

## **ACCESS FOR ALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT**

September 28, 2017

*Charles Allen, Chairman, TPB First Vice Chairman*

The Access for All Advisory Committee met on September 28, 2017 and the highlights from the meeting are provided below, including a list of participants on the last page. The Access for All Advisory Committee (AFA) advises the TPB on transportation issues and services important to low-income communities, minority communities, people with limited English proficiency, people with disabilities, and older adults.

### **UPDATE ON THE TPB'S STREET SMART PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE PUBLIC SAFETY CAMPAIGN**

Mr. Farrell from the TPB staff briefed the AFA on TPB's pedestrian and bicycle safety campaign that uses a variety of media, and shared survey statistics showing that both drivers and pedestrians are equally aware of the campaign.

AFA members discussed the need to include people with disabilities and those with low income in future campaigns, including the use of pictures of people in wheelchairs. AFA members also suggested offering the survey in Spanish, and suggested specifically targeting low-income populations. One AFA member also pointed out that October is Disability Awareness Month which could be a good marketing opportunity for future campaigns.

### **PRESENTATION ON COG'S WMATA PRINCIPLES**

Mr. Beyrouti from the COG Executive Office staff briefed the AFA on COG's initiatives related to the future of WMATA, including a briefing on COG's Metro Strategy Group which is working to secure funding to meet Metro's needs, and a briefing on COG's Statement of Principles on Metro which serves to guide the group.

AFA members discussed options on the table for funding Metro, including a regional sales tax and concerns about a disparate impact on low-income residents.

### **UPDATE ON VISUALIZE 2045 SURVEY OUTREACH**

Mr. Hampton of the TPB staff provided the committee with an update on the TPB outreach to get public feedback on issues to be considered during the development of Visualize 2045, that included live-surveying, digital outreach and promotion, Ambassadors from the jurisdictions (including the AFA) and targeted outreach. Mr. Hampton shared photos and final outreach statistics.

- AFA members asked if the information could be broken down into ethnicity, race, gender, etc. which would be useful information and Mr. Hampton confirmed the tool can tabulate demographics.

### **STATUS REPORT ON THE TPB'S LONG-RANGE PLAN TASK FORCE**

Ms. Zeller of the TPB staff provided an update on the Long-Range Plan Task Force, established to

examine projects, programs and policies not currently in the long-range plan, but have the potential to address regional challenges. Ms. Zeller presented the ten finalized initiatives that will be studied and prioritized by the Task Force.

Chairman Allen led a discussion emphasizing the purpose of the Task Force's work as directional to help determine which initiatives have the greatest regional impacts, could make a difference, and may inform budgets down the road. He also pointed out that the Task Force's decisions will have the benefit of data analysis to back up the prioritization.

Members discussed initiatives addressing the work of the AFA and asked where they were in the list. Chairman Allen pointed out that items 4, 5 and 6 addressed access improvements to bus, rail and Metro. He also shared that there could be Land Use Policy impacts once the analysis was completed.

## MEETING ATTENDEES

<b>District of Columbia</b>	<b>Virginia</b>	<b>TPB Staff</b>
Brenda Richardson, Earth Conservation Corps	Cynthia Alarico, Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood Services	Ben Hampton (Presenter)
Charles Allen, AFA Chairman	Denis Paddeu, Rappahannock Area Agency on Aging	John Swanson
Dee Curry, CASA Ruby	Doris Ray, ENDependence Center of Northern Virginia	Kanti Srikanth
Gloria Swieringa, Prince George's Commissions for Individuals with Disabilities	Jeanna Muhoro (phone), Fairfax County Department of Transportation	Lori Zeller (Presenter)
Michelle Chin, DC Department of General Services	Jennifer Kanarek, NV Rides	Lyn Erickson
Nichole Opkins, Office of Councilmember Allen	Karen Smith, The Arc of Greater Prince William	Lynn Winchell-Mendy
Rosa Carrillo, Multicultural Community Service	Leslie Martin (phone), VDOT - Northern VA District	Michael Farrell (Presenter)
Susie McFadden-Resper, DC Office of Disability Rights	Roger Hoskins, representing older adults	Monica Beyrouti (Presenter)
	Susan Shaw (phone), Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood Services	Sergio Ritacco
<b>Maryland</b>	<b>Regional</b>	
Andrea Lasker, Prince George's County DPWT	Sharlene Reed, WMATA	
Ashley Hampton, Arc of Prince George's County	Marieannette Otero (phone), Safe Routes to School National Partnership	
Charlie Crawford, representing people with disabilities		
Harriet Shapiro Block (phone), Jewish Council for the Aging		
Janet Moye Cornick, MDOT		
Shawn Brennan, Montgomery County Aging & Disability Services		
Thomas Curtis, Maryland Department of Disabilities		
Bill Orleans, resident		