. Because I am not affiliated with any transportation, development or land use special interest groups, I believe that I represent a unique perspective that is helpful in transportation planning. I'll work to help weave sound environmental considerations into the planning for our region in a way that still enables responsible growth while minimizing or eliminating its negative impacts. Lastly, I believe that civic involvement in planning needs to be a lifetime endeavor with a long-term outlook and direct involvement to be most effective, and I intend to take that approach in my work at the CAC.

## **5. Please check all the interest areas that reflect the perspective you would bring to the CAC.**

Affordable housing, Bicycle Advocacy, Business/Chamber, Citizen at Large, Freight/Rail/Trucking, Telework, Smart Growth, Land-Use Issues, Low-Income Issues, Environmental Concerns, Neighborhood-Scale Issues, Parks/Trails, Pedestrian Advocacy, Highway Safety, Ridesharing, Transit-Oriented Development, Suburban Issues, Rural/Exurban, Road/Bridges Advocacy, Transit Rider/Transit Advocacy, Alternative Commuting

## **6. 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.**

Starting this month I will be acting as the alternate committee member on the Mont. County Road Code committee. I have worked on master plan citizen committees in Mont County. I have chaired a political campaign. I have been involved with a small group of transportation leaders meeting regularly for lunch in Montgomery County to discuss transportation issues. I have communicated and met with County Council members on transportation continually for seven years. I had an individual meeting with the MD Secretary of Transportation to discuss transportation matter for the State. I have attended public forums, meetings on transportation and land use like the COG 50 year anniversary summit at George Washington Univ. in 2007, and several other meetings over the years. I was Vice Chairman of the CAC for 2 years and Chairman in 2006. I have worked long and hard on promoting the Regional mobility and Accessibility Study and its outreach and continue to believe that it is a core tool we should utilize for regional planning and I can help with that.

# Maryland

John Epps (Clinton, MD)

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

In 2012, I served my second term as a member representing Maryland on the CAC. I had the distinguished opportunity to represent my peers as the Vice Chairperson representing Maryland. As Vice Chair, I had the privilege to present and share the CAC viewpoints on the Regional Transportation Priorities Plan before the Transportation planning board.

## **5. Please check all the interest areas that reflect the perspective you would bring to the CAC.**

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

## **6. 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 business owner and commercial property owner in the Transit District Overlay Zone of Capitol Heights and resident of Prince George's County I am constantly faced with the prospect of change. I've presented before the TPB and the Prince George's County Council on issues relating to Transit District Development Planning, Smart Growth, and Trail and park development impacting Prince George's County. This past year I joined others in forming the Census Cycling Club, an Affinity Group representing the interest of Employees at the US Census Bureau and other government agencies at the Suitland federal Center in Maryland. I currently serve as president of the group. our primary goal is to support resident of the Metropolitan Region who are also employees at the Suitland Federal Center find alternative ways to commute to work with the primary focus of cycling as an alternative means to transportation. this group will be important to the influence of infrastructure development around Suitland Federal Center that will make it easier to cycling to commute from neighboring jurisdictions. Both my business property and work location are unique situated in areas that fall below average per capita income areas around the region. They are also located in areas that area separated by the Anacostia and Potomac Rivers where having adequate transportation alternatives at bridge crossings are important.

## **7. 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?**

If enjoyed working with the CAC the past two years. The influence it has had on my life has opened my eyes to an array of possibilities for our region. There is still much work to be done and I believe that my experience working with CAC over the past two years and having been influenced by visionaries such as Dr. Ron Kirby gives me a unique perspective enabling me to continue making meaningful contributions to the group.

# Maryland

Tina Slater (Silver Spring, MD)

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

Transportation and Land-Use are the key issues that affect "livability" in our Region. For the past 3 years, I have served as president of Action Committee for Transit, Montgomery County's voice for transit advocacy (500 paid members). We push for safer roads for all users, more transit throughout the county & connectivity with other jurisdictions, with an eye towards improved pedestrian and bike safety. Land-use decisions (and housing affordability) are key to our transportation woes. If everyone lives far away from work, far away from shopping, then -- of course -- they are going to drive to get to where they need to go. Let's build on our Activity Centers, have safe circulation in these areas by bike, walking, transit -- so that the car is not the only option. Without decisions like these, our Region will become even \*more\* mired in congestion. The TPB is the forum where representatives throughout the Region convene to grapple with these problems. We on the CAC can help shape some of the conversation.

## **5. Please check all the interest areas that reflect the perspective you would bring to the CAC.**

Affordable Housing, Bicycle Advocacy, Land-Use Issues, Pedestrian Advocacy, Transit-Oriented Development, Transportation Funding, Transit Rider/Transit Advocacy, Senior Citizen Issues, Alternative Commuting

## **6. 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.**

President of Action Committee for Transit (ACT) for past 3 years --- ACT is Montgomery County's voice for transit advocacy. We testify at hearings at the Planning Board, County Council, and at the General Assembly in Annapolis. We also hold monthly meetings for the public with speakers such as 1) transit reporters Roundtable; 2) Bikeshare -- How is it Going -- with Shane Farthing; 3) Update on the Purple Line with Michael Madden MTA Proj Mgr, etc. I am also a member of the Transportation Committee of the MoCo League of Women Voters. And I am also a non-voting member of the Purple Line NOW! Board, which advocates for the opening of the Purple Line in 2020.

## **7. 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 been a member of the CAC for several years and find it to be an excellent forum to be briefed and to discuss transportation/land-use issues at a Regional level. This perspective is difficult to glean from newspaper reports and other sources. I find the opportunity to listen and to contribute definitely enhances my knowledge and allows me to make more articulate contributions at transit advocacy meetings, in meetings with elected officials, and when providing testimony on transportation issues.

# Maryland

Jarrett Stoltzfus (Mt. Rainier, MD)

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

Metropolitan Planning Organizations have a unique role in coordinating regional transportation investments, and TPB is no exception. The Washington metropolitan area, faced with significant population growth over the next several decades, will face significant mobility challenges. At the same time, the DC metro area is one of the leaders in alternative transportation mode share, and it will become increasingly more important to rely on growing our transit, bicycle, and pedestrian networks as road capacity becomes increasingly more constrained. I live and own a home in an inner suburb in Prince George's County (Mount Rainier), where I have lived for the past few years. Mount Rainier, which is over a hundred years old, parallels both one of the earliest Baltimore and Ohio railroad branches, as well as one of the former major streetcar lines. Though the streetcar is no longer, the grid and density in the corridor still persists to this day and the city is well-served by frequent bus transit and an adjacent metro line. However, being located in the eastern part of the region, there is still an opportunity for both population and economic redevelopment as much of our investment in this region has increasingly shifted westward. Prince George's is often underrepresented in the regional dialogue, and I look forward to continue being a strong representative voice for the County. There is a lot of opportunity in our inner core and in historically dense corridors to rebuild and grow, and one of my interests in serving again on the CAC, is providing a voice focused not just on in the historic core of DC or Arlington, but advocating for thoughtful development region-wide that can reduce VMT and encourage more livable communities. The CAC provides a wonderful opportunity for citizen participation and input for these goals, and I would be pleased to have the opportunity to serve a second year.

## **5. 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, Land-Use Issues, Low-Income Issues, Minority Communities, Environmental Concerns, Parks/Trails, Pedestrian Advocacy, Ridesharing, Transit-Oriented, Development, Transportation Funding, Suburban Issues, Rural/Exurban, Transit Rider/Transit Advocacy, Alternative Commuting, Environmental Justice

## **6. 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 significant experience in public transportation, having worked in the transit industry for over six years at the Office of Research, Demonstration and Innovation at the Federal Transit Administration (United States Department of Transportation). One of my primary roles there is managing our two largest research programs – the Transit Cooperative Research Program (TCRP), a applied transit research program run in conjunction with the National Academy of Science, and our university research program. Due to the very small size of the agency, I've also played a role as a reviewer in many of our major discretionary capital grant investments and am one of the primary leads for bicycling and alternative transportation at FTA. During my tenure at FTA, I also was detailed to the Environmental Protection Agency and the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA), where I worked for nearly a year in 2009, and became familiar with both the federal environmental review process and transit service planning. In addition, I am also tasked with the overall coordination of FTA's implementation of the research, technical assistance, and workforce development sections of MAP-21 (the newest two year surface transportation bill and the successor to SAFETEA-LU). While this is just one piece of the overall surface transportation bill, it has given me a strong familiarity and understanding of all aspects of how federal funding flows to local jurisdictions. More locally, I am also active in my city and region. I am also on Mount Rainier's Mixed Use Town Center Review Board, which is a city appointed committee of municipal representatives, residents, and business/property owners who review applications for, and make recommendations on, exterior renovations and new development in Mount Rainier's Mixed-Use Town Center Zone, in coordination with staff from Maryland Park and Planning (MNC-PPC). I am also active in Mount Rainier's Sustainability Team, where I wrote (pro-bono) a bicycle master plan for the city. I am also a volunteer for the Prince George's Historical Society. I am also stepping up to work on Mount Rainier's charter reform committee this coming year as we seek to update our town's charter. Finally, I am currently on the Board of Directors of the Gateway Community Development Corporation (CDC), a 501(c)3 dedicated to economic revitalization along the communities of Mount Rainier, Brentwood and North Brentwood, through business and neighborhood development initiatives including promotion of the arts as a community building strategy. I will very likely be stepping up as Vice President, and in my existing role as Board member, have built strong relationships with local and county officials as well as the greater community. I hope to continue to contribute on the board. While there were

several representatives from Prince George's, I was the only person on the CAC who directly represented an organization that supports public transportation, and I hope to continue to bring that understanding to the next year's iteration of the CAC.

**7. 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 this past year was one of the most rewarding activities that I devoted time to this year, and I would look forward to continuing in that capacity for next year if possible to remain on the committee. Thank you again for your consideration!

# Maryland

Cherian Eapen, alternate (Clarksburg, MD)

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

I was a member of the TPB CAC in 2013 and I am thrilled at this opportunity to reapply to serve on the 2014 TPB CAC. I am interested in serving on the CAC because the CAC provides a great forum for people with passion to work collaboratively on solutions to regional transportation and economic growth issues to come together and discuss issues that are critical to the region on a monthly basis. Last year, this was especially true with the CAC's work on the Regional Transportation Priorities Plan (RTPP). As I noted in my application last year, as a practicing planning professional, I have a deep interest in advocating for enhanced regional coordination on sustainable and pragmatic transportation policies and land use solutions that will help us minimize regional congestion problems and bridge our regional job disparity gap. If appointed to the CAC in 2014, I look forward to continuing my efforts to address our regional planning issues. I believe I contributed well to the many discussions at that CAC on this topic last year. My participation in the CAC also enhanced my knowledge on regional planning and helped me better understand land use issues related to transportation planning, traffic engineering and safety, and the need to build transit, bicycle, and pedestrian infrastructure in addition to road infrastructure while maintaining existing infrastructure in good order. As a member of the CAC and member of other local civic groups, I was also able to inform my community of the great work TPB Transportation Planning Division is doing in the region, and build great appreciation for the work TPB does.

## **5. Please check all the interest areas that reflect the perspective you would bring to the CAC.**

Affordable Housing, Bicycle Advocacy, Business/Chamber, Citizen at Large, 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/Bridges Advocacy, Transit Rider/Transit Advocacy, Senior Citizen Issues, Student Issues, School District/Parent, Alternative Commuting, Highway Commuting, Recreation

## **6. 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 transportation planner and a traffic engineer, I have been deeply involved in many of the interest areas listed above, especially light rail (Purple Line and Corridor Cities Transitway), affordable and low-income housing, bicycle and pedestrian safety, Safe Routes to Schools, smart growth, transit-oriented development, land use, land development, environmental impact mitigation, parks/trails, and alternative commuting. I believe my experience over the last 20-plus years would be a great resource for the CAC. Also, I currently Chair the Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board (UCAB-Montgomery County). I have been a member of the Board for the last 5 years representing Clarksburg on the Board. The 20-member UCAB represent over half of Montgomery County (approximately 250 sq. miles) and approximately 300,000 residents. I also serve on the Montgomery County Cricket Association and lead its advocacy for a dedicated international-standard cricket field in Upper Montgomery County.

## **7. 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?**

Recently, I along with a local resident who is the President of my 1,300-plus home HOA, founded a regional transportation, jobs, economic growth advocacy organization called, "Coalition for Upcounty" or "C4U". C4U was formed initially to advocate for the approval of the master plan alignment for a regionally important master planned roadway in the Upcounty area of Montgomery County. In a very short time, we were able to build a broad coalition of Upcounty HOA's and Civic Associations in support of the roadway. Our advocacy and a petition on Change.org were instrumental in the decision by the Montgomery County Planning Board to support the master plan alignment by a narrow 3-2 vote. The opportunity to serve on the TPB CAC in 2013 and understand current regional issues were instrumental in helping me convey the grave need for approving and constructing this roadway to the larger community and help them rally around this need. My understanding of the regional transportation deficiencies also helped me advocate for and obtain approval for extending the Montgomery County BRT system in the Countywide Transitway Corridors Functional Master Plan to Clarksburg. I continue to serve on the Board of Montgomery County Cricket Association and Indian American Leadership Council. I am also a member of the Clarksburg Civic Association and actively participate in the community outreach events at St. Anne's Episcopal Church in Damascus, MD.



# Maryland

Gary Hodge, alternate (White Plains, MD)

## **4. 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.

## **5. 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, Low-Income Issues, Minority Communities, Environmental Concerns, Parks/Trails, Pedestrian Advocacy, Ridesharing, Transit-Oriented Development, Transportation Funding, Suburban Issues, Rural/Exurban, Road/Bridges Advocacy, Transit Rider/Transit Advocacy, Senior Citizen Issues, Highway Commuting

## **6. 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 significant relevant experience in all of the above interest areas. Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, 1971-74 (transit station impact studies, amendment to WMATA compact for regional policing); the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland (exec dir and chair, 1980-98,2008-09, State commuter bus svc, ridesharing, highway improvements, BRAC infrastructure investments, MWAQC air quality planning, Patuxent River Commission); Charles County Commissioner (2006-10, LRT alignment study, Waldorf urban redevelopment/TOD initiative to transform exurban auto-dependent place to new urban community, LOTS bus svc,TPB rep.,TLC funded Waldorf transpo improvement plan, Commission to Study So MD Transportation Needs); Regional Policy Advisors (president,1999-now, mass transit funding advocacy, consultant on Waldorf transformation; All above (intergovernmental relations at local, state, federal levels on transportation issues, 1971-present).

## **7. 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 this regional 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 on transportation projects, at all levels of government, having been deeply engaged in the process both as an appointed and an elected official. Initiatives I have launched to improve mass transit service for the 46,000 commuters from Charles County to the Washington area continue today with the support of the current elected officials of the County and the State. I have been a lifelong resident of the metropolitan Washington region. 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. Thank you for your consideration.

# Maryland

Karen Young, alternate (Frederick, MD)

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

After serving on the COG Board of Directors for four years, I want to continue my involvement in one or more of COG's key strategic initiatives. I believe that transportation planning is the critical driver of economic prosperity, land use and environmental sustainability. I also believe that my deep understanding of the COG mission and vision can assist in a citizen's advisory group.

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

Affordable Housing, Bicycle Advocacy, Business/Chamber, Telework, Smart Growth, Economic Development, Land-Use Issues, Low-Income Issues, Environmental Concerns, Pedestrian Advocacy, Transit-Oriented Development, Transportation Funding, Suburban Issues, Rural/Exurban, Transit Rider/Transit Advocacy, Alternative Commuting, Environmental Justice

**6. 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 served on COG's Air Quality Committee, the Ft. Detrick Alliance and on the board of the Frederick Community Action Agency. These three assignments helped me to develop a stronger understanding of how environmental issues, economic development opportunities and the un-met needs of the economically challenged population relates to transportation issues.

**7. 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 serve as COG's board chair until 12/12/13.

## District of Columbia

Neha Bhatt

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

Diverse transportation choices are critical to this region's current and future economy. Regional coordination on mobility is obviously very important. the CAC is a chance to help ensure our region is strategic in its transportation investments.

**5. 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., Smart Growth, Economic Development, Land-Use Issues, Low-Income Issues, Minority Communities, Environmental Concerns, Neighborhood-Scale Issues, Pedestrian Advocacy, Transit-Oriented, Development, Transportation Funding, Transit Rider/Transit Advocacy, Alternative Commuting

**6. 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 worked in the smart growth and transportation policy fields for nearly 15 years include nonprofit and government sectors.

# District of Columbia

Veronica Davis

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

I live, eat, breathe, and dream transportation. Transportation is part of my professional, civic, and extracurricular lives. I'm interested in working with other citizens from other jurisdiction to continue to shape the RTPP and ensure that it's implemented. I'm very passionate about transportation issues and I believe all residents deserve affordable, safe, and accessible transportation options.

## **5. Please check all the interest areas that reflect the perspective you would bring to the CAC.**

Bicycle Advocacy, Business/Chamber, Downtown D.C., Employees/Labor, Smart Growth, Economic Development, Land-Use Issues, Low-Income Issues, Minority Communities, Neighborhood-Scale Issues, Pedestrian Advocacy, Transit-Oriented Development, Persons with Disabilities, Transit Rider/Transit Advocacy, Senior Citizen Issues, Environmental Justice

## **6. 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.**

Professional Experience: In my consultant role I'm involved in two major transportation plans in DC, moveDC-the District long-range transportation plan, and North-South Corridor Planning Study. In my previous life I worked as a highway engineer/planner for the Federal Highway Administration and as an urban planner for City of Alexandria (VA). Professional Engineer in DC, MD, VA, NC, and GA. Civic Involvement: Co-Founder of Black Women Bike Educational Background: BS in civil engineer, Master of engineering and Master of regional planning. Master's paper for MRP focused on environmental inequity in DC (race and income)

## **7. 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?**

Served on the CAC for 2 terms.

# District of Columbia

Zachary Smith

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

I have long believed that the ease with which one can get to work, connect with others, and simply enjoy a place has a significant impact on his or her quality of life. One of the reasons why I chose to move to DC, and will continue to live in the area, is because I can get to work using a variety of transportation options. And while strong, effective leadership from local elected officials throughout the region are important to have a robust transportation network that grows the economy and benefits residents, ultimately decisions can and should not be made without input from residents; and I believe that my knowledge of transportation issues and unique perspective as a resident can be of great value to the Transportation Planning Board's Citizen Advisory Council. In my role at a national non-profit that promotes access to different modes of transport and ways to finance them, I have an in-depth knowledge of the issues currently affecting the Washington region. However, my greatest understanding comes from being a resident. I live in the Fort Totten neighborhood in DC, an area that still has a ways to go in terms of providing residents with different transportation options to effectively connect the neighborhood to the rest of DC and the metropolitan area. Because I live in a low-density area (compared to other neighborhoods in DC) that borders Maryland, I have experienced first-hand how traffic and the road conditions affect drivers, bus riders, and cyclists who need to enter the District that other DC residents, who live further in, may not notice. For these reasons, I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to promote the interests of my neighbors to improve their quality by serving on the Citizen's Advisory Committee.

## **5. 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., Employees/Labor, Motor Vehicle Advocacy, 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, Suburban Issues, Road/Bridges Advocacy, Transit Rider/Transit Advocacy, Alternative Commuting, Environmental Justice

## **6. 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 I stated earlier in my reasons for wanting to serve on the Citizen's Advisory Committee, I am deeply committed to improving the transportation network for current and future residents of the metropolitan area. Each of the issues that I chose as an interest of mine is directly related to my experience as a DC resident. For the sake of brevity, I will expand upon a few. I know that transportation investments within a given area spurs development in that area as well. As I have witnessed within the last few years, new development associated with a new WMATA station, streetcar line, or even highway leads to an increase in land costs. This has many positive benefits like a stronger economy and increased population, but we must make sure that it does not lead to displacement of current residents. I wholeheartedly believe that our choices, today, must reflect the needs of current residents as much as those of future residents in order to ensure that our communities maintain their character, which is why many newcomers are attracted to them.

## **7. 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?**

A few years ago, I served on an advisory committee in a similar capacity to the CAC in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. During this time, I was the sole representative for undergraduate students at UNC Chapel Hill on the transportation advisory committee and worked with representatives from the town of Chapel Hill, the University, and transit agencies from other cities in the Research Triangle to guide the development of the transportation plan for the University. I believe having this prior experience in a similar role would allow me to acclimate more quickly to the CAC and work with the different voices in the room.

# DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Eric McAuliff

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

I am interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee because I am confident that my background as an urban planner, my involvement in local transportation issues, and my ability to communicate with my neighbors are the right combination to make me an effective advocate for my community and the region's transportation network. I first came to DC as an undergraduate student in 2005. Since then, I have lived in DC as both a student and a young professional, and witnessed some impressive and exciting improvements in our transportation choices. However, as a planner and someone who has lived and traveled in other cities in the U.S. and internationally, I know there is more we can do to make transportation affordable and efficient for every resident of the greater DC region. I hope to use my background knowledge in best planning practices and current trends to aid other residents in their understanding of local transportation issues and to effectively contribute to the Citizen Advisory Committee's ongoing dialogue. Second, through my current fellowship with the Coalition for Smarter Growth, I am familiar with some of the most pressing local issues affecting the region and have a good understanding of what is being done to address them and who is involved. For example, my work often finds me sitting in on DC Pedestrian Advisory Council meetings, speaking with the local Senior Advisory Council, and keeping abreast of other MWCOG committees, such as Access for All and the Human Services Transportation Coordination committee. I believe knowledge of this kind is necessary to avoid a committee that advises the TPB in a vacuum or duplicates efforts, when we could instead encourage worthwhile partnerships to be formed. Finally, my training as an urban planner is focused on community-based planning and community development. I find it highly important to my work and my own personal life that I am involved with my neighbors, that I am capable of listening to their concerns on a daily basis, and that I find ways to advocate for them and their best interests. I hope to be able to bring this perspective to the committee so that TPB can best perform local outreach and work collaboratively with involved communities.

## **5. Please check all the interest areas that reflect the perspective you would bring to the CAC.**

Affordable Housing, Bicycle Advocacy, Citizen at Large, Smart Growth, Land-Use Issues, Low-Income Issues, Neighborhood-Scale Issues, Pedestrian Advocacy, Ridesharing, Transit-Oriented Development, Transportation Funding, Persons with Disabilities, Transit Rider/Transit, Advocacy, Senior Citizen Issues, Alternative Commuting, Gender Issues, Safety

## **6. 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.**

Currently, as a Policy Fellow for the Coalition for Smarter Growth, I am working on a report about smart growth and aging in place. This report focuses on policy recommendations that will improve local transportation options that encourage an age-friendly city. Through this research, I am very familiar with transportation issues affecting senior citizens, older adults, and persons with disabilities, as well as the groups and persons involved. However, the issues of these populations are also the issues of many other residents and include: pedestrian advocacy, land-use issues, ridesharing, affordable housing, and transportation-oriented development. My academic and professional experience as an urban planner has provided me with the opportunity to become familiar with many other interest areas, such as land use and alternative commuting, as they are often interconnected and relevant to any community or planning process. In addition, on a personal level, I am a transit rider who does not own a car and I am currently considered low-income, therefore, very sensitive to the needs of that particular population. As a female who is concerned with safety and pedestrian issues, I am also very interested in advocating for our residents who might not always feel safe and comfortable while on our streets or using public transportation, due to their gender or appearance. Through my work and personal endeavors, I am involved with the DC Falls Free Coalition, Age-Friendly DC, and the Collective Action for Safe Spaces.

## **7. 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 served as the Vice Chair of a junior board for a non-profit in New York City, I have chaired committees at work and while in school, and currently sit on the Advisory Board of a local group called Raise DC. This experience has prepared me to be a dependable and professional community representative, to take my responsibilities seriously, and to know how to effectively communicate with a diverse group of people who, while they might have different perspectives, are working towards a common goal.

# District of Columbia

Cindy Petkac

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

I have a strong interest and background in transportation planning, in addition to land use, environmental and neighborhood planning. While I live and work in DC, I understand that all communities in the region must work together to find a mutually-beneficial approach to our transportation challenges. The region's ability to accommodate projected growth is dependent upon a transportation system that is equitable to all by providing choices and options for how people move about the region for work, commerce and recreation.

## **5. 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, Land-Use Issues, Environmental Concerns, Neighborhood-Scale Issues, Transit-Oriented Development, Alternative Commuting, Environmental Justice

## **6. 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 over ten years of experience as a transportation planner, five of which were with an MPO. Prior to my current position as Principal Planner with the Union Station Redevelopment Corporation, I was Planning Manager for the City of Duluth, MN and served on the technical advisory committee for the local MPO.

## **7. 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 regularly attend TPB meetings and am knowledgeable of current planning initiatives, including the Regional Transportation Priorities Plan.

# Virginia

Tom Burrell (Fairfax, VA)

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

I am currently serving as an Alternate and would like to become a regular member. We are doing some extremely interesting work on the Regional Transportation Priorities Plan that I would like to see finished and would like to be involved with.

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

Smart Growth, Land-Use Issues, Transit-Oriented Development, Transportation Funding, Suburban Issues, Road/Bridges Advocacy, Senior Citizen Issues

**6. 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.**

The issues I have selected in #5, in particular Land-Use, Smart Growth and Transportation Funding all go hand-in-hand. However, they require smart strategic planning to ensure the various jurisdictions plan projects that assist the overall regional transportation issues. I have worked strategic planning for over 30 years and would like to continue to apply my knowledge on the TPB issues.

**7. 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 a pragmatist and realize that all projects cannot be done in the timeframe they need to be done. However, with smart long range planning, we can continue/begin to solve major regional issues



# Virginia

Stephen Still (Reston, VA)

## **4. 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.

## **5. Please check all the interest areas that reflect the perspective you would bring to the CAC.**

Bicycle Advocacy, Citizen at Large, Telework, Smart Growth, Economic Development, Land-Use Issues, Environmental Concerns, Parks/Trails, Ridesharing, Transit-Oriented Development, Transportation Funding, Persons with Disabilities, Transit Rider/Transit Advocacy, Senior Citizen Issues, Alternative Commuting, Demand Modeling

## **6. 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.

## **7. 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

Andrea Hamre (Alexandria, VA)

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

I have found being an Alternate to the CAC in 2013 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.

## **5. Please check all the interest areas that reflect the perspective you would bring to the CAC.**

Bicycle Advocacy, Smart Growth, Environmental Concerns, Neighborhood-Scale Issues, Parks/Trails, Pedestrian Advocacy, Transit-Oriented Development, Transit Rider/Transit Advocacy, Student Issues, Alternative Commuting

## **6. 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 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.

## Virginia

Jeffrey Parnes (Oak Hill, VA)

**6. 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 33 years, and a citizen activist over that period.

I served as the Land Use Committee Chair of the Greenbriar Civic Association from 1982-85, and as served in that capacity as a member of the Rt 50/1 66 Study Area Task Force which replanned 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 off site 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 served 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.

Although my professional career is not related in any way to land use and transportation, my over thirty years of volunteer experience have provided me a wide background and understanding of the transportation issues facing Northern Virginia and the Capital Area as a whole. If you see fit to forward my name in consideration 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.

# Virginia

Lorena Rios (Potomac Falls, VA)

## **4. 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.

## **5. Please check all the interest areas that reflect the perspective you would bring to the CAC.**

Affordable Housing, Business/Chamber, Citizen at Large, Motor Vehicle Advocacy, Telework, Smart Growth, Economic Development, Land-Use Issues, Low-Income Issues, Environmental Concerns, Neighborhood-Scale Issues, Transit-Oriented Development, Transportation Funding, Highway Commuting

## **6. 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 currently a member of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board Citizens Advisory Committee. It has been an enlightening experience and I would like to continue contributing my input as a member of this committee with the hope of influencing regional transportation policies. In 2012, I attended the Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments' Transportation Planning Board's Community Leadership Institute. I also am a Leadership Fairfax alum where I was involved in two class projects: one on Route 1 Corridor Revitalization and, the second, on Transportation – What are the priorities? I have a Master degree from the University of Virginia in Environmental and Urban Planning. Below there is a summarized explanation of other areas I know I could contribute to the Citizens Advisory Committee. Affordable housing – I have been in real estate for the last 15 years and I am well aware of the scarcity of affordable housing in our area. It is a challenge to make affordable housing available in current developments. Of course, there are more applicants than homes available. As a real estate brokers, I offer first time home owners workshops to purchase their first property. Business/Chamber – I am the President and founder of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Northern Virginia. Transportation options allow prospective employee to reach employment creating a healthier economy. We concentrate on the Latino community and communities wanting to do business with Latinos in the area. Motor Vehicle Advocacy – I do not think waging a war against car is the way to accomplish a good transportation plan. I think one of the reasons this country is efficient is due to many people being able to drive their own cars. Cars should be part of a transportation plan; especially in those areas where having public transportation is not cost effective. Telework – This is another good option that should be included in transportation plans. I think its benefits definitely outweigh its cost. I allow my agents to work from home as much as possible. Smart Growth – Stopping growth could only be accomplished by modifying some of our civil liberties. Population continues to increase and they need infrastructure, homes, services, etc. That is why I get involved in zoning hearings, HOA's and keeping with local decisions as much as possible. Land-Use Issues – This is another major area that causes many of our current problems in Virginia. Previous state, county and local officials, trying to apace their residents, approved/made land use decisions that placed a strain on the local infrastructure. Making sure that land use makes sense and promotes in some areas higher density and less commuting should another component of a good transportation plan. My academic background in Planning allows me to identify options that can work better when planning communities.

# Virginia

Rick Holt, alternate (Bristow, VA)

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

I have found that the best way to make a difference in people's quality of life is to get involved in learning about and affecting policy efforts. In my capacity as member of several different organizations and groups I have been able to participate in efforts to affect positive change in transportation, recreation and quality of life. Recently I attended the TBP Citizens Leadership Institute and learned more about transportation planning in the Metro DC area. I am interested in supporting the effort to find the best ways to move people and goods throughout the Metro DC area. Being a member of the CAC will help continue my personal development and provide another opportunity to participate in the planning for the future of transportation and quality of life in the Metro DC area. Transportation is related to quality of life and well-being. Moving around Prince William County and the Metro DC area is difficult at present and will grow more difficult in the future due to increases in population and jobs. I would like to make a difference by working with the members of CAC and TPB to support efforts to provide people with multiple options to travel in and around the Metro DC area. When people have the ability to make choices and have control over their lives they feel better. If your only choice is to drive and be stuck in rush hour traffic then you are more likely to feel out of control and experience a higher stress level. I promote active transportation to work and school. Active transport has the ability to promote fitness and health. Research has demonstrated that people who use active transport are healthier. With this in mind, bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure needs to be improved to encourage people to try active transportation, and create a safer environment reducing crashes. As a bicycle and pedestrian advocate I can contribute the effort to create complete streets and sustainable communities. Sustainable communities that promote walking and biking create a higher quality of life and research has shown that they are more economically sound. Providing people with options other than driving can help them save money that can be used on other needs such as housing and education. A NY Times research effort showed that buying a small car for \$15,000 actually costs \$40,000 over five years when you include all of the operating costs. Helping people by providing alternate transportation options will open up new opportunities for employment, improve their health and allow them to save money which can be used to improve their standard of living.

## **5. Please check all the interest areas that reflect the perspective you would bring to the CAC.**

Bicycle Advocacy, Telework, Land-Use Issues, Environmental Concerns, Parks/Trails, Pedestrian Advocacy, Transit-Oriented Development, Transportation Funding, Transit Rider/Transit Advocacy, Alternative Commuting, Highway Commuting

## **6. 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 member of the Prince William County Trails & Blueways Council I work with county government to ensure that there are trail connections, trail facilities and blueways access for members of the Prince William community. I have worked closely with Supervisor Covington and the VRE staff to promote bicycling to transit. In 2011 I worked with Supervisor Principi to source funding to install additional bicycle parking at the Rippon Landing VRE station. I am currently working with Supervisor Principi to plan a transportation safety forum in Prince William County. I am also working with Supervisor Nohe to focus on creating a bicycle friendly community in Prince William County. As a member of Prince William Trails and Streams Coalition I work with a group that is focused on improving outdoor recreation opportunities for members of the community. One of the events that I coordinate is the annual Bike to Work Day event in Prince William County which is part of the Metro DC Bike to Work Day effort. I have worked with the Prince William County Schools and the City of Manassas City Schools in promoting the Safe Routes to School Program. Working with a collaborative group from the county I was able to advocate for submission of a SRTS grant for funding of a sidewalk to improve safety for students walking and biking to Antietam Elementary School. I worked with the City of Manassas Schools and Prince William County Schools to submit min-grant applications for SRTS events. This resulted in funding for SRTS events at Jennie Dean Elementary in Manassas and Rockledge Elementary in Woodbridge. As a member of the Bike Manassas bicycle group I promote bicycling for recreation and work to educate bicyclists on bicycle safety. As a member of the George Mason University Bicycle Advisory Group I promote bicycling to campus for students, faculty and staff. Since 2007 I have worked with a collaborative group at Mason to focus on improving the bicycling infrastructure on campus. In 2010 Mason was awarded Bronze status as a Bicycle Friendly University. In 2010 I was selected for the Sustainability Hero award at Mason for promoting use of alternative modes of transportation in getting to campus. I am a member of the League of American Bicyclists and was certified as a bicycle safety instructor by the league. I am working with county staff to increase bicycle education opportunities for residents of Prince William County.

**7. 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?**

When I moved back to the area in 2007 I lived in Arlington and biked and took the metro to work at Mason. In 2008 I moved to Prince William County and was told that the only way to get to work was to drive. I took this as a challenge and found 10 different ways to get to work including driving my hybrid vehicle. I often bicycle to work the 20 miles from Bristow to Fairfax, or bicycle 4 miles to the PW campus and take a shuttle to the Fairfax campus. On Friday's I work in the drop in suite at the Prince William campus. In the past four months I have driven to work less than 5 times. I am working with Mason Transportation and PRTC to improve the availability of alternate transportation in the Innovation Park area. I also have a good understanding of the national transportation network having worked with Pilot Travel Centers, LLC. Pilot has over 250 Travel Center and Truck Stops across the U.S. and in Canada.

# Virginia

Thomas Sanchez, alternate (Reston, VA)

## **4. 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 area and directly impacts social and economic opportunity.

## **5. Please check all the interest areas that reflect the perspective you would bring to the CAC.**

Affordable Housing, Bicycle Advocacy, Business/Chamber, Citizen 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/Bridges Advocacy, Transit Rider/Transit, Advocacy, Senior Citizen Issues, Student Issues, School District/Parent, Alternative Commuting, Environmental Justice, Highway Commuting

## **6. 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 involved with the American Planning Association and Transportation Research Board

## **7. 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 completely unaware of the metropolitan planning process. I am very interested in providing insights into this process and getting them more interested.

# Virginia

Douglas Stewart, alternate (Fairfax, VA)

## **4. 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 very 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.

## **5. Please check all the interest areas that reflect the perspective you would bring to the CAC.**

Bicycle Advocacy, Citizen at Large, Smart Growth, Land-Use Issues, Environmental Concerns, Parks/Trails, Pedestrian Advocacy, Transit-Oriented Development, Transportation Funding, Transit Rider/Transit Advocacy, Senior Citizen Issues

## **6. 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. Smart Growth and Transit-Oriented Development-- I am a leading member of Fairfax City Citizens for Smarter Growth ([www.fairfaxcitysmartergrowth.wordpress.com](http://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.



# 1. About the Citizens Advisory Committee

Community leaders and interested citizens from across the Washington region are invited to apply for membership on the *2014 Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)* to the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB).

## What is the CAC?

The CAC is a group of 15 people who represent diverse viewpoints on regional transportation issues, including long-term planning concerns, and short-term policies and programs. The TPB itself is the body that coordinates transportation planning for the entire metropolitan Washington region. The TPB includes elected local officials, representatives from transportation agencies, and other key officials. Staff for the TPB is provided by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG).

The mission of the TPB Citizens Advisory Committee is:

- 1) to **promote public involvement** in transportation planning for the region, and
- 2) to **provide independent, region-oriented citizen advice** to the TPB on transportation plans and issues.

The 15 members of the CAC are either elected or appointed. Every fall, six of those members are elected by the current CAC to serve in the coming year. The other nine members are appointed by the TPB each January. The membership is evenly divided between the District of Columbia, Suburban Maryland and Northern Virginia. According to TPB procedures, the CAC membership should represent environmental, business, and civic interests in transportation, including appropriate representation from low-income, minority, and disabled groups and from the geographical area served by the TPB.

The CAC meets every month on the Thursday evening that is six days prior to the monthly TPB meeting (the TPB always meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month).

The CAC meetings are from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, 777 N. Capitol St, NE, Washington, DC 20002. Dinner is provided.

## Recent Committee Activities

The CAC acts in an advisory role to the TPB and offers comments to the board reflecting the committee's diverse viewpoints. Over the years, the CAC has focused on key regional transportation issues, such as the transportation funding shortfall, environmental concerns and emergency preparedness issues. In recent years, the CAC has been an integral player in calling for improved transportation and land-use coordination and in promoting a more robust process for establishing regional transportation priorities. The committee has also consistently called for enhancements in the TPB's public participation activities.

For more information on the CAC's activities, including committee reports and agendas, go to: [www.mwcog.org/transportation/committee/cac](http://www.mwcog.org/transportation/committee/cac).

## Applicants:

- Should be able to attend monthly meetings at the Council of Governments.
- Should be willing to serve for a 1-year term.
- Should complete the attached application form. Completed applications will be considered by the members of the CAC when they select six individuals to serve on next year's CAC and by the TPB chair and vice chairs when they nominate nine additional individuals to serve on the CAC.
- Must reside in one of the [TPB member jurisdictions](#).

## For More Information or to Submit Your Application, Please Contact:

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**Deadline for Applications:**

12pm on Monday December 23, 2013

## 2. Contact Information

### \* 1. Name:

### \* 2. In which state do you live?

- District of Columbia
- Maryland
- Virginia

### \* 3. What is your mailing address?

Employeer:

Address:

Address 2:

City/Town:

State:

ZIP:

Country:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

### 3. Application

**\*4. Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?**

**\*5. Please check all the interest areas that reflect the perspective you would bring to the CAC. The Citizens Advisory Committee is dynamic and effective because it represents diverse citizen experiences and interests. All residents are encouraged to apply regardless of their expertise or transportation interest.**

- Affordable Housing
- Employees/Labor
- Citizen at Large
- School District/Parent
- Business/Chamber
- Environmental Justice
- Ridesharing
- Motor Vehicle Advocacy
- Rural/Exurban
- Smart Growth
- Student Issues
- Alternative Commuting
- Economic Development
- Downtown D.C.
- Freight/Rail/Trucking
- Parks/Trails
- Senior Citizen Issues
- Land-Use Issues
- Highway Safety
- Highway Commuting
- Minority Communities
- Transit-Oriented Development
- Low-Income Issues
- Neighborhood-Scale Issues
- Suburban Issues

- Road/Bridges Advocacy
- Transit Rider/Transit Advocacy
- Environmental Concerns
- Bicycle Advocacy
- Transportation Funding
- Persons with Disabilities
- Pedestrian Advocacy
- Telework

Other (please specify)

**\*6. 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.**

**7. 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?**

**\*8. If appointed to the Citizens Advisory Committee, could you begin your term in February 2013?**

- Yes
- No

## 4. Background information

### \*9. How did you learn about the Citizen Advisory Committee opportunity?

### 10. Sex:

- Male
- Female

Other (please specify)

### 11. Disability:

- No
- Yes

### 12. Age:

- 20-29
- 30-39
- 40-49
- 50-59
- 60+

### 13. Ethnicity and/or Race

- African American
- American Indian / Alaskan Native
- Asian / Pacific Islander
- Hispanic
- Multiracial
- White

Other (please specify)

## 5. Ethics Statement

The National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board Citizens Advisory Committee is called on to promote public involvement and provide advice to the Transportation Planning Board.

**\* 14. It is the duty of every CAC member to avoid conflicts of interest. If selected to serve on the CAC, are you prepared to disclose all possible conflicts of interest, and recuse yourself from discussion should a conflict of interest arise?**

Yes

No