Meeting Highlights TPB Technical Committee – October 2, 2020

The Technical Committee met on Friday, October 2, 2020 in an online-only session. Meeting materials can be found here: https://www.mwcog.org/events/2020/10/2/tpb-technical-committee/

The following items were reviewed for inclusion on the TPB's June agenda.

TPB AGENDA ITEM 7 - PARTICIPATION PLAN UPDATE

The committee was briefed on comments received during the Participation Plan comment period, which closed on October 9. Staff provided an overview of the approach for making changes to the plan. The board will be asked to approve the Participation Plan at the October TPB meeting.

TPB AGENDA ITEM 8 - TPB WORK SESSION CLIMATE CHANGE PLANNIG IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

The committee was briefed on the agenda and available meeting materials for the upcoming TPB Work Session on Climate Change Planning in the National Capital Region. The work session will be held on October 21 and will feature presentations on the new interim 2030 regional greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction goal, state DOT work to reduce GHG emissions from the transportation sector, and the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI). The TPB will be asked to consider endorsing the 2030 goal in October if the goal is adopted by the COG Board.

TPB AGENDA ITEM 10 - HIGH CAPACITY TRANSIT STATION AREAS INTERACTIVE MAP UPDATE

The committee received a presentation demonstrating enhancements made to the interactive web map being developed to support TPB's focus on transit-oriented communities. This planning tool was first demonstrated to the Technical Committee at its March 6, 2020 meeting.

TPB AGENDA ITEM 11 - CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE - UPDATE AND RECRUITMENT

The committee was briefed on TPB staff recommendations for updating the Citizens Advisory Committee. These recommendations will be presented to the TPB in October for board input. The board will be asked to approve recommended changes in November.

The following items were presented for information and discussion:

VISUALIZE 2045: KICKOFF AND DRAFT INPUTS SOLICITATION

The committee was briefed on the draft final Technical Input Solicitation guide, appendix, and input form. Staff called out key dates and deadlines, reviewed the input requirements, and highlighted changes from the last long-range transportation plan and Transportation Improvement Program update cycle.

LONG BRIDGE

The committee was briefed on the Long Bridge and associated track projects, including the opportunities they provide for improving VRE and intercity rail service.

COVID-19: TRANSPORTATION IMPACTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

The committee was briefed by NVTA on early stages to update its long-range transportation plan and is exploring relevant lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic that may affect its approach.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Follow-up on September Transportation Impacts of COVID-19 Pandemic in the National Capital Region Presentation
- Safety Program Update
- Big Data Update
- Street Smart
- Visualize 2045: Public Outreach Survey update