

# Regional Bus Subcommittee TPB Bus Planning Activities Update

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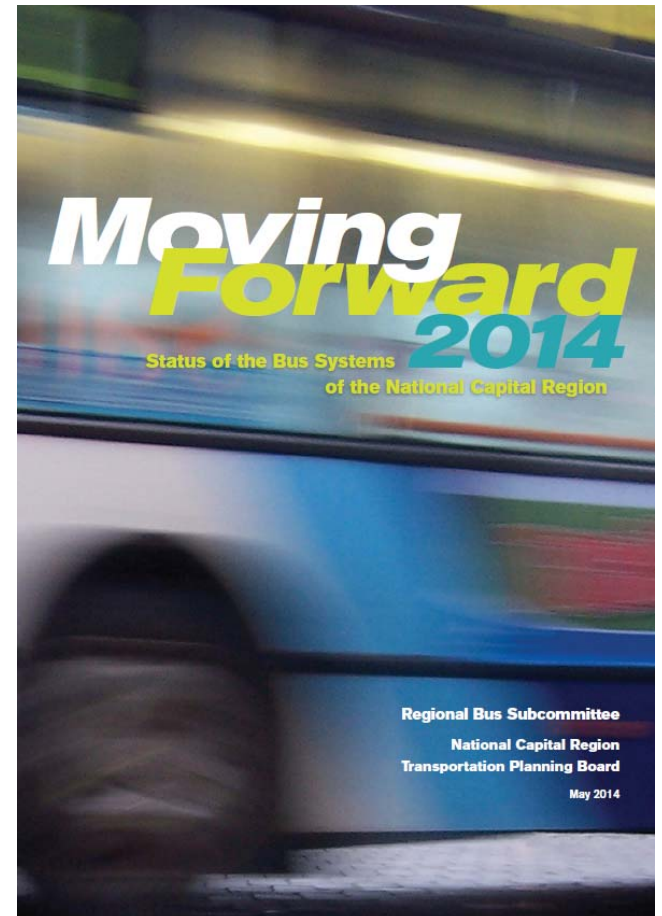
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# Bus-Supportive Work Activities

- Update *Moving Forward* Brochure (RBS)
- MAP-21 Rulemaking
  - Transit Agency Representation on MPO Boards

# *Moving Forward* Brochure Update

- Draft distributed for comment on May 8
- Comments received from several reviewers:
  - More data,
  - Other issues to highlight,
  - Comments on look/presentation.
- TPB staff are evaluating these comments and will issue a revised draft in upcoming months.
  - Goal of printing for September distribution.



# MAP-21 Rulemaking Schedule

- Statewide and Metropolitan Planning Rule
  - Released on June 2
  - Presentation made to TPB.
- Transit Agency Representation on MPO Boards
  - Final guidance released June 2. “*Guidance on Metropolitan Planning Organization Representation*”
  - MAP-21 required effective date of October 1, 2014.

# Public Transportation Representation on the TPB

The TPB has long included WMATA as a voting member and the interests of other public transportation providers are represented by their parent jurisdiction.

- Public transportation provider representatives also sit on the TPB Technical Committee and participate in the TPB's Regional Bus Subcommittee.

MAP-21 includes a new provision requiring representation by providers of public transportation on the policy board of each metropolitan planning organization (MPO).

- This is intended to formally include public transportation providers in the implementation of a performance-based approach to transportation decision-making.

# Needed Response to Policy Guidance by the TPB

The TPB as an MPO with multiple providers will need to develop a formal procedure for representation that considers the needs of all eligible providers, including selection of the public transportation representative and agreement on their role and responsibilities.

- The TPB will need to cooperate with the eligible providers to determine how it will include representation. Guidance examples include: collective appointment, rotating position, or proportional representation.
- The guidance also recommends that the public transportation representative “should not also attempt to represent other entities on the MPO.”

# Recommended Next Steps for Public Transportation Representation on the TPB

Recommended next steps to develop a process for representation of providers of public transportation:

- Convene meeting of eligible providers of public transportation and other stakeholders to discuss and develop a process for representation in accordance with final FHWA/FTA guidance.
- Adopt a board resolution at the TPB's September meeting describing the process and how it will be implemented to meet the guidance.
- Additional actions in the guidance will be addressed subsequently:
  - Adopt bylaws that describe the establishment, role and responsibilities of the designated representative.
  - Amend the January 16, 2008 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Transportation Planning Responsibilities for the National Capital Region.

# Who gets Represented...?

- “A representative of a provider of public transportation that operates in a TMA should be eligible to be a designated recipient, a direct recipient, or a sub-recipient of the Urbanized Area Formula funding program.”
- At first glance, appears to offer representation to most transit agencies in the region, including commuter rail, heavy rail, (future other rail), local bus, paratransit, para-taxi, and vanpool operators.
- Key phrases lack precise definition:
  - **Provider of public transportation.** Not defined, though Planning Rule notes that “public transportation operator” replaced by “providers of public transportation” in statute.
  - **Designated, direct, or sub-recipient of UAZ funds.** Receives Section 5307 funds, directly from FTA or as disbursed by another agency.
  - **Eligible.** Not defined.
    - Reports National Transit Database (NTD) data?
    - Does not have to be receiving funds, but eligible to do so = any provider of public transportation that a) has procedures and processes that meet federal law, and b) that is included in planning process and TIP?
    - Agency designated by Governor or Direct Recipient?



# Public Transportation Service in the NCR: 2012

## NTD Data: rail, bus, paratransit, vanpool

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority	87.308%
Ride-On Montgomery County Transit	5.655%
Fairfax Connector Bus System	2.243%
Virginia Railway Express	0.968%
City of Alexandria	0.898%
Prince George's County Transit	0.874%
Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission	0.709%
Arlington Transit - Arlington County	0.541%
Loudoun County Commuter Bus Service - Office of Transportation Services	0.271%
Transit Services of Frederick County	0.187%
City of Fairfax CUE Bus	0.187%
County Commissioners of Charles County, MD	0.159%
National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board	0.000063%
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