

ACCESS FOR ALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

September 28, 2017

Charles Allen, Chairman, TPB First Vice Chairman

The Access for All Advisory Committee met on September 28, 2017 and the highlights from the meeting are provided below, including a list of participants on the last page. The Access for All Advisory Committee (AFA) advises the TPB on transportation issues and services important to low-income communities, minority communities, people with limited English proficiency, people with disabilities, and older adults.

UPDATE ON THE TPB'S STREET SMART PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE PUBLIC SAFETY CAMPAIGN

Mr. Farrell from the TPB staff briefed the AFA on TPB's pedestrian and bicycle safety campaign that uses a variety of media, and shared survey statistics showing that both drivers and pedestrians are equally aware of the campaign.

AFA members discussed the need to include people with disabilities and those with low income in future campaigns, including the use of pictures of people in wheelchairs. AFA members also suggested offering the survey in Spanish, and suggested specifically targeting low-income populations. One AFA member also pointed out that October is Disability Awareness Month which could be a good marketing opportunity for future campaigns.

PRESENTATION ON COG'S WMATA PRINCIPLES

Mr. Beyrouti from the COG Executive Office staff briefed the AFA on COG's initiatives related to the future of WMATA, including a briefing on COG's Metro Strategy Group which is working to secure funding to meet Metro's needs, and a briefing on COG's Statement of Principles on Metro which serves to guide the group.

AFA members discussed options on the table for funding Metro, including a regional sales tax and concerns about a disparate impact on low-income residents.

UPDATE ON VISUALIZE 2045 SURVEY OUTREACH

Mr. Hampton of the TPB staff provided the committee with an update on the TPB outreach to get public feedback on issues to be considered during the development of Visualize 2045, that included live-surveying, digital outreach and promotion, Ambassadors from the jurisdictions (including the AFA) and targeted outreach. Mr. Hampton shared photos and final outreach statistics.

- AFA members asked if the information could be broken down into ethnicity, race, gender, etc. which would be useful information and Mr. Hampton confirmed the tool can tabulate demographics.

STATUS REPORT ON THE TPB'S LONG-RANGE PLAN TASK FORCE

Ms. Zeller of the TPB staff provided an update on the Long-Range Plan Task Force, established to

examine projects, programs and policies not currently in the long-range plan, but have the potential to address regional challenges. Ms. Zeller presented the ten finalized initiatives that will be studied and prioritized by the Task Force.

Chairman Allen led a discussion emphasizing the purpose of the Task Force's work as directional to help determine which initiatives have the greatest regional impacts, could make a difference, and may inform budgets down the road. He also pointed out that the Task Force's decisions will have the benefit of data analysis to back up the prioritization.

Members discussed initiatives addressing the work of the AFA and asked where they were in the list. Chairman Allen pointed out that items 4, 5 and 6 addressed access improvements to bus, rail and Metro. He also shared that there could be Land Use Policy impacts once the analysis was completed.

MEETING ATTENDEES

| District of Columbia | Virginia | TPB Staff |
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| Brenda Richardson, Earth Conservation Corps | Cynthia Alarico, Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood Services | Ben Hampton (Presenter) |
| Charles Allen, AFA Chairman | Denis Paddeu, Rappahannock Area Agency on Aging | John Swanson |
| Dee Curry, CASA Ruby | Doris Ray, ENDependence Center of Northern Virginia | Kanti Srikanth |
| Gloria Swieringa, Prince George's Commissions for Individuals with Disabilities | Jeanna Muhoro (phone), Fairfax County Department of Transportation | Lori Zeller (Presenter) |
| Michelle Chin, DC Department of General Services | Jennifer Kanarek, NV Rides | Lyn Erickson |
| Nichole Opkins, Office of Councilmember Allen | Karen Smith, The Arc of Greater Prince William | Lynn Winchell-Mendy |
| Rosa Carrillo, Multicultural Community Service | Leslie Martin (phone), VDOT - Northern VA District | Michael Farrell (Presenter) |
| Susie McFadden-Resper, DC Office of Disability Rights | Roger Hoskins, representing older adults | Monica Beyrouti (Presenter) |
| | Susan Shaw (phone), Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood Services | Sergio Ritacco |
| Maryland | Regional | |
| Andrea Lasker, Prince George's County DPWT | Sharlene Reed, WMATA | |
| Ashley Hampton, Arc of Prince George's County | Marieannette Otero (phone), Safe Routes to School National Partnership | |
| Charlie Crawford, representing people with disabilities | | |
| Harriet Shapiro Block (phone), Jewish Council for the Aging | | |
| Janet Moye Cornick, MDOT | | |
| Shawn Brennan, Montgomery County Aging & Disability Services | | |
| Thomas Curtis, Maryland Department of Disabilities | | |
| Bill Orleans, resident | | |