

# TPB REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Virtual Meeting Summary: February 22, 2022

ATTENDEES, total: 16

Spring Worth, DDOT (Chair)
Deanna Archey, MCDOT
Gary Erenrich, MCDOT
Ronetta Zack-Williams, NVTC
Nick Ruiz, VRE

Amir Shapir, VDOT Xavier Harmony, WMATA Mazen Hammoud, WMATA Melissa Kim, WMATA Andrew Meese, TPB Michael Farrell, TPB Mark Moran, TPB Eric Randall, TPB Joe Davis, TPB James Li, TPB Nicole McCall, TPB

#### **AGENDA**

- 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS, Spring Worth, Chair
  - The meeting was called to order at 12:03 PM and a roll of online attendees was called.
- 2. ROUNDTABLE: AGENDA TOPICS FOR 2022, All
  - In an open roundtable, participants were asked to provide names, titles, and current activities in the chat box. The floor was then open with each attendee called upon in turn to offer agenda items for the rest of the year.

#### Discussion:

- Automated Traffic Enforcement, and cameras on bus lanes
- Tactical bus lane standards
- Ridership recovery strategies
- o Right-sizing service
- o Transit significant roads
- Network studies: Ride On Reimagined, WMATA Study
- Montgomery County: Great Seneca Transit study
- ZEB / electrification transition
- 3. UPDATE ON WMATA'S ON DEMAND TRANSIT (ODT) STUDY, Mazen Hammoud, WMATA
  - Mazen Hammoud briefed the committee on the results of a study of On Demand Transit (ODT) undertaken by WMATA.
  - WMATA was interested in ODT for service during the pandemic.
  - Focus now is on Metrobus Transformation though,

#### Discussion:

- What role did equity play in the study? Outreach and awareness were key for the focus group.
- Not all travelers use a smartphone, so important to also incorporate call services.
- MCDOT noted they did extensive outreach for their Flex service development.
- o Prince George's Connect plan also looking at a second ODT zone in Bowie.
- Lots of requests in the District for DC DFHV Neighborhood Connect service, including in Ward 3.
- O Would ODT as a strategy be considered instead of bus bridges during rail work? Especially on weekends when only few passengers? Capacity is always a concern, many ODT trips are only 3-5 passengers. Can't predict when suddenly a group of travelers will need service.

## 4. **OVERVIEW: TPB DRAFT 2022 BIKE & PEDESTRIAN PLAN**, Michael Farrell, TPB Transportation Planner

- Michael Farrell briefed the committee on the new draft bicycle and pedestrian plan for the National Capital Region (NCR).
- Many trail and sidewalk connections also serve as first-mile/last-mile connections for transit stations and stops.

### 8. OTHER BUSINESS / ADJOURN, Spring Worth, Chair

- The meeting was adjourned at 1:14 PM.
- The next meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2022 \*Note, subsequently cancelled.\*

All meeting materials are available for download from the subcommittee's website: <a href="https://www.mwcog.org/events/2022/2/22/regional-public-transportation-subcommittee1/">https://www.mwcog.org/events/2022/2/22/regional-public-transportation-subcommittee1/</a>

