

MEMORANDUM

TO: 2014 CAC
FROM: John Swanson
SUBJECT: Topics Discussed by the CAC in 2014
DATE: January 15, 2015

Here is a list of topics that the CAC discussed and/or learned about in 2014. These topics will likely be included in the committee's 2014 report to the TPB.

- **Followup on the Regional Transportation Priorities Plan** – After (and during) the approval of the RTPP in January, the CAC emphasized the importance of follow-up to promote “implementation” of the plan. Along the same lines, the committee called for stronger connections between the CLRP and RTPP. The following activities occurred during the year, which were discussed by the CAC:
 - **Comparative Assessment of the CLRP and the Priorities Plan** -- Staff developed this qualitative assessment in two phases, which were released in April and in September.
 - **Performance Analysis of the 2014** – In September staff released a performance analysis of the 2014 CLRP that drew upon RTPP objectives and goals. This was the first time such an analysis was released before the CLRP was approved.
 - **Listening sessions on the RTPP** -- Staff conducted listening sessions over the summer to learn how stakeholders and jurisdiction staff believe the region's transportation future is aligned with the region's goals. The first of these sessions was conducted with the CAC in May. A report on the sessions was released in October.
 - **Call for Projects** – Staff developed a new Call for Projects document in the fall that, among other things, drew an explicit connection between the forthcoming CRLP and the RTPP.
 - **Decision to develop a list of unfunded projects** – TPB member Jonathan Way requested the development of such a list at the TPB's October meeting. The CAC endorsed this request in November and discussed this item in December. The development of the list is scheduled to begin this winter.
- **Public Involvement Program** – The CAC provided guidance on public involvement at a number of key points:
 - **TPB Participation Plan** – In June, the CAC made suggestions to the draft update to the Participation Plan. The final document, approved by the TPB in September, included revisions that responded to the CAC's comments.

- ***Evaluation of Public Involvement Activities*** – Staff conducted a focus group with the committee to learn about strengths and weaknesses of current and recent public involvement efforts, and what can be done differently in the future.
- ***Federal Certification Review*** – Representatives from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) met with the CAC to discuss the TPB’s public involvement activities. This meeting was part of the TPB’s Federal Certification Review, which is conducted every four years according to federal regulations.
- ***Discussion about Reauthorization of the Federal Surface Transportation Act*** – The committee discussed the forthcoming reauthorization. The CAC requested that the TPB form a working group to develop principles on reauthorization. The TPB deferred action on this request because in the summer when a short-term extension of MAP-21 was enacted.
- ***Forum on the TIP and CLRP*** – As required by federal regulations, the TPB conducted a public forum on the draft TIP and CLRP at the CAC’s July meeting.
- ***Briefing on the Draft Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan*** – The CAC was briefed in November on this plan which is scheduled to be approved this January.
- ***Briefing on the Establishment of a Multi-Sectoral Working Group on Greenhouse Gas Emissions*** – The CAC was briefed in November. This group will hold its first meeting in January.