

**ITEM 10 – Information
December 20, 2023**

Visualize 2050 Status Reports

- A. Public Engagement Summary
- B. Maryland Express Lanes Projects
- C. WMATA Projects And Operations

Background: The board will receive a briefing summarizing the outcomes of the February 15-November 30, 2023 public engagement conducted in preparation for Visualize 2050. In addition, the Visualize 2050 schedule was changed due to uncertainties with a few of the major projects in our region – the express lanes system in Maryland and the WMATA transit system. As the deadline approaches for the Visualize 2050 project inputs, MDOT and WMATA will provide briefings on the status of these inputs.

ATTACHMENTS

- Item 10A – Visualize 2050 Status Memo
- Item 10A – Visualize 2050 Initial Project List Public Comment Analysis Summary
- Item 10B – MDOT Presentation
- Item 10C – WMATA Visualize 2050 Update Status Letter



MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Planning Board
FROM: Cristina Finch, TPB Transportation Planner
SUBJECT: Visualize 2050
DATE: December 14, 2023

The development of the next National Capital Region Transportation Plan, Visualize 2050, progresses according to the schedule approved by the TPB in April 2023. The public comment period on projects undergoing re-evaluation from the current plan, Visualize 2045, ended on November 30, 2023, and a summary of the results is presented under separate memo. At the December board meeting, staff will highlight some aspects of the engagement period and present next steps in the plan's development. Presentations will follow from WMATA and MDOT on their key projects currently under review.

NEXT STEPS

This month, Visualize 2050 development continues as states, localities and transportation agencies submit and TPB staff receive and review regionally significant for air quality project inputs through December 29, 2023. In January, TPB staff will finalize their review and coordinate with agency staff on any remaining items needed for clarification on individual projects. To give you a snapshot of the amount of work this is, the Visualize 2045 conformity table had well over 600 project segments listed in it. TPB staff will work with agency staff on quality checking the draft list of project segment details proposed for the air quality analysis and on assigning projects consistent titles for use during public engagement and in the plan. In February, TPB staff will finalize public engagement materials including the public survey tool, detailed project inputs table, air quality conformity analysis scope of work, and the land use inputs. Public input on these items will be accepted between March 1-30, 2024. A summary of public input will be shared with the Board in April for member consideration prior to the May board meeting when the board is scheduled to vote on approving these inputs.

AGENCY PRESENTATIONS

At this meeting, the Board will hear from WMATA and MDOT on their projects that prompted the additional time approved by the board to provide project inputs. WMATA has been working on long-term funding plans for the Metro system, and MDOT has been engaging the public on its vision for the American Legion Bridge and I-270 Corridor.