

Meeting Highlights TPB Technical Committee – April 2, 2021

The Technical Committee met on Friday, April 2, 2021 in an online-only session. Meeting materials can be found here: <https://www.mwcog.org/events/2021/4/2/tpb-technical-committee/>

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

REGIONAL BIKE TO WORK DAY 2021 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 90 locations in the region for Friday, May 21. These events will encourage the business community and other regional decision-makers to support increased bicycle commuting through bicycle-friendly policies and initiatives.

CRRSAA APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AND TIMELINE FOR SELECTION AND TPB APPROVAL

The committee was briefed on applications received from current and past FTA Section 5310 grant recipients for Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSAA) funding appropriated to the Washington region. The timeline and process for selection and approval of projects for funding and inclusion in the TIP were provided.

FY 2022 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 2022 TLC round of technical assistance between January 8 and March 8, 2021. The committee was briefed on the applications that are being recommended for funding in FY 2022. The TPB will be asked to approve them on April 19.

VISUALIZE 2045: BRIEFING ON PROJECT INPUTS AND DRAFT SCOPE OF WORK FOR THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY ANALYSIS FOR THE 2022 UPDATE TO VISUALIZE 2045 AND THE FY2023-2026 TIP

The 2022 update to the Visualize 2045 constrained element will identify all regionally significant transportation investments the region can demonstrate we can afford between now and 2045. Federal law requires that this collection of projects and programs be analyzed to ensure that future vehicle-related emissions remain below approved regional limits. The committee was briefed on the major projects and significant changes to major projects already in the plan that were submitted for the update, and on the draft scope of work for the air quality conformity analysis. A 30-day public comment period on the inputs and scope is scheduled from April 2, 2021 to May 3, 2021.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE TPB

Staff reflected on the TPB's recent climate change discussions.

The following items were presented for information and discussion:

CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION STUDY OF 2021 – WORK PLAN

The consultant presented information on the study's work plan and schedule.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE TO THE 2004 TPB/FAMPO AGREEMENT

The committee was briefed on the update to the TPB/FAMPO Agreement, which is an administrative agreement to more clearly document current practices and procedures that each MPO is responsible for conducting, specifically for the shared urbanized area (a portion of Stafford County). The TPB will be asked to approve the agreement at the May 19 TPB meeting.

MID-ATLANTIC ELECTRIFICATION PARTNERSHIP

The committee was briefed on a regional electrification ecosystem of intermodal leadership for efficient intercity travel and community benefit.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Street Smart
- Vision Zero Workshop
- Regional Roadway Safety Program
- TAP application opportunities
- Transit within Reach
- Visualize 2045 - (*new) inputs for ALL projects due April 30
- Resiliency Study Update
- CAV webinar