



TPB REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Virtual Meeting Summary: January 26, 2022

ATTENDEES, total: 38

Deanna Archey, MCDOT (Chair)	Clinton Edwards, VDRPT	Andrew Meese, TPB
Gary Erenrich, MCDOT	Nick Ruiz, VRE	Lyn Erickson, TPB
Matt Johnson, MCDOT	Ben Owen, NVTA	Mark Moran, TPB
Faye Dastgheib, DDOT	Sophie Spiliotopoulos, NVTA	Eric Randall, TPB
Spring Worth, DDOT	Adam Hager, NVTA	Tim Canan, TPB
Kari Snyder, MDOT	Amir Shapir, VDOT	Andrew Burke, TPB
Allen Fye, NVTC	Monique Blyther, VDOT	Joe Davis, TPB
Andrew D'Huyvetter, NVTC	Bob Brown, Loudoun County	James Li, TPB
Ronetta Zack-Williams, NVTC	Kyle Davis, Fairfax County	Charlene Howard, TPB
Patricia Happ, NVTC	Joe McAndrew, GWP	Nicole McCall, TPB
Yohannes Bennehof, DDOT	John Hillegas, GWP	Rachel Byerle, TPB
Antonio Castañeda, WMATA	Laura Miller Brooks, FCC	Zhou Yang, TPB
Melissa Kim, WMATA	George Kandathil, TCCS	Eli Russ, COG
Xavier Harmony, WMATA		

AGENDA

- 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS, Deanna Archey, Chair**
 - The meeting was called to order at 12:05 PM and a roll of online attendees was called.
- 2. METRONOW COALITION – BTP 2021 PROGRESS REPORT, John Hillegass & Laura Miller Brooks, MetroNow Coalition**
 - John Hillegas briefed the committee on the recently published 2021 progress report on the initiatives of the Bus Transformation Project (BTP). He focused on six initiatives for the near-term, two of which admittedly were not part of the BTP: recruitment of staff and the transit fiscal cliff. He conducted a poll on which initiatives attendees thought the hardest or the most urgent to accomplish or make progress on.
 - Attendees were encouraged to attend GWP's February 2 webinar on the progress report.
- 3. VISUALLY IMPAIRED URBAN NAVIGATION STUDY AND PILOT DESIGN, Matt Johnson, Montgomery County**
 - Matt Johnson briefed the committee on the results of the study and design effort undertaken by the County, in part funded by a TPB TLC grant.
 - Using examples from Silver Spring and S Street NW in DC, as well as Portland and Seattle

and further afield from Copenhagen and the UK, Matt walked the committee through many design elements and the importance of design for the visually impaired.

Discussion:

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4. NVTC COMMUTER CHOICE PROGRAM FY21 REPORT, Ben Owen, NVTC

- Ben Owen briefed the committee on

Discussion:

- o Regarding operating subsidy, Ben noted that recipients must continue operating the services even one the subsidy terminates, that a like number of buses needs to stay in operation
- o A question was asked about the technical process for grading the 70 points for merit. How are these points determined? Is safety a considered? Ben responded that there are overall improvement goals, including travel time, reliability, mobile and mobility. Also diversion mitigation.
- o How much funding is distributed annually? The expectation is about \$15 million annually.
- o Is there a performance element? Projects need to support broader goals. Still want to see performance improve.

5. TPB HIGH-CAPACITY TRANSIT (HCT) MAP UPDATE, Charlene Howard and Tim Canan, TPB

- Charlene Howard opened the item with a demonstration of the HCT Areas Map Tool
- Tim Canan noted that inclusion of Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) in the region is not well defined, with some projects included but others not. He would welcome any thoughts on what is included and/or what needs to be.
- Development of the HCT Network and urban planning and growth of Transit Oriented Communities (TOCs) around HCT station is of considerable interest to the COG and TPB boards of elected officials. The branding of HCTs is fundamental to this effort
- TPB staff are working on multiple areas of analysis, including geospatial datasets and other outputs. Staff are also working to internally calibrate the data for use.
- High-quality graphics will be an upcoming product, work on which will continue past this fiscal year.

Discussion:

- What time period is the map for? Existing HCT stations and those in the long-range transportation plan that are scheduled to be in service by 2030

6. PBPP TRANSIT ASSET MANAGEMENT TARGETS, Eric Randall, TPB

- Eric Randall briefed the committee on the regional transit asset management (TAM) targets, that will be briefed to the TPB Technical Committee and to TPB in February. Pending any comments, the TPB would then approve the targets in March.

Discussion: None

7. 2022 RPTS CHAIR ROTATION

- Deanna Archey announced that Spring Worth would be the 2022, Regional Public



Transportation Subcommittee Chair

Discussion:

- Spring thanked Deanna, and stated she was interested in getting input on topics for the RPTS for the coming year.

8. OTHER BUSINESS / ADJOURN, Spring Worth, Chair

- The meeting was adjourned at 1:59 PM.
- The next meeting is scheduled for February 22, 2022

All meeting materials are available for download from the subcommittee's website:

<https://www.mwcog.org/events/2022/1/25/regional-public-transportation-subcommittee/>

