



MEMORANDUM

TO: TPB Technical Committee
FROM: Marcela Moreno, TPB Transportation Planner
SUBJECT: Visualize 2045 Project List Public Comment
DATE: March 3, 2023

The Transportation Planning Board is accepting public comment on the Visualize 2045 Project list as part of the Visualize 2050 plan update on a rolling basis. Comments can be submitted via an online form found on the TPB Comment Form (mwcog.org/tpbcomment) and Visualize 2050 Get Involved webpage (<https://visualize2045.org/plan-update/visualize-2050/get-involved/>). Comments are collected until 5:00PM on the Wednesday before the TPB Technical Committee meeting. These comments are compiled and shared with the Technical Committee at their monthly meeting and posted online.

Between the February 15, 2023 TPB meeting and 5PM on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, the TPB received one complete comment and two incomplete comments.

The comments are summarized below. All full comments are attached to this memo.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Allen Muchnick – Online Form – February 27, 2023

Muchnick provided feedback about the I-66 Improvement project, suggesting that VDOT should consider submitting the remaining elements of the megaproject as separate projects, tying I-66 widening to a commitment to toll I-66 in both directions, and reconfiguring the tolling system. Muchnick also suggested a commitment to complete all unbuilt segments of the National Capital Trail Network by 2030 and to list each unbuilt trail segment as a separate project.

Anonymous – Online Form – February 27, 2023*

A commenter provided feedback about the Arcola Boulevard Improvement project and suggested a project for consideration in Virginia.

Anonymous – Online Form – February 28, 2023*

A commenter provided feedback about the Union Station to Georgetown Streetcar Line in the District of Columbia.

* = incomplete comment submissions

Public Comment Received from February 15 – March 1, 2023

Table 1. District of Columbia Project Comment

Project	How did you learn about this project?	I support this project's inclusion in Visualize 2050.	Explain why you support/do not support the project's inclusion in the Visualize 2050. You can also share other comments about the project's inclusion in the plan.	Name
Union Station to Georgetown Streetcar Line	Project webpage	Neutral		

Table 2. Virginia Project Comment

Project	How did you learn about this project?	I support this project's inclusion in Visualize 2050.	Explain why you support/do not support the project's inclusion in the Visualize 2050. You can also share other comments about the project's inclusion in the plan.	Name
Arcola Boulevard Improvements	Friend/colleague	Neutral		
I-66 Improvements		Strongly disagree	The Transform I-66 Megaprojects-- both outside and inside the Beltway--have largely been completed. If there are a few remaining elements from those projects that VDOT wants to retain in Visualize 2050, those elements should be resubmitted as separate, clearly described projects. Also, any additional widening of I-66 inside the Beltway should be clearly tied to a firm commitment by VDOT to toll I-66 in both directions, either during the eight peak weekday commuting hours or ideally 24/7. Finally, VDOT should reconfigure its tolling system inside the Beltway to reduce the tolls to zero whenever that segment would be free-flowing at 55 MPH.	Allen Muchnick

Table 3. Virginia Project Suggestions

Do you have any suggested projects that should be considered for the long-range transportation plan (Visualize 2050)?	Name
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Table 4. Multi-jurisdictional Project Suggestions

Do you have any suggested projects that should be considered for the long-range transportation plan (Visualize 2050)?	Name
Complete all unbuilt segments of the National Capital Trail Network by 2030. Each unbuilt trail segment should be listed as a separate project.	Allen Muchnick