

Meeting Highlights TPB Technical Committee – September 8, 2023

The Technical Committee met on Friday, September 8, 2023. Meeting materials can be found here: <https://www.mwcog.org/events/2023/9/8/tpb-technical-committee/>

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

TPB AGENDA ITEM 7 – DRAFT NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION FREIGHT PLAN

The draft 2023 National Capital Region Freight Plan was presented to the TPB and to the Technical Committee in September. Comments received and revisions made to the draft plan were reviewed. The plan is scheduled for approval by the TPB at its September 20 meeting.

TPB AGENDA ITEM 8 – NEW FEDERAL FUNDING PROGRAMS FOR CARBON REDUCTION

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Inflation Reduction Act has made unprecedented amounts of federal funding available to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Ms. Morrow provided an overview of a few of those funding programs that have the potential to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the on-road transportation sector.

TPB AGENDA ITEM 9 – CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION GRANT (CPRG) PROGRAM

The committee was briefed on the new U.S. EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Planning (CPRG) grant for the Washington, DC/MD/VA/WV Metropolitan Statistical Area.

The following items were presented for information and discussion:

REGIONAL ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) PLANNING EFFORTS

The committee was briefed on the COG's Regional Electric Vehicle Deployment (REVD) Working Group and the Regional Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Implementation (REVII) Strategy.

VISUALIZE 2050: FINANCIAL PLAN STATUS, COMMENTS RECEIVED TO DATE, PROJECT INPUTS, OTHER UPDATES

Staff reported to the Committee on public comments received to date and provided an update on the initial financial analysis results, project inputs submission status, and upcoming training(s) on entering information into the PIT.

2022 STATE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION REPORT

The committee was briefed on the 2022 annual State of Public Transportation report. The purpose of this report is to provide a concise overview of the state of regional public transportation in the National Capital Region.

DRAFT CRITICAL URBAN FREIGHT CORRIDOR DESIGNATION UPDATES FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

In accordance with federal transportation law, TPB designated the region's Critical Urban Freight Corridors (CUFCs) in 2017 (Resolution R6-2018), plus amendments approved by the TPB Steering Committee in 2021 (Resolution SR4-2022). With changes enacted in the recent Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) plus an upcoming update to the District of Columbia's official state freight plan, TPB has an opportunity to update and expand CUFC designations within the District. The committee will be briefed on the context and specifics of proposed changes to the District of Columbia's CUFCs, anticipated to be presented to the TPB Steering Committee for approval on October 6, 2023.

TRANSPORTATION INEQUITIES IN DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES

The committee was briefed on an upcoming study that will examine accessibility and mobility inequities and associated transportation planning considerations in disadvantaged communities in the Washington metropolitan region.

VEHICLE PROBE DATA USERS GROUP BOTTLENECKS WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENT

As a follow-up to committee discussions of the 2022 Congestion Management Process Technical Report, staff previewed and encourage member agency participation in a September 21, 2023 virtual workshop on bottlenecks analysis. The workshop will familiarize member agency staff with tools available for bottlenecks/congestion management analysis, for use in jurisdiction-level planning activities. The workshop flyer in today's meeting materials includes registration information (required) as well as pre-workshop recommendations for participants.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Proposed NHTSA Fuel Economy and Efficiency Standards: Passenger Cars and Trucks and Heavy-Duty Pick-Up Trucks and Vans
- Car Free Day will be held on Friday, September 22, 2023
- The 2022 State of the Commute report has been published and is currently being distributed
- WMATA Funding Meetings
- Transportation Resilience Forum reminder (October 3)
- Intercity Bus and Rail Travel Work session October 18
- Staff Updates