TPB REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE (RPTS)

Tuesday, January 23, 2024 12:00 – 1:30 P.M. Chair: Melissa Kim, WMATA

VIRTUAL MEETING

AGENDA

12:00 P.M.	1.	WELCOME
12:10 P.M.	2.	WMATA BETTER BUS NETWORK REDESIGN UPDATE Melissa Kim, WMATA Regional Mobility Program Manager William Jones, WMATA Regional Mobility Program Manager
12:30 P.M.	3.	VISUALIZE 2050 PLAN UPDATE Eric Randall, TPB Transportation Engineer
12:45 P.M.	4.	REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION RESILIENCE IMPROVEMENT PLAN UPDATE Katherine Rainone, TPB Resiliency Planner
1:05 P.M.	5.	FIRST LOOK AT THE 2023 STATE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION REPORT Pierre Gaunaurd, TPB Transportation Planner
1:25 P.M.	6.	OTHER BUSINESS
1:30 P.M.	7.	ADJOURN

The next regular meeting of the RPTS is February 27, 2024 and is virtual.

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Better Bus Network Redesign Update

Regional Public Transportation Subcommittee

January 23, 2024





Agenda

- Project Background and Timeline
- Phase 2 Engagement Results
- Next Steps
- Questions





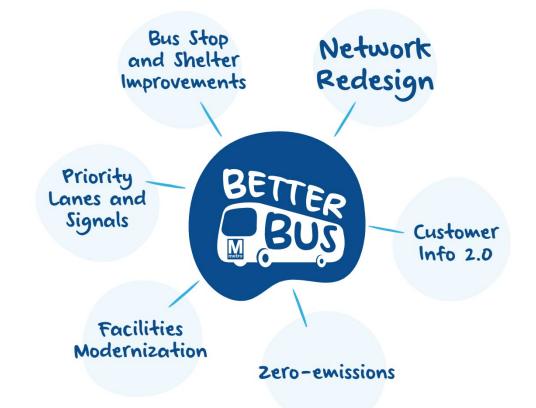
Project Background





What is the Better Bus Network Redesign?

- The Network Redesign is a project to rethink, redesign, and revitalize bus service
- Part of the Better Bus Initiative which includes many ongoing and future efforts to improve bus service







Why Redesign the Bus Network?



To better connect people to where they need to go



To promote equity, inclusiveness, and access to opportunity



To keep up with our evolving region and the people that live here



To create an easy-to-use network, no matter where you are

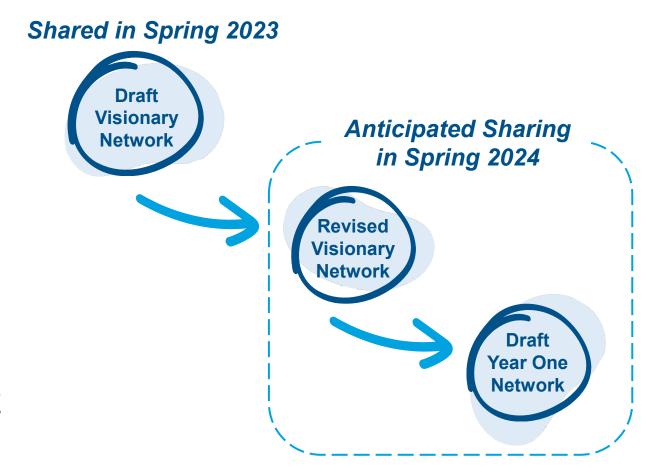




Where We Are

Project Status

- Shared the draft Visionary Network with the public and stakeholders Spring 2023
- Received 8,000+ route specific comments – Incorporating into Revised Visionary Network and Draft Year One Network









Phase 2 Engagement Results





Experience LIVE! Events

Meeting People in Their Communities





Pop-Ups



63 events 62 days











Webinars





Experience LAB

Descubre la Red Visionaria

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Una red rápida, frecuente y confiable

Interactive Web Experience



Comment on Your Route Tool













Downloads



New Trip Planner Tool





70,000 Origins and



3.6 Minutes **Average Per Visit**



Starting Point

Destination





Destinations Searched



(compared to industry standard of 54 seconds)

97,102

Page Views (10% in Spanish)

3,278 Welcome Video Views

40,489

Unique Users



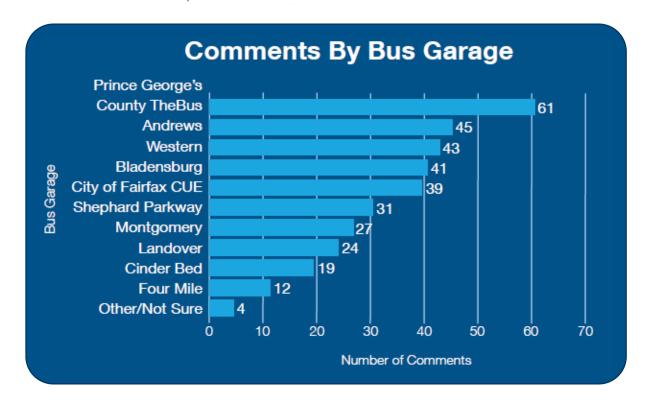
Engaging Employees

500 +
Bus Operations Staff

11 Preview Parties Comments
All nine Metrobus divisions,
TheBus. and CUE

Comments
Received

- Operators desire longer breaks
- Opinions varied about the desired length of routes
- Difficult maneuvers was a key concern, including comments about:
 - Tight turns
 - Narrow Streets
 - Traffic blocking stops a turns
 - General congestion



360+

Written







Phase 2 By The Numbers

500+

bus operations staff at 11 Preview Parties

20,000+

interactions at 60+public events(21% non-English)

10.5% of daily ridership

Briefed

110+ elected officials and 15+ advocacy

groups, CBOs, and

committees

8,000+
comments on routes

40,000+ Visitors to the Experience Lab page, Multilingual advertising through 21 outlets, 600,000+ social media impressions,







What we Learned



20,000+

in-person interactions



"It would be really beneficial to the residents of this area to have a line that goes more directly to Union Station. This would provide much more convenient access to Amtrak and the Red Line!"

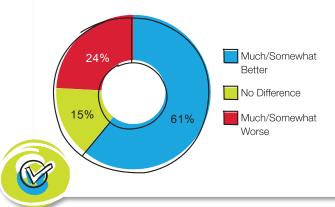


"I love the VA487! Beauregard Ave is a busy corridor and having an extra route that gets on 1-395 earlier at Seminary Road instead of King Street will be great!"

The Visionary Network will make the bus better

61% of respondents had a positive impression of the draft Visionary Network.

Overall Impressions of the Visionary Network

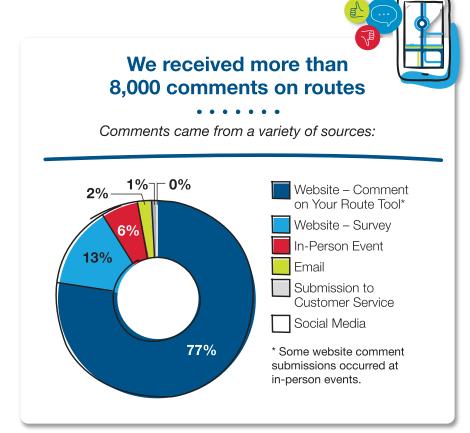
















- We ensured that comments
 received through various inputs
 – on the map, verbally at events,
 web survey, etc. were compatible
 and easy to integrate
- We created a comment dashboard
- Our bus service planners read every single one of the 8,000+ comments!





With a focus on collecting specific comments and an understanding of preferences, we now have the information we need to create the future bus network that the region deserves.









Network Design







Revised Visionary Network at a Glance

Revisions to the Visionary Network were made based on:



- Comments and ideas from the public, stakeholders and elected officials
- Data on travel needs and demand



Revisions continue to prioritize equity, connectivity, and the customer and operator experience



Expanded frequent service



More service all day/all week



Increase crosstown & cross-county connections



Service is easier to understand along major routes



Direct, frequent routes connecting key destinations & transit hubs



Extended service beyond jurisdictional borders







What is a Year One Network?

Transformative bus service that

- Is equitable,
- Provides a base network that can be built upon in the future,
- Reallocates resources to best meet goals for bus service, and
- Can be delivered with resources available today



The Year One Network is the **first step** to implement the Visionary Network







Next Steps







Next Steps

- Finalizing Revised Visionary and draft Year One networks
- Develop engagement plans, tools and materials



Thank you!

Questions?



VISUALIZE 2050

Regional Transportation Plan Update

Eric Randall, TPB Transportation Engineer

TPB Regional Public Transportation Subcommittee January 23, 2024

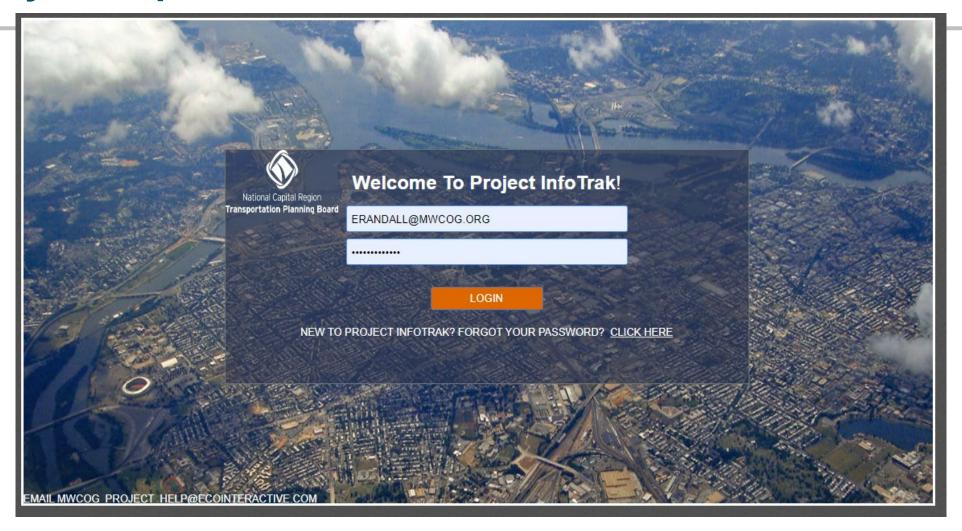


Visualize 2050 Due Dates

- Project Inputs were due December 29, 2023 for the Visualize 2050 regional transportation plan (LRTP) and the Air Quality Conformity (AQC) process
 - Highway Projects
 - Transit Projects:
 - Bus Rapid Transit
 - Transitways
 - Rail Track and Bridges
- <u>Transit Service Assumptions</u> due March 1, 2024
 - Metrorail, MARC and VRE, BRT Projects, other



Project Inputs to the PIT





Project Type in PIT Database

Primary Record Type - All							
Infrastructure							
Bicycle/Pedestrian - Bike/Travel lane reduction		Bus/BRT - Capital/Expansion					
Bicycle/Pedestrian - Bike/Ped		Bus/BRT - Capital/SGR					
Road - Access Mgmt		Bus/BRT - Maintenance					
Road - Add Capacity/Widening		Bus/BRT - Passenger facilities					
Road - HOV/Managed Lanes		Bus/BRT - Regional Fare collection					
Road - Interchange improvements		Rail/Fixed Guideways - At-Grade Crossing					
Road - Intersection improvements		Rail/Fixed Guideways - Capital/Expansion					
Road - ITS/Technology		Rail/Fixed Guideways - Capital/SGR					
Road - New Construction		Rail/Fixed Guideways - Grade Separation					
Road - Recons/Rehab/Maintenance/Resurface		Rail/Fixed Guideways - Maintenance					
Road - Signal/Signs		Rail/Fixed Guideways - Metrorail/Commuter Rail					
Bridge - New Construction		Rail/Fixed Guideways - Streetcar/Light rail					
Bridge - Prev. Maint		Freight - Freight Movements					
Bridge - Rehab		IDM/Micromobility - Park and Ride					
Bridge - Rehab + Add Cap		Other - Ait Fuel Infrastructure					
Bridge - Replace		Other - Intermodal Facilities					
Bridge - Replace + Add Cap		Other - Regional Fare Collection					
		Other - Federal Lands Highway Program					
Program/Service		Administrative					
Bus/BRT - Operating	\	Debt Service					
Rail/Fixed Guideways - Operating		Training					
TDM/Micromobility - Ridesharing		Grouping Category					
TDM/Micromobility - Vanpool							
Study		Other					
Study/Planning/Research		Other					

Transit Inputs



Visualize 2050 Schedule: January - February

- TPB staff working to distribute a draft conformity table to agencies for review by January 26.
- Final project inputs for the AQC analysis due to TPB staff for inclusion in comment period documentation by February 15.
- TPB staff will reconcile draft financial analysis results and produce preliminary financial plan to reflect project submissions.



Visualize 2050 Schedule: March - April

March 1, 2024

- Public comment period starts March 1 and runs through March 30 on projects and AQC scope of work.
- The TPB Technical Committee will review projects submitted for inclusion in the conformity analysis, the draft financial plan and the draft AQC scope of work.
- The TPB will receive a briefing at its March meeting.

April 2024

The TPB will receive a summary of the public comments on the draft inputs
to the plan and AQC analysis; agencies sponsoring the projects will have the
opportunity to discuss and advise staff on responses.



Visualize 2050 Schedule: May through 2025

May 2024

• The TPB will be asked to accept the comments and approve the inputs and scope, authorizing staff to commence Air Quality Conformity technical analysis.

Winter 2024

- Final Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) inputs for the FY 2026-2029 TIP due January 2025.
- TPB staff complete Air Quality Conformity technical analysis and draft report, financial plan, draft performance analysis for the plan and TIP.

April 2025

- Public comment period on the plan, TIP and the results of AQC analysis April 1 April 30
- The TPB Technical Committee and TPB will review the draft results of AQC analysis for the plan and FY 2026-2029 TIP during their meetings.

June 2025

• The TPB will be asked to approve the results of the AQC analysis and adopt the updated plan and the FY 2026-2029 TIP.



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TRANSPORTATION RESILIENCE PLANNING UPDATE

Transportation Resilience Improvement Plan (TRIP) Progress Update

Katherine Rainone, AICP Transportation Planner

Regional Public Transportation Subcommittee Meeting January 23, 2024



Today's Agenda

- Resilience/Vulnerability, TRIP/PROTECT overview
- Regional TRIP process/timeline
- Risk-based vulnerability assessment methodology and preliminary results
- Other TRIP components completed to date
- Next steps



Vulnerability and Resilience Defined

- Vulnerability is the degree to which a system is susceptible to, or unable to cope with adverse effects of natural hazards
- Resilience is the ability to anticipate, prepare for, and adapt to changing conditions and withstand, respond to, and recover rapidly from disruptions from natural hazards



Motorists stranded on a section of Canal Road in Washington DC due to flash flooding on July 8, 2019 (WTOP, 2019)



PROTECT Program

- Projects in the TRIP will be eligible for a 7% cost-share reduction for the Promoting Resilient
 Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Discretionary
 Grant Program
 - Additional 3% reduction if incorporated into the TPB long-range transportation plan
- The TRIP must include several required elements, including but not limited to:
 - Address immediate and long-range planning activities and investments related to resilience
 - Demonstrate a systemic approach to resilience
 - Include risk-based assessment of vulnerabilities to current and future weather events and natural disasters
- **PROTECT** aims to help make surface transportation more resilient to natural hazards, including climate change, sea level rise, flooding, extreme weather events, and other natural disasters through support of planning activities, resilience improvements, community resilience and evacuation routes, and at-risk coastal infrastructure



TRIP Objectives and Purpose

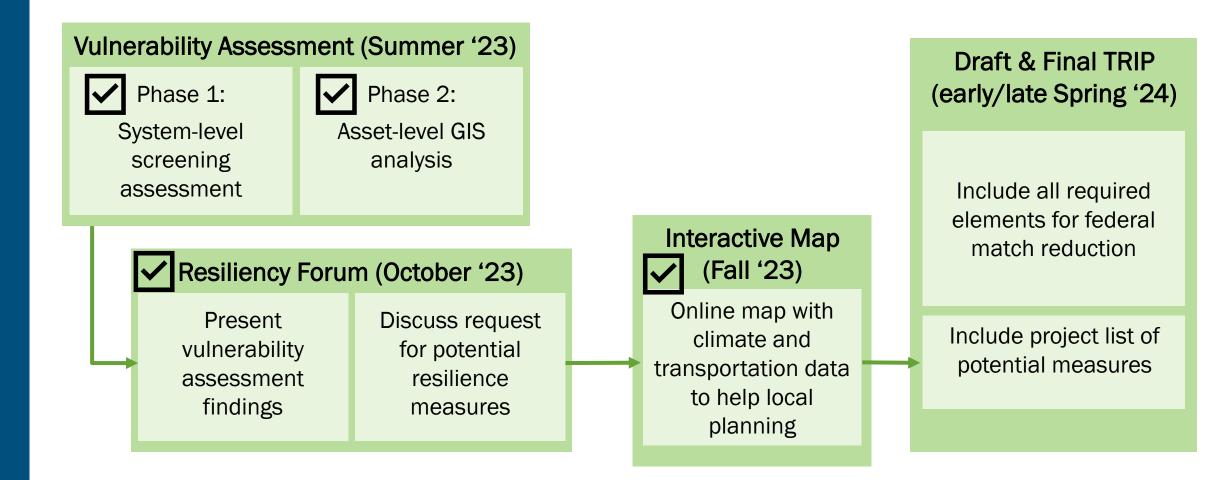
- Develop a Transportation Resilience Improvement Plan (TRIP) in collaboration with member organizations that will:
 - Contribute to member organizations' understanding of and planning for climate change risk and resilience
 - Identify priorities for resilience investment
 - Better position the region for federal funding and match reduction under the PROTECT program



Damage to Hunter Mill Road in Fairfax County from Tropical Storm Lee (Flicker/VDOT, 2011)



Process and Timeline





Regional Stakeholder Participation

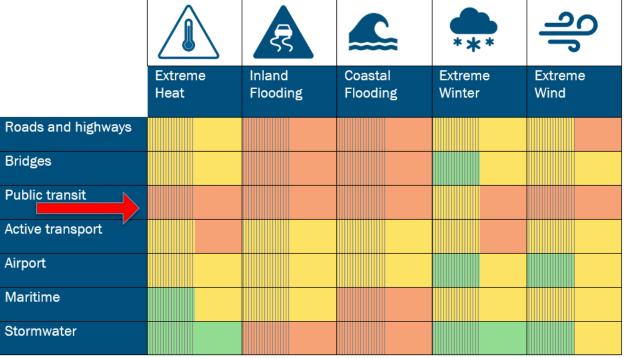
- Working Group quarterly meetings
 - State DOTs
 - Locality representatives
 - Transit agencies
- Regional Transportation Resilience Forum
 - Wider audience than working group
 - Regional partners
 - Advocacy groups
 - MPO representatives from outside our region





Phase 1: System-Level Analysis

TABLE 1. SUMMARY SYSTEM-LEVEL ANALYSIS RESULTS FOR MWCOG REGION (INFRASTRUCTURE IMPACTS ON LEFT; SERVICE AND CUSTOMER IMPACTS ON RIGHT)



Legend:

				(no pattern)
High sensitivity	Medium	Low sensitivity	Impacts to	Impacts to customers
	sensitivity		infrastructure	and service

Pairs that moved on to Phase 2:

- Extreme heat: Public transit, active transport
- Inland flooding: Roads and highways, bridges, public transit, stormwater
- Coastal flooding: Roads and highways, bridges, public transit, stormwater, maritime
- Extreme winter: Public transit, active transportation
- Extreme wind: Roads and highways, public transit



Phase 2: Asset-Level Analysis (Literature Review)

For flagged Phase 1 pairs not well suited to a GIS analysis, we completed a qualitative literature review, with a focus on:

- Historical trends and future conditions for each hazard
- Previous events and impacts for each pair

Literature Review Pairs

- Inland flooding:
 - Stormwater
- Coastal flooding
 - Stormwater
 - Maritime

- Extreme winter:
 - Public transit
 - Active transportation
- Extreme wind:
 - Roads and highways
 - Public transit



Phase 2: Asset-Level Analysis (GIS Analysis)

For pairs with available data: Completing an asset-level GIS analysis using asset-specific data, exposure indicators, and criticality indicators

GIS Pairs

- Extreme heat:
 - Public transit
- Inland flooding:
 - Roads and highways
 - Bridges
 - Public transit
- Coastal flooding:
 - Roads and highways
 - Bridges
 - Public transit

Key Climate Datasets

Hazard	Dataset
Temperature	Land Surface Temperature
Inland Flooding	FEMA 100/500 Year Floodplain Maps
Sea Level Rise	NOAA Digital Coast 2 Ft Sea Level Rise

Key Criticality Elements

Criticality Element		
MWCOG Equity Emphasis Areas (for all pairs)		
Functional Class (for roads and bridges)		
Detour Length (for bridges)		



Preliminary Results

Table 20: Assets with medium-high vulnerability.

	Bus	Rail Line	Rail Stop	Roads	Bridges
Number of assets with medium-high vulnerability to multiple hazards	140	13 miles	1	7.3 miles	N/A



Figure 7. Summary of assets with high vulnerability to inland flooding (light blue) and sea level rise (medium blue). Bridge flood vulnerability was based on condition data (dark blue). Some assets are vulnerable to both hazards and are counted in both categories.

Vulnerability of Rail Lines to Extreme Heat

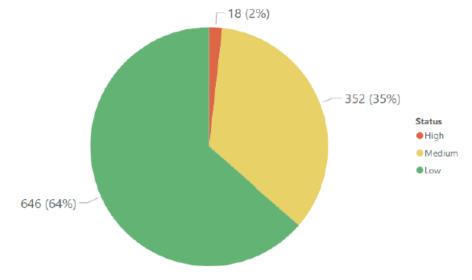


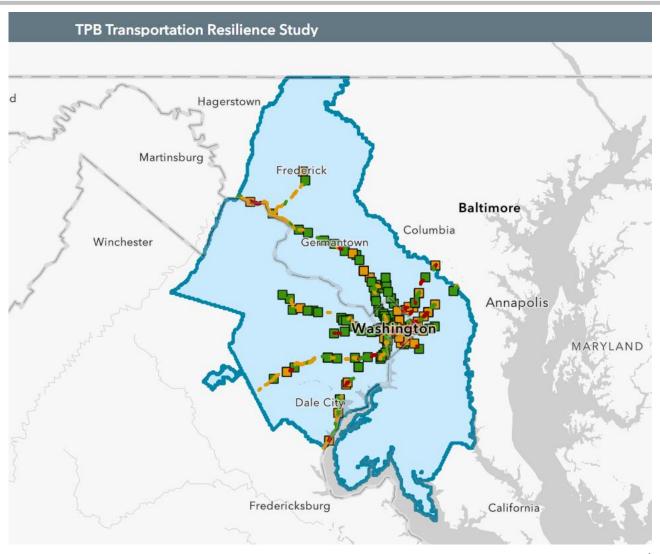
Figure 2. Breakdown of rail lines with low, medium, and high vulnerability to extreme heat.

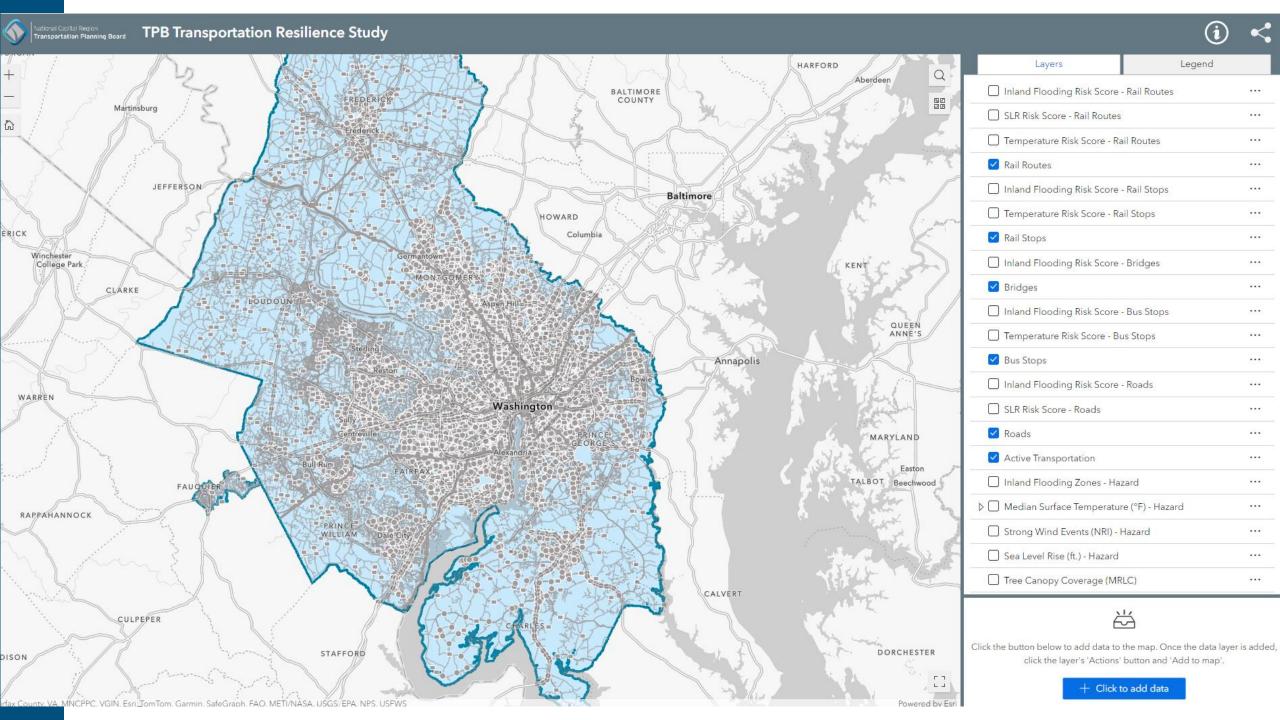


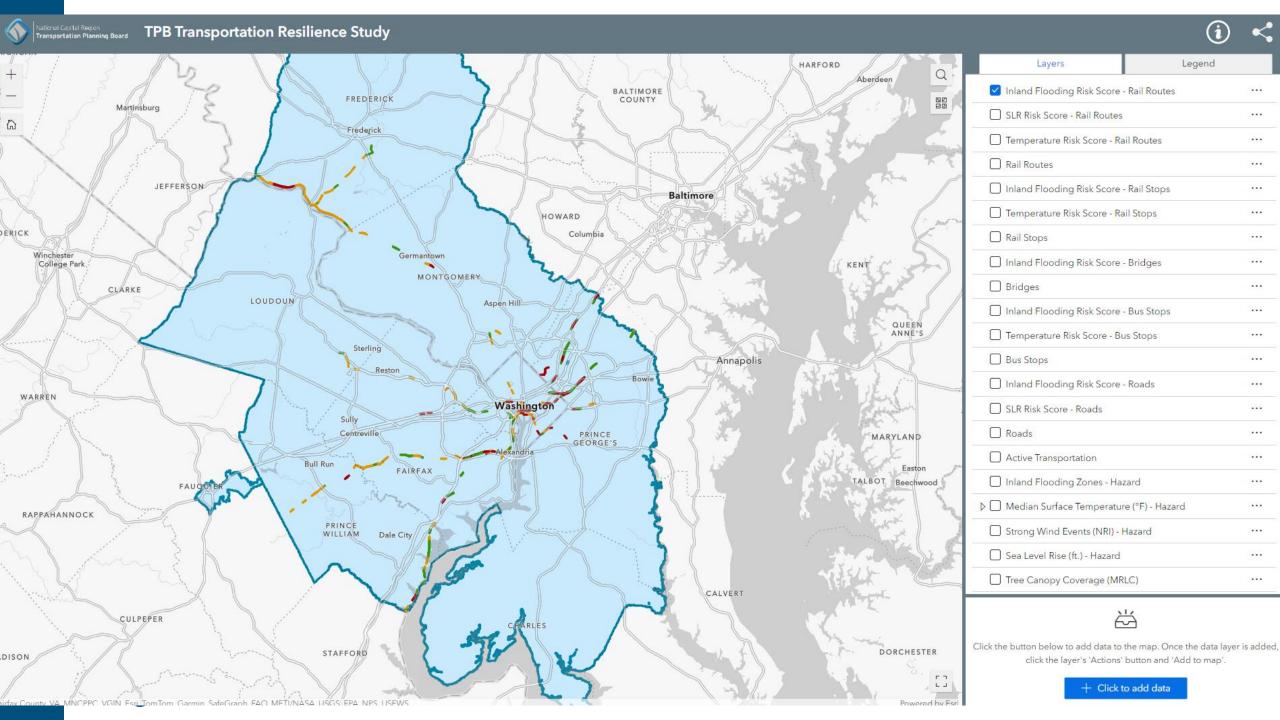
Interactive Mapping Tool

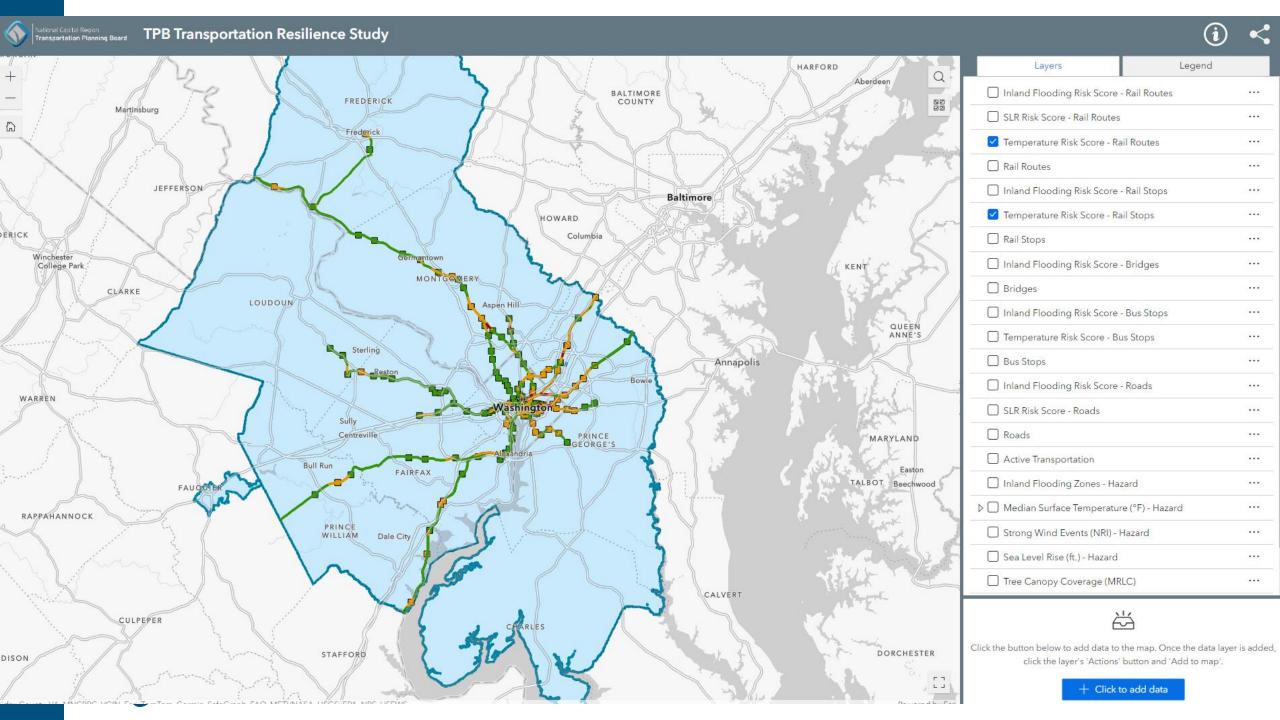
- The results of the Vulnerability
 Assessment have been integrated into an Interactive
 Mapping Tool on the TPB
 ArcGIS website
- The Mapping Tool layers transportation asset, climate, and equity spatial data to identify highly vulnerable assets
- Agencies can use the Mapping Tool to evaluate their assets and services

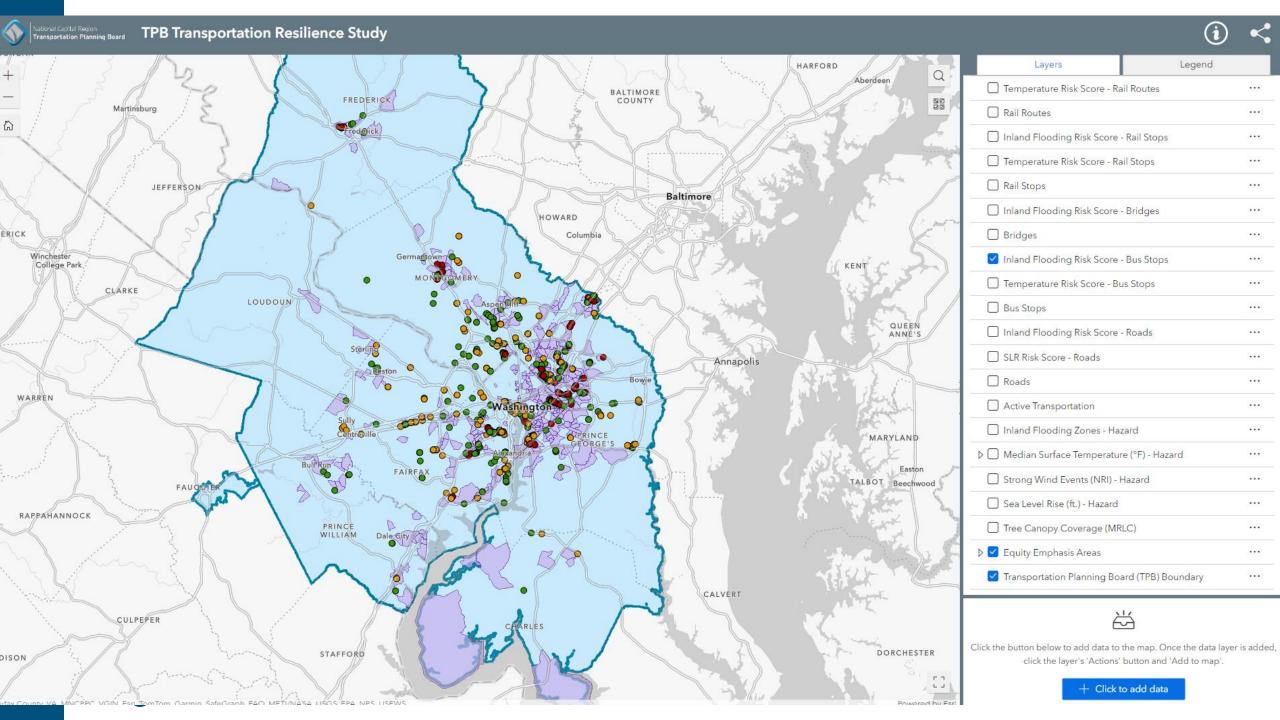


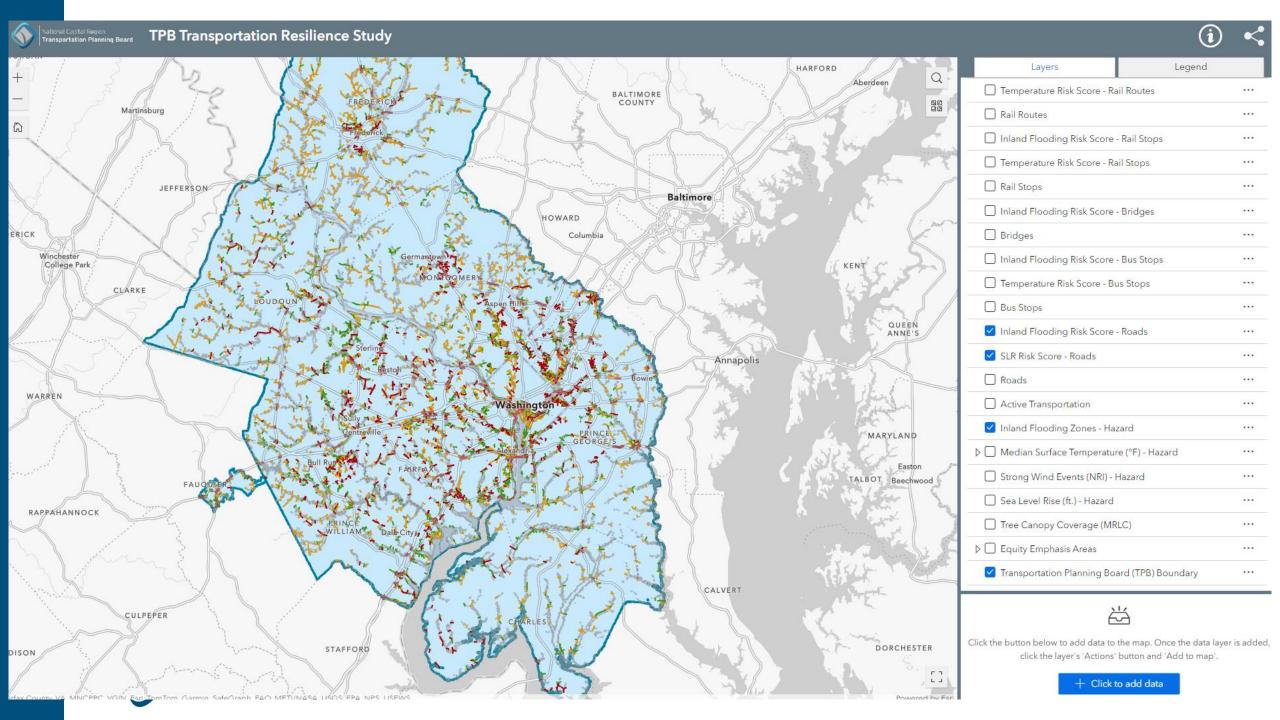


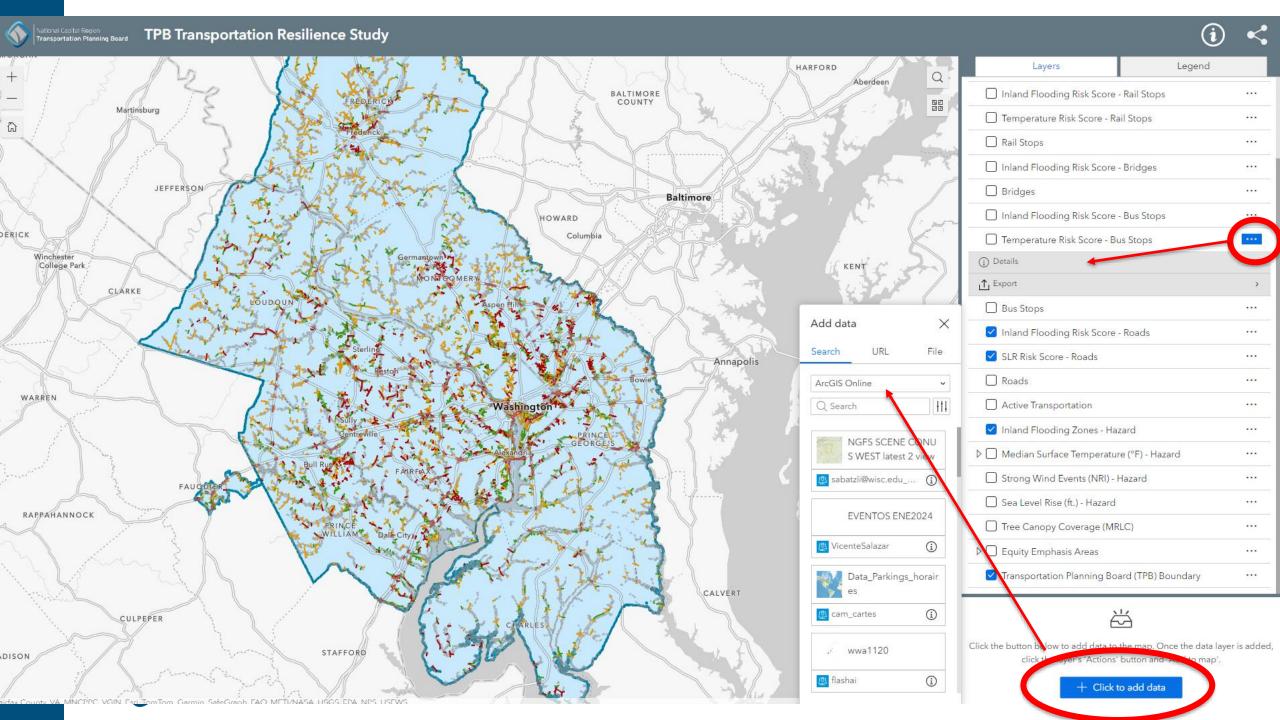


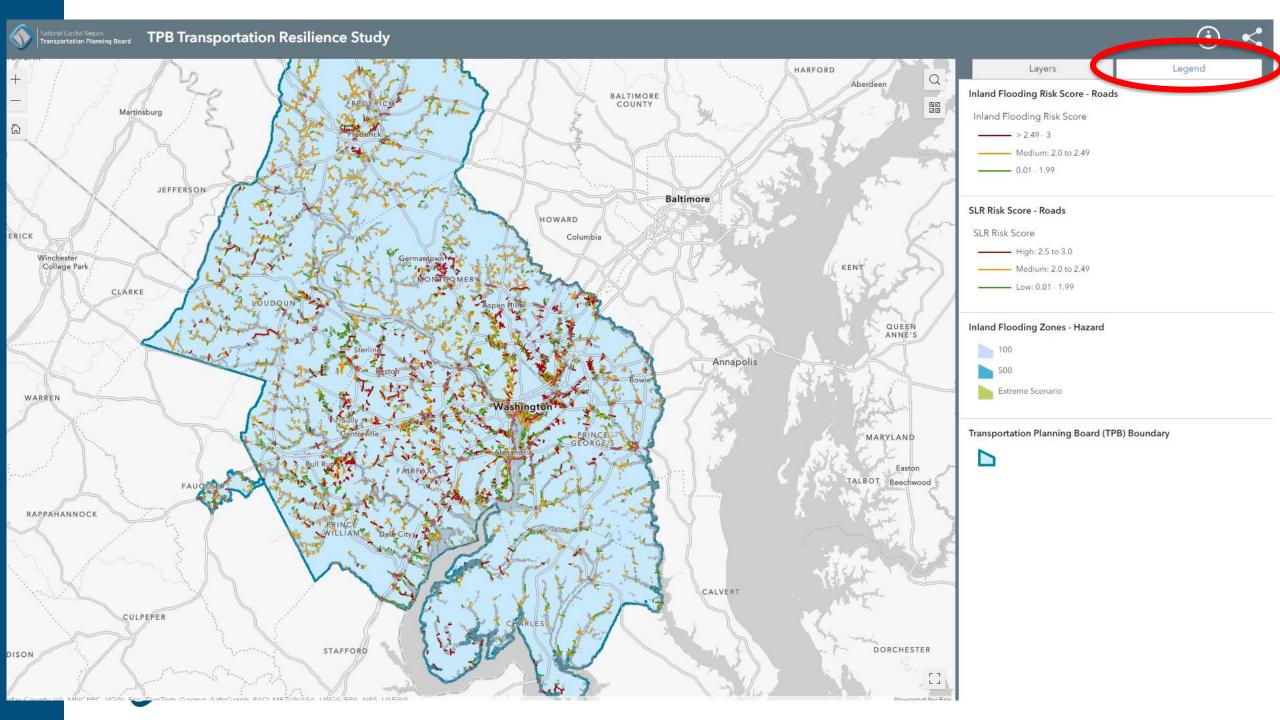


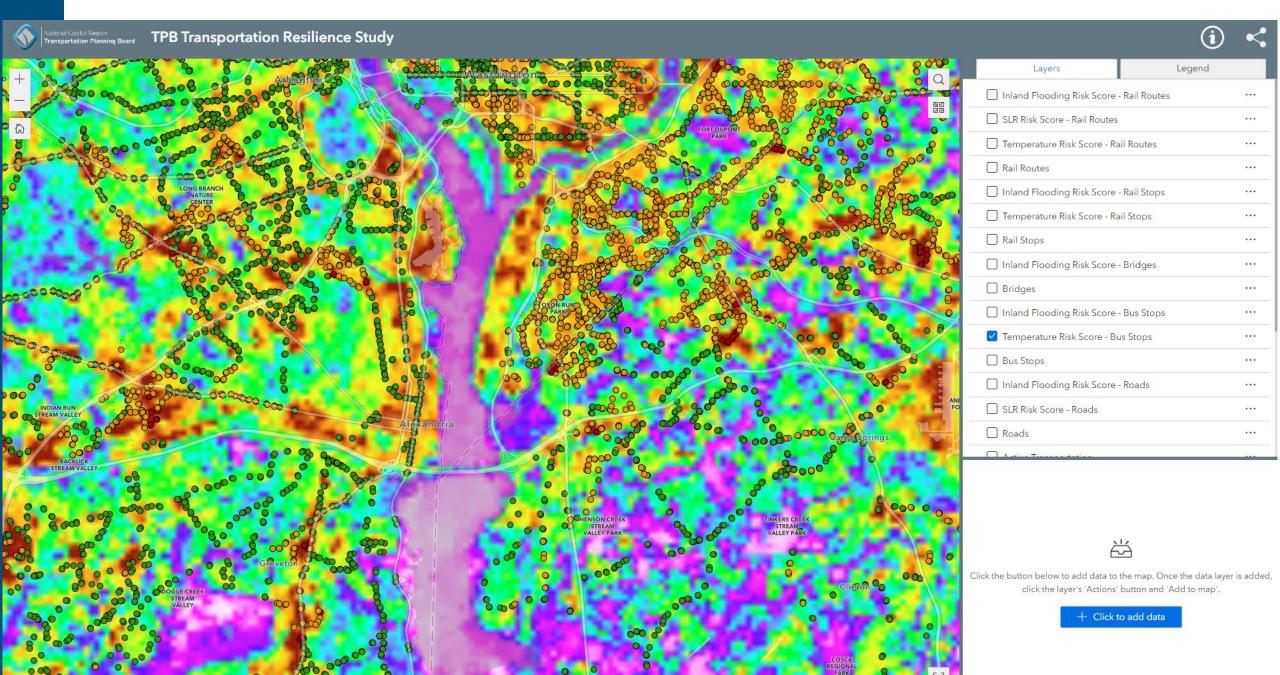












TRIP Project List

- The TRIP project list will be established using a project request form, which has been shared with this
 group and beyond to solicit project submissions
- The list of resilience projects should address, but are not limited to, the identified priority vulnerabilities
- The following resilience criteria will be used to help define a good/reasonable resilience project:

Resilience Criteria	Description		
Eligible transportation asset	Roads and highways, bridges, public transit infrastructure, active transportation infrastructure, airports, maritime infrastructure, and stormwater infrastructure.		
	Resilience Planning (e.g., resilience planning activities, capacity building)		
Qualifying project type for	Resilience Improvements (e.g., improving drainage, elevating bridges)		
PROTECT	Community Resilience and Evacuation Routes (e.g., redundant evacuation routes)		
	At-Risk Coastal Infrastructure – (e.g., relocate coastal highway infrastructure)		
Targets high priority risks	The proposed project protects the most vulnerable and critical assets/services identified via the MWCOG Climate Vulnerability Assessment or identified through local studies and assessments, or areas with historic evidence of natural hazard damage.		
Reduces climate risks	The proposed project reduces the risks associated with one or more climate hazards: extreme heat, inland flooding, coastal flooding, extreme winter conditions, and extreme wind.		





Next Steps

- Continue to collect resilience project submissions
- Finalize project list once submission window closes (end of January 2024)
- Working Group meetings #3 & #4
- Draft and final version of plan
- Continued collaboration with member localities, state DOTs, other regions creating their own TRIPs
- Future Improvements



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Additional slides



Phase 2 GIS Methodology: Extreme Heat



- Extreme heat & public transit
 - Exposure indicator: Land surface temperature (70% weighting)
 - Criticality indicator: MWCOG Equity Emphasis Areas (30% weighting)

Scoring Scale for Exposure

Indicator Value	Score
Top 1/3 of surface temperatures	3
Middle tier of surface temperatures (1/3-2/3) experienced in the study area	2
Bottom 1/3 of surface temperatures experienced in the study area	1

Scoring Scale for Criticality

Indicator Value	Score
Located in Equity Emphasis Area	3
Not located in Equity Emphasis Area	1



Phase 2 GIS Methodology: Inland Flooding



- Inland flooding & roads and highways, bridges, and public transit
 - Exposure indicator: Located in FEMA Floodplain; or Bridge-specific indicators (70% weighting)
 - Criticality indicator: MWCOG Equity Emphasis Areas; Functional classification (roads and bridges only) (30% weighting)

Scoring Scale for Exposure

Indicator Value	Score
Located in the 100-year floodplain	3
Located in the 500-year floodplain	2
Located in the 500-year floodplain + differential buffer	1
Not inundated	0

Scoring Scale for Criticality Indicators

Indicator	Indicator Value	Score
MWCOG Equity	Located in Equity Emphasis Area	
Emphasis Area	Not located in Equity Emphasis Area	1
Functional Classification	Interstate, Other freeways or expressways	3
	Other principal arterial	2
	Major and minor collector, minor arterial local	1

Phase 2 GIS Methodology: Coastal Flooding



- Coastal flooding was analyzed for roads and highways, bridges, and public transit
 - Exposure indicator: Depth of inundation from a 2 feet sea level rise scenario; or Bridge-specific indicators (70% weighting)
 - Criticality indicator: MWCOG Equity Emphasis Areas; Functional classification (for roads and bridges only) (30% weighting)

Scoring Scale for Exposure

Indicator Value	Score
Inundation of ≥1 ft	3
Inundation of $0.5 < x \le 1$ ft	2
Inundation of $0 < x \le 0.5$ ft	1
Not inundated	0

Scoring Scale for Criticality Indicators

Indicator	Indicator Value	Score
MWCOG Equity Emphasis Area	Located in Equity Emphasis Area	3
	Not located in Equity Emphasis Area	1
Functional Classification	Interstate, Other freeways or expressways	3
	Other principal arterial	2
	Major and minor collector, minor arterial local	1



Phase 2: Asset-Level Analysis (GIS Analysis)

Asset	High (2.5-3)	Medium (2-2.5)	Low (0-2)
Bridges	Flood: 1	Flood: 39	Flood: 1,281
Bus stops	Temp: 196	Temp: 6,468	Temp: 15,560
	SLR: 0	SLR: 0	SLR: 0
	Flood: 173	Flood: 877	Flood: 378 (excluding 0s)
Rail Routes	Temp: 36	Temp: 716	Temp: 1,320
	SLR: 37	SLR: 83	SLR: 4 (excluding 0s)
	Flood: 233	Flood: 322	Flood: 258 (excluding 0s)
Rail Stops	Temp: 0	Temp: 53	Temp: 107
	SLR: 0	SLR: 0	SLR: 0
	Flood: 1	Flood: 6	Flood: 4 (excluding 0s)
Roads	SLR: 123	SLR: 49	SLR: 44 (excluding 0s)
	Flood: 2,844	Flood: 3,869	Flood: 2,682 (excluding 0s)



GETTING STARTED: STATE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION REPORT 2023

Pierre Gaunaurd
TPB Transportation Planner

Regional Public Transportation Subcommittee January 24, 2023



Agenda

- Purpose
- Background on the State of Public Transportation Report (SOPT)
- Summary of 2023 Report Structure and Changes
- Preview NTD Data for 2023 Report
- Review Trends
- Next Steps



Purpose

- Snapshot of public transportation activities in the region
- Highlights regional accomplishments during CY2023
- NOTE: Relies on 2022 transit ridership and financial data taken from the 2022 National Transit Database published in October 2023
- Other data and content comes from TPB RPTS meetings, input from organizational representatives, and web research

STATE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION 2022 REPORT

An overview of public transportation in the National Capital Region

November 2023







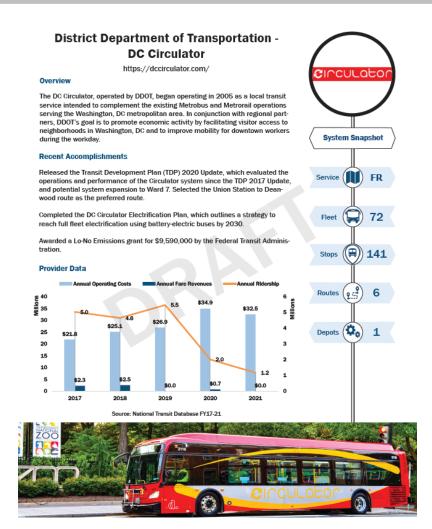
Background on the SOPT Report

- Arose from the need to represent the interests of public transportation agencies to the TPB:
 - "The State of Public Transportation report was proposed as part of the TPB's response to FTA's guidance on the MAP-21 requirement that the interests of providers of public transportation be represented on the MPO policy board. The report will be an annual work product summarizing the region's public transportation data and information <u>for the benefit of members of the TPB, other stakeholders, and the general public</u>." Draft Agency Questionnaire
- First report was the 2018 edition, it had five parts, and was 39 pages long.
- The 2022 report (5th Anniversary!) included seven parts and was 75 pages long.



Structure of the Report

- Part I: Summary
- Part II: In Focus Public Transportation Resilience and Sustainability Efforts
- Part III: Public Transportation Agency Profiles
- Part IV: Other Public Transit Services
- Part V: Regional Public Transportation Organizations
- Part VI: Public Transportation Accomplishments
- Part VII: Transportation Planning Board

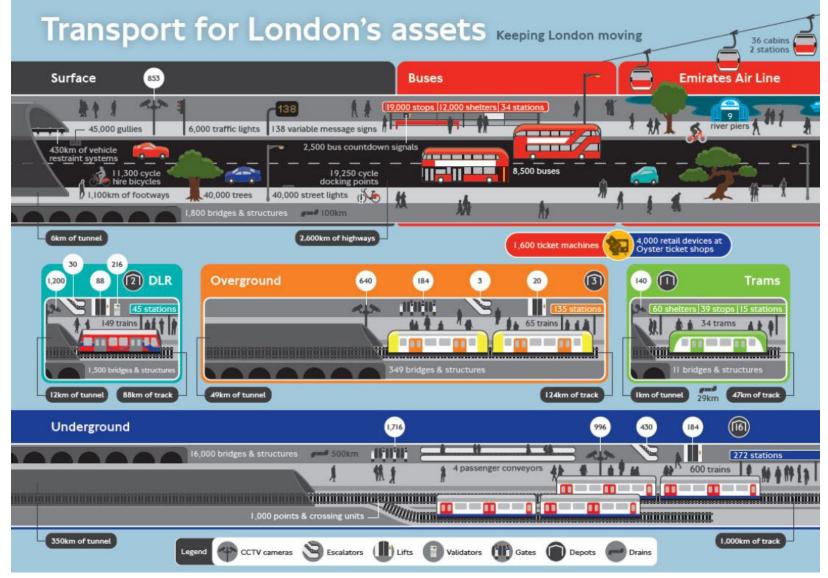




Other Planned Content

- More Graphics:
 - Regional Transit
 Asset Infographic
 - Updated Pictures for Each Agency
 - More pictures

 and graphic data
 representation,
 including in later
 sections

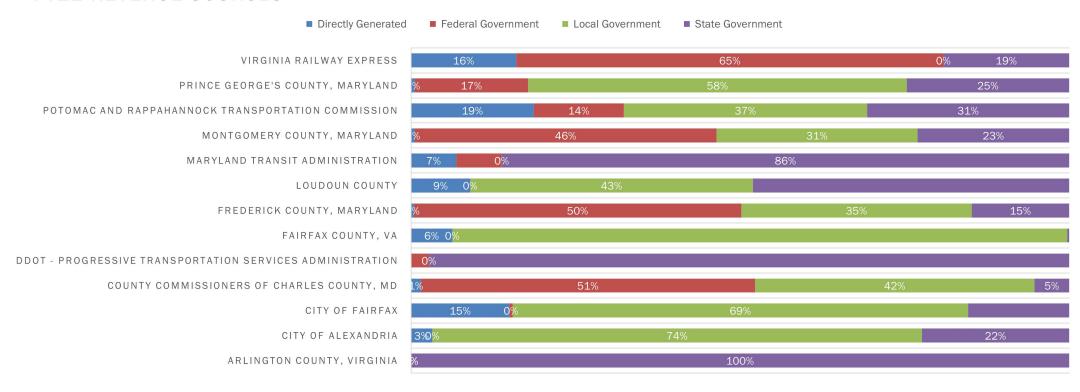


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2022 NTD Data in 2023 SOPT Report

NCR TRANSIT SERVICE PROVIDERS' FY22 REVENUE SOURCES





Agency Funding Source Breakdown - Regional Perspective

2022 Regional Funding Distribution



2019 Regional Funding Distribution



Source: 2019 and 2022 NTD Agency Data



Ridership Trends

- Top 6 Agencies By Ridership (Make Up 97% of Service)
 - 1. Metrobus (72%)
 - 2. Ride On (13%)
 - 3. Fairfax Connector (6%)
 - 4. DASH (3%)
 - 5. DC Circulator (2%)
 - 6. ART (2%)
- Metrobus remained busier than Metrorail with 79,512,639 trips versus 76,077,714
 - Much closer than in 2021 when there was a 15.7 million trip difference
- DC Circulator rose one spot to #5, edging ART by <100,000 unlinked trips
- Every agency/mode but two saw an increase in ridership versus 2021
- VRE and MARC each saw 58% and 61% increases in trips from 2021



Next Steps

Timeline

- Winter 2023:
 - Receive and process questionnaires to gather information from public transit providers
 - Catalog 2023's major transit events and operator accomplishments in the region
- Spring 2024:
 - Provide drafts to internal staff and RPTS for input, questions, or comments
 - Presentations to TPB Tech and RPTS
- Summer 2024:
 - Final report published in June 2024



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