

ACCESS FOR ALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

April 8, 2022

Canek Aguirre, Chair

The Access for All Advisory Committee (AFA) met virtually on April 8 and the highlights from the meeting are provided below. A list of participants is on the last page. The AFA advises the TPB on transportation issues and services important to low-income communities, underrepresented communities, people with limited English proficiency, people with disabilities, and older adults.

VISUALIZE 2045

TPB staff provided an overview of the draft plan and TIP, including regional context, financial plan, draft findings of the Air Quality Conformity analysis, and the regional transportation system performance analysis. Discussion following the presentation included:

- The impact of projected congestion on quality of life for populations dependent on transit or paratransit
- analysis on trips not job-related
- the extent of information on trips by bike or walking

Staff will send out a follow up email to the entire membership, inviting additional comments. AFA comments will be consolidated into a memo and included in public comments due May 1, 2022.

2022 UPDATE OF THE COORDINATED HUMAN SERVICE TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION – UNMET NEED

Staff provided a brief overview of the components and expectations for the update of the Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan, and introduced themes as a framework for discussion of the first component; unmet needs:

- Availability – geographically, days and times of service, number of options for different needs, technologically disadvantaged, etc.
- Awareness – what exists overall and for specific needs, centralized, easy to find (no wrong door), who knows it and is sharing it, formats of information, etc.
- Accessibility - wheelchair accessibility, dependability, the unbanked, traditionally underserved populations, language, those without smart phones/computers, bus stop access/sidewalks, first mile/last mile, etc.
- Affordability – cost, availability of subsidy, funding opportunity, alternatives to Metro Access, etc.
- Other – anything not included in the other categories, for example: trained drivers and staff, cleanliness, safety, etc.

Attendees were randomly assigned to breakout rooms where TPB staff facilitated a discussion on unmet need within the themes. The sessions were recorded, and a summary will be sent to the entire membership for review, further comment and additions.

It is anticipated that the updated Coordinated Plan will be presented to the TPB in November and approval of the plan sought in December.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Chair Aguirre requested attendees complete the 2022 AFA Membership Confirmation and Title VI questionnaire
- Chair Aguirre shared information about a study MITRE is doing on how e-scooters can improve access to jobs for people with low income and is looking for partners to help reach out to individuals for the project.
- Chair Aguirre provided a reminder of remaining 2022 meeting dates:
 - July 1
 - September 2
 - December 16

ATTENDANCE

District of Columbia	Virginia	TPB Staff
Heather Foote, Age Friendly DC Transportation Committee	Andrew Wexler, Arlington County	Jane Posey
Richard Ezike, The Urban Institute	Brittany Voll, DRPT	John Swanson
Tyren Stover, DC DFHV	Cynthia Alarico, Fairfax County Neighborhood & Community Services	Kanti Srikanth
	Emily Braley, NV Rides	Lynn Winchell-Mendy
Maryland	Jennifer Schriebman, The Arc of Northern Virginia	Rachel Beyerle
Bill Orleans, member of the public	Karen Smith, Arc of Prince William/INSIGHT, Inc.	Sergio Ritacco
Bong Delrosario, Maryland Department of Disabilities	MaryJo Hensler, Fairfax County Neighborhood & Community Services	Stacy Cook
Chafica Miles, Koach/Coach		
Francie Gilman, individual	Regional	Chair
Gloria Swieringa, Prince George's County Commission on Individuals with Disabilities	Angela White, National MS Society of Greater DC	Canek Aguirre, City of Alexandria Councilmember
Rob Malone, Arc of Prince William County	Glenn Millis, WMATA	
Sara Fought, JCA Connect-A-Ride		
Shawn Brennan, Montgomery County Aging & Disability Services		