

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

September 2, 2022

*Canek Aguirre, Chair*

The Access for All Advisory Committee (AFA) met virtually on September 2 and the highlights from the meeting are provided below. A list of participants is on the last page. The AFA advises the TPB on transportation issues and services important to low-income communities, underrepresented communities, people with limited English proficiency, people with disabilities, and older adults.

### **NATIONAL CAPITAL PLANNING COMMISSION'S PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE INITIATIVE**

Julia Koster, TPB Board Member and Director of Planning Research and Policy Division, introduced staff Elizabeth Miller, Director, and Karin Schierhold, Urban Planner, who provided an introduction and overview a new vision and three conceptual approaches for Pennsylvania Avenue NW between the White House and the U.S. Capitol. Discussion following the presentation included:

- Input into existing conditions of the Avenue and their impact on Persons with Disabilities,
- Requests for considering the accessibility needs of certain populations to make it to the Avenue, and
- Next steps for keeping TPB's AFA Committee engaged in the planning process and provide input for the needs of Older Adults and Persons with Disabilities.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ANALYSIS PHASE 1: UPDATE EQUITY EMPHASIS AREAS**

Sergio Ritacco, TPB Transportation Planner, provided an overview to applying the TPB-approved methodology to update the Equity Emphasis Areas using the most recent Census data, including a review of the resulting maps. Discussion following the presentation predominately surrounded the use and application of EEAs amongst member jurisdictions for their own equity application and considerations.

### **BRIEFING ON REGIONAL BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLANNING INCLUDING THE 2022 UPDATE OF THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLAN FOR THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION**

Michael Farrell, TPB Transportation Planner, provided an overview of the 2022 Update of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for the National Capital Region and discuss ongoing regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning activities beyond the recently completed plan, including potential synergies with Access for All Advisory Committee discussions.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Sergio Ritacco and Lyn Erickson provided an update on TPB staffing and it's impact on the update to the Coordinated Plan as well as staffing of the AFA committee.
- Sergio Ritacco provided updated contact information for future Enhanced Mobility questions and grant management needs.
- Yolanda Hipski shared a link on the Rural Maryland Council and Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland's survey to identify strategies for expanding non-emergency medical transportation in Eastern, Western, and Central Maryland.
- Chair Aguirre provided a reminder of remaining 2022 meeting date on December 16.

<b>District of Columbia</b>	<b>Virginia</b>	<b>TPB Staff</b>
Nechama Masliansky, So Others Might Eat	Ashley Schalick, Arc of Northern Virginia	Kanti Srikanth
Brenda Richardson, Women Like Us	Brittany Voll, DRPT	Lyn Erickson
<b>Maryland</b>	Doris Ray, ENDependence Center of Norther Virginia	Sergio Ritacco
Bill Orleans, member of the public	Emily Braley, NV Rides	Rachel Beyerle
Bong Delrosario, Maryland Department of Disabilities	Karen Smith, Arc of Prince William/INSIGHT, Inc.	Matthew Farrell
Yolanda Hipski, TCCSMD	MaryJo Hensler, Fairfax County Neighborhood & Community Services	
Rob Malone, Arc of Prince William County	Roger Hoskin	<b>Chair</b>
Sara Fought, JCA Connect-A-Ride		Canek Aguirre, City of Alexandria Councilmember
Shawn Brennan, Montgomery County Aging & Disability Services		
<b>Regional</b>		
Angela White, National MS Society of Greater DC		
William Clements		
Elizabeth Miller		
Karin Schierhold		
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