

ITEM 7 – Action
January 20, 2016

Approval of Appointments to the TPB Citizens Advisory Committee
(CAC) for the Year 2016

Staff

Recommendation: Appoint members and alternates to the 2016 CAC.

Issues: None

Background: The TPB Participation Plan calls for the appointment of 15 individuals to serve as members of the CAC for each calendar year: six members designated by the current CAC and nine members nominated by the TPB officers. In December, the 2015 CAC elected six individuals to serve on the 2016 CAC. On January 20, the three TPB officers will each nominate three individuals to serve as CAC members. The TPB officers will also nominate individuals to serve as alternate members. In addition, Chairman Lovain will announce the appointment of 2016 CAC chairman.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Planning Board
FROM: Kanti Srikanth, TPB Staff Director
SUBJECT: Appointment of Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) members for 2016
DATE: January 20, 2016

The term of the TPB's 2015 Citizens Advisory Committee ends in January 2016. The term for the 2016 CAC begins in February. This memorandum presents the nominations of the member of the CAC for the 2016 term for the Board's consideration and approval.

According to the TPB's Participation Plan, the CAC comprises 15 members. Six of these members—two each from the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia—are designated by the previous year's CAC. The TPB officers nominate nine individuals—three each from the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia. The Participation Plan also specifies that the chairperson of the TPB will appoint the chairperson of the CAC.

In December 2015, the 2015 CAC elected six individuals to serve on the 2015 committee. Subsequently, the TPB officers reviewed the remaining applications and finalized the nominations from their respective jurisdictions. List below are all 15 nominations for the 2016 CAC.

The TPB is requested to consider the nominations and approve with or without changes, the appointment of all 15 members as well as up to three alternates for each jurisdiction. Following the Board's action, TPB Chairman Timothy Lovain will also announce the appointment of the CAC chair. The new committee will convene its first meeting on February 11.

The application for the nominees is attached.

Nominated as 2016 CAC members:

#	NOMINEE		STATE	NOMINATED BY
1	Keith	Benjamin	DC	2015 CAC
2	Robyn	Jackson	DC	Charles Allen
3	Jeanose	Lexima	DC	Charles Allen
4	Tom	Sanchez	DC	2015 CAC
5	Bob	Summersgill	DC	Charles Allen
6	Tina	Slater	MD	2015 CAC
7	Emmet	Tydings	MD	2015 CAC
8	Nancy	Abeles	MD	Bridget Newton
9	Jeremy	Martin	MD	Bridget Newton
10	Alex	Tremble	MD	Bridget Newton
11	Robert	Jackson	VA	2015 CAC
12	Jeffrey	Parnes	VA	Tim Lovain
13	Lorena	Rios	VA	Tim Lovain
14	Douglas	Stewart	VA	Tim Lovain
15	Stephen	Still	VA	2015 CAC

Nominated as 2016 CAC alternate members:

#	NOMINEE		STATE	NOMINATED BY
1	Colin	Leach	DC	Charles Allen
2	Molly	O'Connell	DC	Charles Allen
3	Gary	Hodge	MD	Bridget Newton
4	Robert	Lawrence	MD	Bridget Newton
5	Adeyinka	Ogunlegan	MD	Bridget Newton
6	Kenneth	Carter Batey	VA	Tim Lovain
7	Lara	Hegler	VA	Tim Lovain
8	Michael	Rodriguez	VA	Tim Lovain

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Keith Benjamin

5. Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

Being born in Washington DC, I have watched the transformation of this community and the opportunities that continue to prevail through innovative economic development and transportation projects and initiatives. Though so much should be celebrated, I cannot help but think about the question of access for all when it comes to DC improving for the better. How do we make sure that every family has safe access to their basic health, education and job needs? How do we improve the opportunities of the city without losing the culture that has made this city so great? How do we make sure that the features that the city's transient residents enjoy can also be available to those who have lived in the city all of their lives? For almost three years as the Street Scale Campaign Manager with Safe Routes to School National Partnership I have worked within the \$30 million dollar initiative Voices for Healthy Kids in 40 undeserved communities identifying coalitions, resources, and opportunities for neighborhoods to become better for all. There are real solutions, with real people, real advocates and real elected officials that are taking advantage of the chance to address inequity issues in priority populations. Whether it is writing and passing complete street policies, identifying funds for Safe Routes to School and other street scale initiatives or creating coalitions for community safety efforts change is happening. Having had the privilege of bringing those experiences to the table with TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee this past year, and seeing how important the community voice is, I enthusiastically submit my application to serve.

6. What are your public policy and transportation interests? Please briefly describe your experiences related to those interests and how they will help you contribute to the CAC.

Interests:

Bicycle Advocacy, Citizen at Large, Downtown D.C., Telework, Smart Growth, Economic Development, Low-Income Issues, Minority Communities, Neighborhood-Scale Issues, Pedestrian Advocacy, Ridesharing, Transit-Oriented Development, Transportation Funding, Transit Rider/Transit Advocacy, Student Issues, School District/Parent, Alternative Commuting, Equity

Experience:

Provided local technical assistance to 40 urban, suburban, rural, and reservation communities towards safe routes to schools programs and passage of complete streets policies.

Provided technical assistance to state campaigns in Minnesota, Ohio, Iowa, Washington, Oregon, Illinois and Washington DC on Safe Routes to School, federal/state appropriations, Transportation Alternative Program funds, bicycle and pedestrian planning, and strategies to increase physical activity in underserved communities.

Established and lead the National Active Transportation Diversity Task Force; conceptualized and created an Equity Asset Map documenting the work/collaborative density of 21 national organizations

Published journal submissions, blogs, op-eds, factsheets, and reports on safe routes to school, violence prevention, health equity, shared use, complete streets, and youth engagement

Authored and advocated for the passage of national resolutions on health equity and the built environment in underserved communities for the NAACP and NOBEL-Women

Led twitter town halls, conference panels focus groups and community forums on equity in the built environment

7. List any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may inform your involvement in CAC discussions.

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 7D Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

Center for American Progress Gun Violence Prevention Coalition/ Gun Violence Prevention Black Caucus

National League of Cities Advisory Panel on Health Disparities

Better Bike Share Partnership Equity Panel

National Working Group on healthy food access with the Food Trust and the National Urban League

8. Is there anything else you'd like us to know related to your interest in serve on the CAC?

It was an honor to serve this past year but the work on unfunded projects, innovative land use in the 7th and 8th ward, and balancing economic development with displacement still need to be wrestled with and it would be an honor to lend my voice.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Robyn Jackson

5. Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

Though I primarily live, work, and play in the District, I often times travel throughout the region for various activities. I realize how many concerns that I have moving throughout the district are also regional problems. More importantly, many concerns are not my own. Participating on the CAC will allow me the opportunity to voice these concerns; furthermore, I'm interested in collaborating with people of varying backgrounds to help advise the TPB on regional planning issues.

6. What are your public policy and transportation interests? Please briefly describe your experiences related to those interests and how they will help you contribute to the CAC.

My interest are in affordable multi-modal connectivity and transportation safety. I currently live in Ward 7, which is predominately a low-income and minority population and participate in transportation discussions with community members. I also work with Nspiregreen who work to include a diverse demographic in the decision making process. For safety, I'm currently working with the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) on Vision Zero, which is the mayor's transportation safety initiative. The experience with Nspiregreen and DDOT has shown me how important every voice is when projects are planned that can impact a community and how much DC depends on regional planning.

7. List any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may inform your involvement in CAC discussions.

American Society of Civil Engineers - DC Infrastructure Report Card Committee (Transit Lead)

8. Is there anything else you'd like us to know related to your interest in serve on the CAC?

I appreciate that the TPB looks to citizens to help inform regional planning. I feel that this is an important and exciting opportunity to provide unique insight related to planning, especially in those communities that are traditionally underrepresented.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Jeanose Lexima

5. Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

As a citizen, voter and DC resident, I have watched the region changed drastically for the better. As these changes take place, the services and the manner they are delivered are crucial. No other area is more important than transportation services, which faces challenges all across the region. I want to contribute by bringing technological innovation and over 15 years of excellent customer service to address some of the funding, policy and innovation challenges, including my experience working for Department of Transportation in DC.

6. What are your public policy and transportation interests? Please briefly describe your experiences related to those interests and how they will help you contribute to the CAC.

Our Transportation infrastructure is one of the best, however, my 2 years working for FHWA and a cross sector leader thought me that investment stagnation, failed policies and mistrust of leadership pose a real threat to the infrastructure and security of our region. We are watching global economic competitors surpassing many of what we once known for, efficiency. With effective planning and awareness of global issues and not limiting to working in a box. Seeing how transportation can solve many other problems the region faces by connecting and having fresh eye at the table, we can maintain our world transportation stand, by having foresight and effective forecasting.

7. List any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may inform your involvement in CAC discussions.

The Chicago Councils global affairs

Presidio institute cross sector fellow

DC citizen who care about the DMV, active and aware of all the DMV issues

DCPS volunteer

Women on change DC

A global citizenship

Youth and family development

8. Is there anything else you'd like us to know related to your interest in serve on the CAC?

My interest to serve starts with my passion for challenging policies that are not working for the people. And a real funding disconnect with the future of the region. What connects the whole region is transportation and it should be a priority. Please visit my resume Jeanose.com and nonprofit work womenonchange.org

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Tom Sanchez

5. Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

I am very interested in the role of public involvement in the transportation planning process. Transportation is a key factor in shaping our metropolitan area and directly impacts social and economic opportunity.

6. What are your public policy and transportation interests? Please briefly describe your experiences related to those interests and how they will help you contribute to the CAC.

I have approximately 20 years of experience researching transportation issues from the perspective of urban planning and social justice.

7. List any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may inform your involvement in CAC discussions.

I am involved with the American Planning Association and Transportation Research Board

8. Is there anything else you'd like us to know related to your interest in serve on the CAC?

I have direct contact with young people (college students) who are unaware of the metropolitan planning process. I am very interested in providing insights into this process and getting them more interested.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Bob Summersgill

5. Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

I am currently the chair of the CAC. I would like to continue my efforts to make the region safer for all modes of transportation.

6. What are your public policy and transportation interests? Please briefly describe your experiences related to those interests and how they will help you contribute to the CAC.

I have introduced a motion requesting that the TPB and member jurisdictions adopt a goal of zero traffic deaths. I plan to make improvements in bicycle policy and infrastructure requests of the TPB.

7. List any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may inform your involvement in CAC discussions.

Current CAC Chair, former ANC 3F Commissioner, current Sierra Club DC Chapter board member, a Casey Trees volunteer, member of the Coalition for Smarter Growth, and a member of the Washington Area Bicyclist Association.

8. Is there anything else you'd like us to know related to your interest in serve on the CAC?

I work for the Transportation Research Board of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Colin Leach, alternate

5. Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

As the greater Washington Metropolitan Area evolves and changes in the coming decades, the region's transportation system will need to adapt. Many members of the millennial generation, myself included, want to see transportation policies that both maintain existing road infrastructure while expanding support for mass transit alternatives. I believe that a millennial voice is needed to articulate our generation's concerns to the TPB, and believe that my background (as explained below) will allow me to offer thoughtful, nuanced contributions to the CAC's work.

6. What are your public policy and transportation interests? Please briefly describe your experiences related to those interests and how they will help you contribute to the CAC.

As a trained historian, my work focused on the development of Federal efforts to develop high speed rail in the 1960s and the impact of these efforts on subsequent federal passenger rail policy. My thesis ("Waiting for Supertrain!: Trains, Technocracy, and the Great Society) argued that Federal policymakers embraced a technocratic paradigm that emphasized the development of flashy, new technologies over the application of tried and true transportation solutions. Applied in a modern context, my work demonstrates that transportation policymakers can be often swayed by the desire for "innovation" without recognizing the historic context of various operating modes.

I have also had the opportunity to work for the National Association of Railroad Passenger as an intern. This experience gave me exposure to the problems of both national long-distance and local commuter rail operations, and gave me an appreciation for the role that passenger rail can play in solving modern transportation problems. As an intern, I wrote many blogs responding to criticism of existing passenger rail projects as well as advocating for the development of new ones.

Additionally, I coauthored a paper for The Can Kicks Back's "Restoring Balance: Millennial Perspectives on America's Spending and Investment Challenges" report outlining the untapped potential of privately-financed Infrastructure Banks for various types of infrastructure investment, including transit projects. (Can provide copy on request).

7. List any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may inform your involvement in CAC discussions.

Currently, I do not participate in any organizations that would inform my involvement in CAC discussions. However, I have in the past interned for both the National Association of Railroad Passengers and The Can Kicks Back, both of which strongly champion infrastructure development.

8. Is there anything else you'd like us to know related to your interest in serve on the CAC?

I believe that both my historical perspective and understanding of modern policy issues would be of great benefit to the CAC's work.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Molly O'Connell, alternate

5. Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

I learned about the Citizen Advisory Committee while participating in the Fall 2015 Community Leadership Institute, which opened my eyes more fully to MWCOG's and the Transportation Planning Board's work in the region. As former resident of Prince George's County (where I also work) and a new resident to the District, I have been looking for ways to become involved in planning and community development. Transportation is such a huge reason for why I moved to this area - the ability to use the metro, access to resources I didn't have back home - and it is a crucial part of our future. I would like to be involved in helping to shape how this region moves forward.

6. What are your public policy and transportation interests? Please briefly describe your experiences related to those interests and how they will help you contribute to the CAC.

I completed a Master's degree in Community Planning from the University of Maryland in 2014; my classes and research projects revealed how interconnected transportation is to economic development and equity for a community. I am interested in the funding and development of critical transportation infrastructure - especially public transit - to support our region's growth and ensure that opportunities, especially access to opportunities, exist in every community.

Traveling and living abroad in Europe also opened my eyes to how a successful transportation network is set up. You can traverse any major European city easily without a car, and cheaply. Even in Ireland, where the bus might stop for sheep on the road, trains and buses could connect you to even the most remote of villages. I had never experienced that kind of life in my home state, New Hampshire, and have been trying to capture that lifestyle again ever since. Again, this was part of what prompted me to move to DC, and what prompts me now to support the transportation efforts of the TPB/MWCOG.

7. List any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may inform your involvement in CAC discussions.

I am a member of the National Capital APA chapter.

8. Is there anything else you'd like us to know related to your interest in serve on the CAC?

I currently work in the City of Hyattsville and have been involved in the zoning update to the Prince George's Plaza Transit District Development Plan, so these issues have been at the forefront in the City and will continue to be important as development happens.

MARYLAND

Tina Slater

5. Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

I'm a transit advocate and want to see our region focus on walkable/bikeable and transit-oriented Activity Centers. Also, I want to see transit linkages between the Activity Centers. In this way I believe we can accommodate our growing population by using intensively our existing infrastructure.

6. What are your public policy and transportation interests? Please briefly describe your experiences related to those interests and how they will help you contribute to the CAC.

I'm interested in transit — especially the Purple Line & BRT, land-use (build in Activity Centers, rather than encouraging sprawl), and using existing infrastructure more intensively (rather than building new roads).

7. List any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may inform your involvement in CAC discussions.

Have served on the CAC for the past 5 years. Serve as Treasurer of Purple Line Now, an advocacy group for the coming LRT system. I'm the past president of Action Committee for Transit. Am a member of the Montgomery County League of Women Voters Transportation & Land-Use Committee. Have served on both of County Exec Ike Leggett's BRT Task Forces. Am a member of the Rt. 29 Corridor Advisory Committee, looking at how to implement BRT along this corridor in Montgomery County.

8. Is there anything else you'd like us to know related to your interest in serve on the CAC?

I have learned a lot as a member of the CAC, and by attending (and now listening!) to the monthly TPB meetings. It is a place to find out how the different geographic aspects of our region create differing transportation needs (urban DC to rural parts of Loudoun County).

MARYLAND

Emmet Tydings

5. Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

I want to serve because no one cares more than me about congestion relief and economic development as it relates to transportation in the Washington Metro region than me!

6. What are your public policy and transportation interests? Please briefly describe your experiences related to those interests and how they will help you contribute to the CAC.

Besides the 13 years I have served on the CAC I currently sit on other committees and boards in the transportation discussion throughout the metro area and Baltimore. I am also steeped in the evolution of transportation "Regionalism" that is a key concept driving change in the MWCOG MPO.

7. List any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may inform your involvement in CAC discussions.

CO-Founder and Exec Board member of Suburban Maryland Transportation Alliance (SMTA) (current)

Member Transportation Committee of the Greater Olney Civic Association (current)

Board Member Howard County Tech Council - recent past Chair 2013 - 2015 (current)

Chairman & Co-Founder - Greater Olney Newspaper 22k Circ. (2015 - present)

Alternate - Montgomery County Context Sensitive Road Design Committee (2009)

Chairman of Steven Joseph County Council campaign at Large 2002

Member - Olney Master Plan MoCo (2005)

8. Is there anything else you'd like us to know related to your interest in serve on the CAC?

My attendance at the CAC has been excellent over the years with the exception of 2015 where I have had two hip replacements and a trip out of the country that kept me away from several CAC meetings and I hope that anomaly doesn't reflect poorly on my ability and willingness to contribute.

MARYLAND

Nancy Abeles

5. Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

Now that this current term is coming to a close, having learned more about pieces of the regional transportation puzzle, I would like to carry forth my goal to provide meaningful contribution at a deeper level. By serving this past year on the CAC, I gained more strategic, tactical, and functional knowledge of how the pieces interact with each other, as well as with technology, funding, public safety, and, equally crucially, in impacts upon communities.

6. What are your public policy and transportation interests? Please briefly describe your experiences related to those interests and how they will help you contribute to the CAC.

Knowing the complexities and potential conflicts possible between regional planning goals for the "greater good" and community perspectives, my public policy interests orient to trying to identify mechanisms or criteria that enable "common ground," efficacious solutions. I continue to serve on the Bethesda BRAC Implementation and Montgomery County 355-South BRT Corridor Advisory Committees. There, with other neighborhood representatives and representatives from the Navy, NIH, and other local institutions, I experienced the process required of a comprehensive project through outreach, planning, and implementation stages, as interactions occur between stakeholders of varied perspectives and goals.

This past summer I partook of transit project development directly at the policy level, by participating in the 2015 MoCo Transit Task Force proceedings as an officially recognized "Interested Party." The Task Force grappled this past summer with the concept of a MoCo Independent Transit Authority, and I learned the many

Already in the process of self-educating myself through the TPB Leadership Institute, regional conferences like MovingMontgomeryForward, books, journals, list-serves and news articles, this year I further expanded and rounded my perspectives by attending "StreetCamp 2015" workshop, to learn more about community projects and involvement tools, which directly related to my work on one of the TPB CAC Sub-Committees. Serving on the TPB CAC unto itself has been the keystone of linking together all this varied experience, knowledge and, hopefully, potential lessons learned.

7. List any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may inform your involvement in CAC discussions.

In addition to remaining on the "BIC" and being an "Interested Party" participant in the 2015 MoCo Transit Task Force, the MoCo Rapid Transit Steering Committee, and serving on the MoCo Route 355 South Corridor Advisory Committee, this past year I began representing my community on the Montgomery County Civic Federation.

8. Is there anything else you'd like us to know related to your interest in serve on the CAC?

On the TPB, I participated in the RealTime Transit info and the Public Participation Sub-Committees. If I am permitted to continuing serving the CAC I would like to continue to those groups to build on what we explored and began this past year. I also learned this past year that there is an international movement focusing on women's transit issues, and I would like to introduce this as a CAC consideration on various levels.

MARYLAND

Jeremy Martin

5. Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

To serve my community by advancing safe, healthy, less polluting transportation choices.

6. What are your public policy and transportation interests? Please briefly describe your experiences related to those interests and how they will help you contribute to the CAC.

Pedestrian and bike safety, transit, GHG mitigation.

7. List any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may inform your involvement in CAC discussions.

I am a Rockville Traffic and Transportation Commissioner and I represent that body on the Rockville Pedestrian Safety Task Force. I also represent the Maryland Municipal League on the Montgomery County Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee. My professional work is a scientist working on transportation fuel policy in the Clean Vehicles Program of the Union of Concerned Scientists.

8. Is there anything else you'd like us to know related to your interest in serve on the CAC?

I also participated in the Community Leadership Institute.

MARYLAND

Alex Tremble

5. Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

I have always had a desire to serve and have done so through the years through volunteer work and as serving as a public sector employee. However, serving on the TPB's CAC this past year has opened my eyes to a new opportunity to not only better my local community, but the regional community as well. I honestly believe that me and my colleagues began some great impactful work this past year and I look forward to building upon it.

6. What are your public policy and transportation interests? Please briefly describe your experiences related to those interests and how they will help you contribute to the CAC.

Community Engagement - In my currently role with the U.S. National Park Service I coordinate all of our national diversity focused youth employment programs. In this role it is also my responsibility to find innovative way of making the work we do relevant to local and diverse communities. Just as the work we do in environmental justice is extremely important to every community (even though they not believe so in the beginning) so is transportation. I plan to use my community engagement skills to build on the work my subcommittee began on finding ways to get the community more active and informed in transportation related issues.

Increased Use of Public Transportation and Bikes - Again, my current role in the NPS has exposed me to a great deal of data regarding climate change and the strategies for combating it.

7. List any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may inform your involvement in CAC discussions.

I am a current member of the TPB CAC.

The U.S. National Park Service (this is important because NPS is one of the largest land holders in the region. Building upon that, I have an in-depth understanding of how the agency operates and can provide my fellow members advise and contacts.

8. Is there anything else you'd like us to know related to your interest in serve on the CAC?

I am a task oriented individual who is extremely effective at leading teams to producing results. The challenges that the region, our home, face are dire and must be addressed and I would be honored to remain a member of the team tasked with helping to address these challenges.

MARYLAND

Gary Hodge, Alternate

5. Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

To apply more than four decades of successful regional infrastructure planning, economic development and intergovernmental relations experience as an advocate for our citizens in their efforts to secure more efficient, responsive, and safe regional transportation services.

6. What are your public policy and transportation interests? Please briefly describe your experiences related to those interests and how they will help you contribute to the CAC.

Public Safety Planner, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, 1971-74 (METRO transit station impact studies, amendment to WMATA compact for regional policing, METRO public safety planning); the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland (executive director and chair, 1980-98, 2008-09, State commuter bus service, ridesharing, highway improvements, NHTSA highway safety plan, BRAC infrastructure investments, MWAQC air quality planning); Charles County Commissioner (2006-10, LRT alignment study, Waldorf urban design study/redevelopment initiative to transform suburban auto-dependent place to new urban TOD community, LOTS bus service, TPB member, TLC-funded Waldorf transportation improvement plan, Commission to Study So MD Transportation Needs, annual Tour Letter/CTP); Regional Policy Advisors (president, 1999-present, light rail transit advocacy, consultant on Phase One Waldorf TOD plan; All above (intergovernmental relations at local, state, federal levels on transportation issues, 1971-present); TPB CAC member, 2014 and 2015.

7. List any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may inform your involvement in CAC discussions.

Member of the TPB Citizens Advisory Committee in 2014 and 2015; Charles County civic and business organizations.

8. Is there anything else you'd like us to know related to your interest in serve on the CAC?

The CAC is an important forum for discussion and debate on the key transportation issues, and an opportunity for members to listen to the views of a broad cross-section of citizens across this diverse regional community.

MARYLAND

Robert Lawrence, alternate

5. Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

As a 50+ year resident of the Washington DC region I have personally experienced the pluses and mistakes of transportation policy in the region and wish to be a part of the solution to the problems we currently experience.

6. What are your public policy and transportation interests? Please briefly describe your experiences related to those interests and how they will help you contribute to the CAC.

I am a former member of the Frederick County Board of Zoning Appeals and of the Frederick County Planning Commission. As a part of those organizations I was tasked with assisting in the orderly development of the County including ensuring that the transportation infrastructure was sufficient for the County. As a member of the Commission I was also tasked with making recommendations to the Frederick County Commissioners for inclusion in the Annual Transportation Priorities report to be filed with the State of Maryland. This report included roads, rails, bus, bike and pedestrian transportation issues and priorities.

7. List any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may inform your involvement in CAC discussions.

None currently. My term on the FCPC ended this past July and during my tenure I felt as if there could be an appearance of bias if I was involved with outside organizations who appeared before the Commission.

8. Is there anything else you'd like us to know related to your interest in serve on the CAC?

In my working career I was at times both an automobile commuter (I 270) an a MARC rider on the Brunswick line. My particular interests are finding creative solutions in order to increase participation in public transportation and in enhancing the convenience and ridership experience.

MARYLAND

Adeyinka Ogunlegan, alternate

5. Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

I recently completed the Community Leadership Institute and benefited from learning more about the complexity of our regional transportation challenges. I would like to play a more active role in representing the viewpoints of residents from my area while also collaborating with representatives from other communities to provide insight collective concerns.

6. What are your public policy and transportation interests? Please briefly describe your experiences related to those interests and how they will help you contribute to the CAC.

My interest in is advocating for the development of multi modal transportation options for residents throughout the Washington Metro region. I am also deeply committed to the development of employment and entertainment centers along the outer Metro stop. I have lived commuted by car, bus and Metro as far north as Baltimore and as far south as Falls Church. Also, in my current position I work with development firms to educate community members during the zoning approval process. Traffic and access to transit are always key issues we have to address.

8. Is there anything else you'd like us to know related to your interest in serve on the CAC?

I welcome the opportunity to learn from seasoned members and also provide a unique perspective.

VIRGINIA

Robert Jackson

5. Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

I have enjoyed working with the many intelligent and dedicated members of the CAC this year. I believe I have made contributions to the organization and want to continue to work with other community representatives to ensure decision-makers have input from diverse stakeholders and groups within the D.C. Metro Area.

6. What are your public policy and transportation interests? Please briefly describe your experiences related to those interests and how they will help you contribute to the CAC.

I am interested in ensuring decision-makers have and consider input from the various communities in the Metro area; efficient transportation; spending scarce tax dollars to benefit the public; improving traffic safety; understanding the links between land use and transportation; recognizing the need for choices.

7. List any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may inform your involvement in CAC discussions.

McLean Citizens Association Board & Transportation Committee; chair, Greater Tysons Citizens Coalition

8. Is there anything else you'd like us to know related to your interest in serve on the CAC?

I've been working on transportation and land use issues, most especially those in Tysons and environs for more than 10 years. I've learned a lot and would like to bring that knowledge to share with others.

VIRGINIA

Jeffrey Parnes

5. Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

I believe the transportation network of any community can be make or break that community. The system provides the residents opportunities to commute for jobs, pursue their education, explore their surroundings and the freedom to grow. Communities without adequate transportation networks are at a disadvantage compared to other communities and provide a disservice to their residents.

I have been active in land use and transportation matters for 35 years in Fairfax County and the Greater Washington Area. I have watched both the Orange line being built in the I66 median in the mid-80s and now watch with satisfaction the Silver line inch its way up the Dulles Road median in Fairfax County. I remember the completion of the Green line and extension of the Blue lines into Prince George's counties.

What is now needed now is connectivity between neighboring communities without necessarily traveling through the region's core. I can only see that resulting from a regional approach, and the only body capable of making that happen is the Metropolitan Washington Council of Government's Transportation Planning Board. Therefore I wish to continue to participate on and serve that body.

7. List any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may inform your involvement in CAC discussions.

I have been a Fairfax County resident for over 35 years, and a citizen activist over that period. I served as the Land Use Committee Chair of the Greenbriar Civic Association from 1982-85, and as served in that capacity as a member of the Rt 50/I 66 Study Area Task Force which re-planned the Fairfax Center Area, and in the subsequent Implementation Committee that set up the working structure that still exists today for architectural review and financial contributions for off site improvements.

From 1985 to date I have served as my home owners association Civic Affairs Committee chair, in addition to serving several stints as President, Treasurer and Board member of the association.

From 1990 to date I have served as the Land Use and Transportation committee chair of the Sully District Council of Citizen Associations, in addition to serving as President and Vice President. I have served as the Fairfax County Citizen representative to the Dulles Area Transportation Association since I was appointed in the late 1990s, and in 2012 received their Partner Citizen Award at their 26th Anniversary Celebration & Awards Ceremony. Fairfax County Supervisor Michael Frey appointed me as Sully District Transportation Advisory Commissioner in 2003, and I served as Vice Chair for two years prior to my election by the TAC as Chair in 2010, a position I currently hold.

I served on the Board of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizen Associations, serving as Treasurer, Vice President and President over the period of 2003 to 2010, and I currently still serve as a co-chair of the Federation's Transportation committee. I completed the MWCOG TPB CLI training and also served as one of the few non-paid members of the MWCOG Greater Washington 2050 Coalition. I have had multiple letters to the editor published in the Washington Post, all transportation related.

8. Is there anything else you'd like us to know related to your interest in serve on the CAC?

Although my professional career is not related in any way to land use and transportation, my over thirty-five years of volunteer experience have provided me a wide background and understanding of the transportation issues facing Northern Virginia and the Capital Area as a whole. If you see fit to select me as a member of the 2014 CAC, I will continue to strive for transportation accessibility for all of our citizens, and accountability by our elected and our appointed officials.

VIRGINIA

Lorena Rios

5. Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

CAC is another way to encourage citizen participation and outreach. In addition to that, I bring a different perspective to the table.

6. What are your public policy and transportation interests? Please briefly describe your experiences related to those interests and how they will help you contribute to the CAC.

I support multi-modal transportation planning solutions. I know funding is a huge component to alleviating transportation issues. However money alone cannot eliminate/avoid all issues.

7. List any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may inform your involvement in CAC discussions.

Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Northern Virginia. Northern Virginia Realtor public policy committee, Leadership Fairfax.

8. Is there anything else you'd like us to know related to your interest in serve on the CAC?

I would like to continue participating in this committee and getting community leaders as an audience so they can get their members involved in a regional transportation solution approach.

VIRGINIA

Douglas Stewart

5. Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

I value a regional approach to transportation issues. One learns a lot from transportation activists in other parts of the DC region and the issues they are working on. It helps me get out of the bubble of the local issues I'm involved with and gives me a better understanding of the context of those issues.

6. What are your public policy and transportation interests? Please briefly describe your experiences related to those interests and how they will help you contribute to the CAC.

I am an advocate for making Fairfax County and Fairfax City more walkable and bicycle-friendly, and expanding transit options. As the transportation chair for the Virginia Sierra Club, I also advocate for state policies that expand transportation choices. I participate in local land use planning processes such as rezoning applications and comprehensive plan updates. I also participate in transportation planning processes and transportation project development processes and advocate for a more balanced transportation system.

7. List any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may inform your involvement in CAC discussions.

Transportation Chair, Virginia Sierra Club; Co-founder and volunteer, Fairfax City Citizens for Smarter Growth; Board member, Fairfax Advocates for Better Bicycling

8. Is there anything else you'd like us to know related to your interest in serve on the CAC?

I enjoy the give-and-take with other CAC members. It provides a civil space to have discussions about regional transportation needs informed by diverse local perspectives. I appreciate the CAC's role in moving forward ideas that have the opportunity to become more embedded in policies and funding decisions.

VIRGINIA

Stephen Still

5. Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

The transportation issues facing our region are of staggering importance. More than ever, CAC and the TPB have important roles to drive consensus for change.

6. What are your public policy and transportation interests? Please briefly describe your experiences related to those interests and how they will help you contribute to the CAC.

I have a life-long passion in transportation planning, first dating back to university studies in transportation studies, as an undergraduate, and graduate student. My lifelong career has been in transportation analysis and design.

7. List any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may inform your involvement in CAC discussions.

Fairfax County Transportation Advisory Committee, member of various bicycle advocacy groups on a volunteer basis.

8. Is there anything else you'd like us to know related to your interest in serve on the CAC?

I was CAC Chair the year the Regional Transportation Priorities Plan was adopted. The principles articulated then are a great roadmap for moving forward toward action.

VIRGINIA

Kenneth Carter Batey, alternate

5. Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

As a resident of Northern Virginia for the last five years, and D.C. before that, I experience daily the shortcomings and successes of the region's transportation planning. Like most, I am able to rattle off deficiencies, but I have also worked in local and state government. I believe this gives me invaluable insight into the difficulties in finding workable, consensus solutions.

6. What are your public policy and transportation interests? Please briefly describe your experiences related to those interests and how they will help you contribute to the CAC.

I live on the West End of Alexandria, and one of the constant refrains in this area is the redevelopment of Landmark Mall. Situated at the terminus of the I-95 Express Lanes, and currently underserved by any real city transit, smart multi-modal transportation solutions are key for my neighborhood. Regionally my focus is to find a way to create critical mass amongst our elected leaders with regard to a truly interconnected transportation infrastructure that gets cars off the road and focuses on moving people, instead of just vehicles.

I worked in the Virginia Senate when HB 2313 was passed. I was there when earlier transportation overhaul measures had their impact negotiated down to nil, and remember fondly the feeling of accomplishment when truly landmark legislation was finally passed in 2013.

I believe that I can contribute a blend of personal experience (a daily commuter with a young family that I would like to see more), and government experience. While the passion associated with transportation in our region is undeniable, too often those who feel most earnestly are also unwilling to accept compromise as part of progress.

There will always be those who are willing to die on a particular hill, but I would like to think of myself as someone who favors results over rhetoric.

7. List any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may inform your involvement in CAC discussions.

Small business owner. Chair, Alexandria Social Services Advisory Board. Member, Alexandria Chamber of Commerce. Gubernatorial Appointee, Alexandria Historical Restoration and Preservation Commission.

8. Is there anything else you'd like us to know related to your interest in serve on the CAC?

I firmly believe that the West End of Alexandria needs as much representation as possible on regional Boards, Commissions, Task Forces, etc. The City of Alexandria is an important part of Northern Virginia, but the West End (where a majority of the population resides) remains underrepresented when it comes to important decisions that affect its residents.

VIRGINIA

Lara Hegler, alternate

5. Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

Continue contributing to the committee and learning about MWCOG and how it services our communities.

6. What are your public policy and transportation interests? Please briefly describe your experiences related to those interests and how they will help you contribute to the CAC.

Safety, transportation funding and environmental policy. Worked over 20 years as a transportation engineer serving the Washington metropolitan area on some of the largest projects of the region, including I-495 Express Lanes.

7. List any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may inform your involvement in CAC discussions.

WTS, WDC- ITE and ASHE

8. Is there anything else you'd like us to know related to your interest in serve on the CAC?

Would like an opportunity to take the leadership courses. I had conflicts last year but would like the opportunity next year.

VIRGINIA

Michael Rodriguez, alternate

5. Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

I served as an alternate CAC member during 2015. Over that time, I've taken the opportunity to observe what the CAC does, learn more of its functions, and even participated in the Community Leadership Institute. I want to continue in the next year and become more of an active member (even if as an alternate). Primarily, I am interested in bringing my professional expertise in benefit-cost analysis, performance metrics, and transportation planning to improve transportation in my community.

6. What are your public policy and transportation interests? Please briefly describe your experiences related to those interests and how they will help you contribute to the CAC.

I am a professional planner (AICP certified), and have been in the transportation industry for nearly 10 years (since 2006). For over 6 years I've been consulting various MPOs and state DOTs in prioritizing projects, and assessing individual transportation projects. This is certainly my field of expertise, and I want to contribute my skills as a private citizen.

7. List any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may inform your involvement in CAC discussions.

My new job (starting January 2016) will be as Director of Research with Smart Growth America. This informs my decision in terms of conducting and compiling research in transportation and smart growth initiatives.

I am also a member with TRB, and the American Planning Association (as an AICP certified member).

8. Is there anything else you'd like us to know related to your interest in serve on the CAC?

I am excited for another year with the CAC, an opportunity to begin stronger contribution, and to serve our region.