

Meeting Highlights TPB Technical Committee – April 7, 2023

The Technical Committee met on Friday, April 7, 2023. Meeting materials can be found here: <https://www.mwcog.org/events/2023/4/7/tpb-technical-committee/>

The following items were reviewed for inclusion on the TPB's April agenda.

TPB AGENDA ITEM 7 – APPROVAL OF REGIONAL BIKE TO WORK DAY 2023 PROCLAMATION

In an effort to increase public awareness of the viability of bicycle commuting in the Washington region, regional Bike to Work Day events are being organized at over 100 locations in the region for Friday, May 19. These events will encourage the business community and other regional decision-makers to support increased bicycle commuting through bicycle-friendly policies and initiatives.

TPB AGENDA ITEM 9 – VISUALIZE 2050: UPDATED SCHEDULE APPROVAL, COMMENTS RECEIVED TO DATE, MARCH LISTENING SESSION TAKEAWAYS

The TPB approved the Technical Inputs Solicitation document in February which included a detailed schedule to complete the plan update. Since the approval, outstanding circumstances have caused staff to re-examine the original schedule and add more time for completion. Staff will also report on public comments received and will share takeaways from the March TPB project input listening sessions.

TPB AGENDA ITEM 10 – APPROVAL OF FY 2024 TLC TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS

The TPB's Transportation Land-Use Connections (TLC) Program has provided support to local jurisdictions as they deal with the challenges of integrating land-use and transportation planning at the community level since 2006. Staff solicited applications for the FY 2024 TLC round of technical assistance between January 6 and March 3, 2023. The board will be briefed and asked to approve the applications that are being recommended for funding in FY 2024.

TPB AGENDA ITEM 11 – COORDINATED HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

The Coordinated Plan guides the Federal Transit Administration's Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program for the Washington DC-VA-MD Urbanized Area. TPB, with COG as its administrative agent, is the designated recipient for this program. The board is scheduled to approve the plan in May.

The following items were presented for information and discussion:

RIDE ON, REIMAGINED

The TPB Technical Committee was briefed on Ride On Reimagined, a comprehensive, assessment of the bus network in Montgomery County based on current and future needs. This study will take an in-depth look at Montgomery County's existing and planned transit systems, including Metrobus services that operate within the County limits and the future Purple Line. The study will also provide an opportunity to guide the future direction of Ride On through data analysis and community engagement. The study will have the primary goal of recommending system-wide changes that address the current and future needs of the community it serves for both Ride On and Metrobus services.

CARBON REDUCTION PROGRAM

The TPB Technical Committee was briefed on the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), which was established by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and provides funds for projects designed to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from on-road transportation.

NEW MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSIONS BUDGETS (MVEBS)

The region is developing new Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets (MVEBs) using EPA's new mobile emissions estimator, MOVES3. TPB staff is working with the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee to update the current MVEBs in the 2008 ozone maintenance plan. The MVEBs are required for use in each air quality conformity analysis of the Long-Range Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program.

OTHER BUSINESS

- WMATA TIP amendment
- WMATA Better Bus Work Session, April 19
- Street smart
- Air Passenger survey
- OMB Race and Ethnicity Data Statistical Standards
- Transportation Resiliency Working Group
- Transportation Within Reach
- Maryland Transportation Alternative Program application period April 14 – May 15
- Staff Update