



TPB REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE

In-Person/Hybrid Meeting Summary: December 6, 2022

ATTENDEES, total: 19

Spring Worth, DDOT (Chair)
Xavier Harmony, NVTC
Gary Erenrich, Montgomery Co.
Ryan Visci, City of Fairfax
Cody Christenson, RKK
Clinton Edwards, DRPT

Erik Jensen, WMATA
Gabriel Pincus, WMATA
Melissa Kim, WMATA
Malcolm Watson, Fairfax Co.
Nick Ruiz, VRE

Andrew Meese, TPB
Pierre Gaunaurd, TPB
Eric Randall, TPB
James Li, TPB
Tim, Canan, TPB
Katherine Rainone, TPB
Marcela Moreno, TPB
Charlene Howard, TPB

AGENDA

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS, *Spring Worth, Chair*

- The meeting was called to order and a roll of in-person and remote attendees was called. This was the first RPTS meeting with an in-person option since the beginning of the pandemic in March 2020.

2. K STREET TRANSITWAY UPDATE, *Robyn Jackson, DDOT*

- Robyn Jackson briefed the subcommittee on the planning for the K Street Transitway. The most recent public meeting was December 14, and this presentation is from that meeting.
- Final Design is complete. The design is from building face to building face for the corridor.
- Took in a lot of feedback from the public. Highlight changes and improvements and how they addressed the concerns that were raised.
- Looked at safety, and also bike design and how that corresponded with NACTO guidelines.
- Curbside management hierarchy
- Made the point that K Street is part of a greater network.
- Looking at custom sidewalk treatments.
- There is a lot of concern about construction impacts from what will be a 3-1/2 year project, with utility work beginning even before that. Will go west to east, in three phases, starting Fall 2023.

Discussion:

- This looks better than the NYC experience, particularly the public process, Will there be trees to shade the bike lanes? Yes.
- Did you look at the full ROW or at the parks? The median bike lanes look narrow, reduced from 6 ft to 5 ft.
- Will the medians include bollards? No, DDOT does not install bollards. Instead used raised tips.

- Will RTOR be banned? Or other traffic signals modifications? No changes do far. Though District-wide RTOR is being banned, so no specific changes for K Street.
- How about bike parking, and parking for other micro-mobility vehicles? None of the design precludes that.
- Does the bike lane switch from median to curb? Yes, at the east end (12th Street).
- This is a bus lane, not BRT. Will multiple bus routes use the transitway? Will articulated buses fit? Will there be off-board fare payment? What about charter and commuter buses? These aspects are all TBD.
- Are federal funds being used? Not right now. Regulations might impact requirements. Determining if we want to or not.
- Bus go-arounds were eliminated as not being operationally efficient.
- IS DC Connector planning to acquire articulated buses? Has there been any consideration of inductive charging in the pavement? There's been a recent pilot in Ft Lauderdale / Broward; is this worth considering?
- Will retrofitting the transitway for streetcars be possible?

3. WMATA CUSTOMER SEGMENTATION PROJECT, Catherine Vanderwaart, WMATA

- Catherine Vanderwaart briefed the committee on a study that analyzed different customer groups, or segments, using WMATA services. This was a year-long project with consultants IBI and Foursquare ITP to answer questions about how customers use the system.
- Project was in phases with phase one looking at segmented SmarTrip cards as a proxy for customers. Phase two looked at customers longitudinally (over time), including before and after the pandemic. Phase three of the project looked at elasticities, e.g. how did use (ridership) change with changes in fare prices.
- She presented various tables from the results of analyzing the customer data.

Discussion:

- This is the same challenge that other transit providers are facing. Is data consistent? The pandemic has changed use from 4-5 days/week to 3 days / week for many customers. Do we need to change our fare products? Less monthly passes and more ten-trip products for example.
- Also need to look at corridor or regional segmentation; different commute patterns into DC from different suburban locations. Have you looked at how DC, MD, and VA differ?
- How about school transit trips?
- Have there been changes in the number of ultra or short trips around the pandemic?
- How about low-income riders and persons of color?
- How about looking at parking data? Could, but has not yet been done.

4. TPB ITEMS: 2022 STATE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION REPORT PREPARATIONS, TRANSIT SAFETY TARGET UPDATE, 2024 LONG RANGE PLAN, 2024 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM, TPB Staff

- Pierre Gaunard spoke to plans for the 2022 State of Public Transportation Report, the initial questionnaire for which will go out soon.

Discussion:

- Could Section V be beefed up? What is the goal of the report?
- More numbers and details are always useful.
- Include information from recent WMATA studies.
- What about the public involvement process? Could there be some sort of customer



satisfaction comparison? WMATA does quarterly customer survey reports; do other providers? How do we serve the public and how is each agency doing?

- Tim Canan spoke to plans for the TPB's Technical Assistance funds, which can be used for small-scale programs or studies. Recently the funds have been used for the Transit Within Reach program.

Discussion:

- How about looking at how the Virginia HOT Lanes have affected transit use? Impact on ridership for commuter bus and VRE? It is a regional issue and could impact how we use highway money.
- How to fund transit.
- Late night workers and transit accessibility.
- Staffing and workforce issues. Taxi industry and TNCs

5. JURISDICTIONAL ROUNDTABLE; THOUGHTS FOR 2023, Spring Worth, Chair

- Running short of time, this session was abbreviated.
- How do we get access to cell phone data for planning purposes?
- How about more transit market assessment studies?

6. 2023 RPTS CHAIR ROTATION, OTHER BUSINESS / ADJOURN, Spring Worth, Chair

- No chair for 2023 has yet been determined.
- The meeting was adjourned.
- The next meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2023.

Meeting materials are available for download from the subcommittee's website:
<https://www.mwcog.org/events/2022/12/6/december-2022-tpb-rpts/>

