

ITEM 7 – Action
January 21, 2021

Approval of 2021 Appointments to the TPB'S CAC

Action: Appoint members and alternates to the 2021 CAC.

Background: The TPB appoints residents of the Washington region to serve as members on the TPB's Community Advisory Committee (CAC) for the upcoming year. In 2021, the committee's membership will be selected from current members interested in extending their participation.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Planning Board
FROM: Bryan Hayes, TPB Transportation Planner
SUBJECT: Appointment of Community Advisory Committee members for the 2021-2022 term
DATE: January 14, 2021

This memorandum presents the TPB officer nominations for membership on the TPB Community Advisory Committee for the Board's consideration and approval. The term starts in February 2021 and ends in December 2022.

According to the changes to the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) operating procedures approved by the TPB in November 2020, the CAC consists of 24 members. Fifteen of these members are designated equally for each state—five each from the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia. Nine additional members are designated to incorporate the perspective of communities in TPB member jurisdictions. These members also ensure that the committee reflects the region's racial and ethnic diversity as well as different perspectives from people with different ages and experiences getting around the region.

In December 2020, the TPB officers reviewed staff recommendations for membership on the CAC for 2021-2022. The officers reviewed the applications and made their nominations. The TPB is requested to consider the nominations and approve with or without changes, the appointment of all 24 members. Following the board's action, TPB Chair Charles Allen will announce the appointment of the CAC chair.

The new committee will convene its first meeting on February 11, 2021.

A list of nominees and excerpts from their applications are attached.

Nominated for the 2021-2022 Community Advisory Committee:

Name	Jurisdiction	State
Ashley Huston	City of Manassas	VA
Audrey Nwaze	City of Greenbelt	MD
Dan Papiernik	Fairfax County	VA
Delia Houseal	Ward 7	DC
Delishia Pittman	Prince George's County	MD
Edith Goldman	Prince George's County	MD
Elisa Walton	Ward 6	DC
Emmet Tydings	Montgomery County	MD
Eyal Li	City of Takoma Park	MD
Jeff Jamawat	Ward 1	DC
Jeff Parnes	Fairfax County	VA
Jemila Kia James	Ward 7	DC
Justin Isbell	City of Alexandria	VA
Katherine Kortum	Ward 6	DC
Lorena Rios	Loudoun County	VA
Michael Artson	Prince William County	VA
Nancy Abeles	Montgomery County	MD
Prince Coulibaly	City of Gaithersburg	MD
Ra Amin	Ward 5	DC
Rafael Sampayo	Arlington County	VA
Robert Jackson	Fairfax County	VA
Ron Skotz	City of Bowie	MD
Solomon Haile	Fairfax County	VA
Tracy Duvall	City of Takoma Park	MD

Ashley Hutson

City of Manassas, Virginia

Why are you interested in serving on the CAC?

I grew up in a infrastructure construction family and now proudly represent 175 companies in Road Building and Site Development as Operations Manager of the Heavy Construction Contractors Association. Prior to HCCA, I worked for Branch Civil for almost 3 years, during which I learned about the planning and procurement phases of road building. I am dedicated to supporting transportation infrastructure through communication and workforce development. I believe my experience in infrastructure and focus on transportation will support the goals of the TPB CAC.

Affiliations

Heavy Construction Contractors Association

Audrey Nwaze

City Greenbelt, Maryland

CAC - 2019, 2020

Why are you interested in serving on the CAC?

I am interested in serving on the TPB's Community Advisory Committee because I am concerned about the effect that Transportation has had and will have on the Environment. As a member of the TPB's Community Advisory Committee I want to help create a positive change by being involved in the planning process and being a spokesperson for my community, and for future generations.

Affiliations

Sierra Club - Transportation Climate Initiative Group

Daniel Papiernik

Fairfax County, Virginia

CAC – 2017 to 2020

Why are you interested in serving on the CAC?

To advance my own awareness (and the awareness of those I interact with) of important issues affecting transportation equity, access, and safety, not just in the local communities in which I live, work and the recreate, but throughout the National Capital Region.

Affiliations

Pine Ridge Civic Association Board (Transportation Committee Chair)

International Bridge Tunnel and Turnpike Association (conference planning committee)

Delia Houseal

Ward 7, District of Columbia

Why are you interested in serving on the CAC?

As a Ward 7 resident and former Ward 8 resident, I am interested in making sure the voices and perspectives of residents who live East of the River (EOTR) are represented when policies and decisions are being made regarding transportation. This is of particular importance because the majority of residents EOTR rely on public transportation.

Affiliations

ANC7E - Chair

Marshall Heights Civic Association

East River Family Strengthening Collaborative

Southeast Family Strengthening Collaborative

Delishia Pittman

Prince George's County, Maryland

Why are you interested in serving on the CAC?

The TPBs CAC is an excellent opportunity to contribute to and improve the lived experiences of individuals like myself who reside in the DMV, but also. that which impacts those who visit the area. Ineffective transportation systems are a central structural barrier to the eradication of poverty and employment for many living and around the city, both causes that I am deeply passionate about and have a willingness to lend my time and expertise to addressing on a larger scale.

Affiliations

American Psychological Association

Association for Multicultural Counseling

Miriam's Kitchen

Helping Men Heal

Edith Goldman

City of Laurel, Maryland

Why are you interested in serving on the CAC?

I'm concerned about the building of roads, rather than encouraging people to use public transportation. The existing transportation options are often not useful; for instance when I worked in Kensington I would have needed to take multiple buses/metros and still walk quite a bit to get to work, which would have required 1.5 hours each way (if all went smoothly!) to cover a distance I could drive in 20 minutes. It also seems that rises in public transportation costs overwhelmingly disadvantage lower-income and younger people, who can least afford it. With so many people off the roads, this is a good time to follow some of the bike- and pedestrian-friendly policies being rolled out across Europe.

Affiliations

MMFAC (10 years, mostly as treasurer)

VF Communications Committee (current)

Elisa Walton

Ward 6, District of Columbia
CAC - 2019, 2020

Why are you interested in serving on the CAC?

I would like to continue my work to contribute to the CAC's mission of airing diverse viewpoints on transportation issues that affect the region. I am very interested in climate change, disaster resilience, and how the region's public transit can best adapt to and recover from COVID. I deal with these types of issues in my work in international development, and have found ways to engage closer to home, as well, including through a detail with FEMA and volunteering with the CAC and the Anacostia Watershed Society. Over the last two years on the CAC, and through the Community Leadership Institute, I have learned more about how the CAC and TPB address transportation issues. I hope to continue applying this knowledge to benefit the broader region.

Affiliations

Anacostia Watershed Society
USAID Hispanic Employees Council of Foreign Affairs Agencies
CARECEN (Central American Resource Center)
USAID-EPA Bike Room
Southwest Community Garden

Emmet Tydings

Montgomery County, Maryland
CAC - 2002 to 2020

Why are you interested in serving on the CAC?

I am a highly engaged transportation advocate for our region. It is central to my civic involvement. Participation in the CAC is central as both a subject matter input, and an output.

Affiliations

Greater Olney Civic Assoc. Transportation Committee
Suburban Maryland Transportation Alliance - Co Founder
Past Chair Howard County Tech Council
Bowie Mill Bikeway Initiative



Eyal Li

City of Takoma Park, Maryland

Why are you interested in serving on the CAC?

I'm interested in helping to learn about and inform transportation investment and planning decisions to improve safety and sustainability of the regions transport system.

Affiliations

Union of Concerned Scientists Clean Transportation Program

WABA



Jeff Jamawat

Ward 1, District of Columbia

Why are you interested in serving on the CAC?

I've always been passionate and pragmatic about transportation issues. Living and working in DC for nearly a decade across different neighborhoods, including H Street, U Street / Shaw, Downtown, Foggy Bottom, Navy Yard, Southwest, and Grover Park, I've used and depended on all modes of transit to get around the city. In 2020, we have seen the roles of transportation and transportation infrastructure broadened, tested, and elevated in many ways. Streets have become the life line for restaurants, serving as a tool for rapid-fire economic development (strategies), as well as the civic space to exercise, display, and confront our fundamental values as Americans. Transit agencies like Metro are facing budget, ridership, and public health perception challenges that seem insurmountable and make even more complicated by factors such as regional economy, federal support, and lifestyle decisions (e.g. What are transportation implications for people moving to the suburbs?). The next few years are absolutely critical to adjust and reposition transportation goals and objectives for the post-Covid world, and using this opportunity to build and provide necessary infrastructure that makes the region more competitive and resilient in the coming decades. I'm prepared to volunteer my time to support, ask questions, and contribute to the conversation that get at the solutions to these transportation challenges.

Affiliations

Capitol Riverfront Business Improvement District
Urban Land Institute - Washington Chapter
American Institute of Architects - DC Chapter
Smart Growth Network



Jeffrey Parnes

Fairfax County, Virginia
CAC – 2010 to 2020

Why are you interested in serving on the CAC?

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 40 years in Fairfax County and the Greater Washington Area. I have watched both the Orange line being built in the I-66 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.

Affiliations

Sully District Transportation
Fairfax County Federation of Citizen Associations



Jemila Kia James

Ward 7, District of Columbia

Why are you interested in serving on the CAC?

I want the needs of my community to be heard and acknowledged. Living East of the River, there are several transportation issues and I hope to advocate for my neighbors. I am a wife and mother of two young boys (4 years old & 8 months). I am an active community member and I believe that it is important for residents in ward 7 & 8 to be given the same opportunities and information as rest of DC.

Affiliations

ANC7E – Executive Assistant



Justin Isbell

City of Alexandria, Virginia

Why are you interested in serving on the CAC?

I've been actively engaged in transportation issues for several years primarily in Alexandria, Arlington and DC. As the founder and President of the Friends of the Mount Vernon Trail, I have frequent contact with individuals in Fairfax County, Alexandria, Arlington and DC that use the trail (and the regional trail network) for transportation and receive large amounts of feedback about trail transportation from the community. This work has also provided experience with working directly with the National Park Service and their role in the regional transportation network. I've worked with or volunteered for multiple community groups, taking formal leadership roles with several groups.

Affiliations

Friends of the Mount Vernon Trail
Alexandria Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Washington Area Bicyclist Association
Alexandria Families for Safe Streets
Tree Stewards of Arlington and Alexandria
BikeArlington & WalkArlington
Phoenix Bikes



Katherine Kortum

Ward 6, District of Columbia
CAC – 2017 to 2020

Why are you interested in serving on the CAC?

I have been a member of the CAC for a few years and have gained a great deal of value from the engagement with other committee members and with staff. My educational and career background is in transportation, and it's easy to get a little bit lost in a bubble of people who think the right solutions are what the research says, or what the most progressive cities are doing. Being part of the CAC regularly reminds me of the variety of perspectives, travel patterns, and preferences that exist within a metro region. It's rare that one solution will work in all settings. The CAC (and the TPB) has to keep those differences in mind as it does its work – which is not only valuable in the transportation industry but is also a good life lesson.

Affiliations

Transportation Research Board
Institute of Transportation Engineers
WMATA Riders Advisory Council
American Society of Civil Engineers, including public policy committee
Young Professionals in Transportation
Robert Bosch Alumni Association



Lorena Rios

Loudoun County, Virginia
CAC – 2012 to 2020

Why are you interested in serving on the CAC?

I want to represent the perspective from the outer beltway's residents. I think transportation just embrace technology or at least be open to explore alternative solutions to transportation problems. I would like the TPB to continue moving to a less _____ centric approach.

Affiliations

Loudoun County Housing Advisory Board

National Council of Architectural Registration Boards

Virginia Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects

Virginia Tech Commission on Graduate and Professional Studies and Policies

Hispanic Chamber of Northern Virginia



Michael Artson

Prince William County, Virginia

Why are you interested in serving on the CAC?

To advocate for sensible and realistic transportation policies both for Prince William County and the region.

Affiliations

Prince William NAACP

Morgan State University NOVA Alumni Association



Nancy Abeles

Montgomery County, Maryland
CAC – 2015, 2016, and 2018 to 2020

Why are you interested in serving on the CAC?

I am interested in serving on TPB's CAC because of my commitment to the group's mission to further meaningful public participation in transportation planning. I also want to serve because I support TPB's Long Range Planning Visualize aspirations and want to learn as much as I can through my service to encourage my jurisdiction to align with those strategies and deepen its own commitment to public participation in its planning process.

Affiliations

Bethesda BRAC Implementation/Integration Committee/Chair
MD Route 355 BRT CAC NIH Community Liaison Council
Montgomery County Civic Federation
Bethesda Crest HOA
Maplewood Civic Association
Adventure Theatre – Board of Directors
Glen Echo Park Foundation – Board of Directors
Artomatic – Board of Directors
National Philharmonic Orchestra – Board of Directors,
Montgomery Women



Prince Coulibaly

City of Gaithersburg, Maryland

Why are you interested in serving on the CAC?

As someone who grew up in the region, I would like it to better serve a broader range of its population with more varied and less car dependent forms of transportation. I would also like to make a difference to the growing region by putting my input as I will also be a part of the region in 2045.

Affiliations

ULI Washington



Ra Amin

Ward 5, District of Columbia

Why are you interested in serving on the CAC?

I became interested in serving on the TPB's CAC when I discovered its existence during my CLI participation. I wanted to give back for the wonderful training I received. I have continued to study transportation, urbanism, planning and sustainability to prepare for the opportunity. Also, I am dedicated to the achievement of transportation equity, smart growth and social inclusion in the region. After CLI and pre COVID-19, I regularly attended the monthly TPB's and NCPC meetings. I look forward to returning to virtual meetings in 2021.

Affiliations

Ward 5 Safe Streets, DC Bicycle Advisory Council

Ward 5 Education Equity Committee (W5EEC)

Greater Brookland Intergenerational Village (GBIV)

GWUH Patient Family Advisory Council (PFAC)

Brookland Neighborhood Civic Association, Bertie Backus Garden & Comp Committees



Rafael Sampayo

Arlington County, Virginia

Why are you interested in serving on the CAC?

I believe that having a vibrant and effective transportation system is essential to providing the best quality of life for citizens. I also bring a wealth of experience in providing leading edge solutions to technical problems.

Affiliations

Carver Place Homeowners Association

Arlington View Neighborhood Association

Arlington County Rate Study Advisory Group (Water/Sewer Rates)

Arlington Neighborhood College

Arlington Community Engagement Brigade



Robert Jackson

Fairfax County, Virginia
CAC – 2015 to 2020

Why are you interested in serving on the CAC?

I've been a CAC member since 2015 & served as chair in 2019. I think getting people from all over the region and with different life experiences gives us all new perspectives that can be useful to the TPB. I think the new organization for the CAC will be beneficial and can increase the importance of community input to the TPB. I want to be a part of this effort. Also, I have truly enjoyed working with the people who have served with me on the CAC, both members and staff. I want to stay connected to them.

Affiliations

McLean Citizens Association & its Planning & Zoning and Transportation Committees
Tysons Partnership (ex officio)
Fairfax Federation of Citizens Associations
McLean Hamlet Board of Directors
North American Numbering Committee, oversight working group



Ron Skotz

City of Bowie, Maryland

Why are you interested in serving on the CAC?

My knowledge and experience of Regional Transportation issues.

Affiliations

MTA Citizens Advisory Committee "CAC"

Board of Directors Transportation Association of MD

Commissioner Central MD Trans. & Mobility Commission RTA

Bowie Advisory Planning Board

Baltimore Metropolitan Council "BMC" CAC



Solomon Haile

Fairfax County, Virginia

Why are you interested in serving on the CAC?

I'm a Landscape Architect by training and I work for HNTB Corporation with the Federal Planning Team as Urban Design Planner II. I have a passion for the future of alternative transportation systems and pedestrian safety in our region that I would like to contribute my skillset toward the masterplan of our transportation platforms through the designing, and planning of our roadway system to serve fairly all the stakeholders as a multi-module roadway network in our region.

Affiliations

American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) - Potomac Chapter

Conference of Minority Transportation Officials

U.S. Green Building Council - Virginia Chapter

Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure

Orphan Care Ethiopia - International Volunteer Coordinator



Tracy Duvall

City of Takoma Park, Maryland

Why are you interested in serving on the CAC?

In general, I value contributing to the community. In specific, I can apply my background in transportation as a researcher, activist, and community-board member.

Affiliations

Complete and Safe Streets Committee, Takoma Park

Sustainability Committee, founder, Georgia Gwinnett College

International Rescue Committee, volunteer

Pima County Commission on Trial Court Appointments

Judicial Performance Review, Pima County, public member



COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Nominations for the 2021-2022 CAC

Bryan Hayes
TPB Transportation Planner

Transportation Planning Board
January 21, 2021



Applications Received

- Staff accepted applications from November 12 to December 17.
- 41 completed applications were received.
- Residents of 15 TPB member jurisdictions submitted applications.
- 29 applicants have not previously served on the CAC.
- 15 applications graduated from the Community Leadership Institute.
- 13 applications were received from people who live in Equity Emphasis Areas.



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Next Steps

- **Approval** – The board is asked to approve or make changes and then approve the nominations for the 2021 to 2022 CAC.
- **CAC Chair** – After approval, the TPB Chair will announce the CAC Chair for 2021.
- **First meeting** – The 2021-2022 CAC meets for the first time in February.



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