
**TPB CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MONTHLY REPORT**

November 18, 2020

Nancy Abeles, CAC Chair

The 2020 CAC met on Thursday, November 12 for an online-only meeting. At the meeting the committee discussed recommendations for updating the CAC and Visualize 2045.

UPDATING THE CAC

Bryan Hayes, TPB Transportation Planner, briefed the committee on staff recommendations for updating the CAC. He explained that one of the recommendations was updated to reflect input from jurisdiction partners.

The committee endorsed the staff recommendations for updating the CAC.

In addition to endorsing the recommendations, the committee emphasized that though each member hails from a TPB member jurisdiction, they represent more than just the jurisdiction's perspective on the committee. Committee members repeated they are more comfortable representing people who have similar travel patterns than they are representing everyone who lives in their jurisdiction. While it makes sense to select members based on jurisdiction, advice from members often transcends the jurisdiction perspective.

The committee also shared recommendations for staff as they plan next year's committee. Because the setup used for teleconferencing in the training center does not work well, they encouraged staff to work with COG's IT department to improve the technology. Ideally, the system should support online and in-person participants with both audio and visual interactive conferencing. The committee also advocated for greater leeway, post-pandemic, to allow members from farthest away locations or those with time or personal constraints, to attend virtually but without abusing that flexibility. The committee also suggested that more procedure structure might be necessary if 24 members attend per meeting. One person recommended keeping comments to 2 minutes long.

Committee members were encouraged to apply to participate in the next committee term.

VISUALIZE 2045

Stacy Cook, TPB Transportation Planner, briefed the committee on the timeline and planned activities for Visualize 2045. She explained how the plan is updated and focused on how the Technical Inputs Solicitation Submission Guide sets regional Visualize2045 criteria for submission of jurisdictional projects. She said the guide includes a new focus on the Aspirational Initiatives, Equity, Safety, and Climate.

Abigail Zenner, TPB Communications Specialist, briefed the committee on plans for an ambassador program for the Visualize 2045 update. These ambassadors can help spread the word about the new plan and related outreach activities. The committee reacted enthusiastically, including regarding the themed T-Shirts.

OTHER BUSINESS

Nancy Abeles, CAC Chair, briefed the committee on the October TPB Work Session on regional Climate Change Planning, the October TPB meeting, and the WMCOG Town Halls on equity, which she recommended the committee review.

Lyn Erickson, TPB Plan Development and Coordination Program Director, walked the committee through the November TPB agenda.

ATTENDEES

MEMBERS		STAFF AND GUESTS
Nancy Abeles, chair	Elisa Walton	Bryan Hayes, TPB staff
Audrey Derissaint-Nwaze	Rob Jackson	John Swanson, TPB staff
Jeremy Martin	Jacqueline Manapsal	Abigail Zenner, TPB staff
Chris Smariga	Daniel Papiernik	Karen Armendariz, TPB staff
Emmet Tydings	Jeff Parnes	Stacy Book, TPB staff
Tony Giancola	Lorena Rios	Lyn Erickson, TPB staff
Katherine Kortum		Sarah Bond, TPB staff
		Bill Orleans, Public