

### Meeting Highlights: TPB Technical Committee, October 5, 2018

The Technical Committee met on October 5, 2018 in the Ronald Kirby Training Center at COG. The following items were reviewed for inclusion on the TPB's September agenda:

- **TPB agenda items 7, 8, 9, 10 – Review of All Comments Received During the 30-Day Public Comment Period and Acceptance of Recommended Responses for Visualize 2045, The FY 2019-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (Tip), and The Air Quality Conformity Analysis**

The public comment period for Visualize 2045, the FY 2019-2024 TIP, and the Air Quality Conformity Analysis was open from September 7 through October 7. Comments to date were summarized, and a description of the sequence of board actions was presented. The committee approved a resolution to recommend that the board approve Visualize 2045 (Attached).

Posted Material: [https://www.mwcog.org/assets/1/28/Item\\_2\\_-\\_Draft\\_Tech\\_Committee\\_resolution\\_on\\_Visualize\\_2045.pdf](https://www.mwcog.org/assets/1/28/Item_2_-_Draft_Tech_Committee_resolution_on_Visualize_2045.pdf)

- **TPB agenda item 11 – Certification of The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process for The National Capital Region**

The committee was briefed on the Statement of Certification and the board will be asked to endorse it at the October 17 meeting.

Posted Material: [https://www.mwcog.org/assets/1/28/10052018\\_-\\_Item\\_3\\_-\\_Visualize\\_2045\\_Self-Certification\\_Draft.pdf](https://www.mwcog.org/assets/1/28/10052018_-_Item_3_-_Visualize_2045_Self-Certification_Draft.pdf)

- **TPB agenda item 12 – Approval of Projects Recommended for Funding Under the FY 2019 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program for The District of Columbia**

The committee was briefed on the projects recommended by a technical review panel for funding as part of the FY 2019 project solicitation conducted by DDOT, and the board will be asked to approve the recommended projects at its meeting on October 17. All four projects were recommended for approval.

Posted Material: [https://www.mwcog.org/assets/1/28/10052018\\_-\\_Item\\_4\\_-\\_Memo\\_-\\_FY\\_2019\\_DC\\_TAP\\_Project\\_Recommendations.pdf](https://www.mwcog.org/assets/1/28/10052018_-_Item_4_-_Memo_-_FY_2019_DC_TAP_Project_Recommendations.pdf)

- **TPB agenda item 13 - Comments to US EPA and US DOT on The Safer Affordable Fuel Efficient (SAFE) Vehicles Proposed Rule for Model Years 2021-2026**

The committee was informed that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) are seeking comment on a proposed rule for model year 2021-2026 light duty vehicles through October 26, 2018. The rule recommends amending certain existing Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions standards for passenger cars and light trucks and keeping the model year 2020 standards in place for this time period. The board will also be briefed on the proposed rule, and asked to approve a joint TPB/MWAQC/CEEPC comment letter urging the EPA to stand by its January 12, 2017 Final Determination and maintain the existing GHG standards promulgated in 2012 (i.e., supporting the "Baseline/No-Action" alternative).

Posted Material: [https://www.mwcog.org/assets/1/28/10052018\\_-\\_Item\\_5\\_-\\_SAFE\\_Vehicles\\_Rule\\_Comment\\_Letter.pdf](https://www.mwcog.org/assets/1/28/10052018_-_Item_5_-_SAFE_Vehicles_Rule_Comment_Letter.pdf)

The following items were presented for information and discussion:

- **Recommendations to Advance Endorsed Initiatives – Overview**

Kanti Srikanth, TPB Director, prefaced the subsequent presentations in noting that one of the focus items of the board for this year is identifying projects, programs, and policy actions that TPB members can individually and/or collectively take to advance the aspirational initiatives endorsed by the TPB. Various groups of subject matter experts have been working on this task. The committee was briefed on the process to facilitate the board's desire to act on this item.

- **TDM Recommendations: Commuter Connections Subcommittee**

George Clark, Chair of Commuter Connections Subcommittee, briefed the committee on the recommendations of the Commuter Connections Subcommittee for projects, programs, and policies to advance the endorsed aspirational initiatives. These recommendations will be presented at a special TPB work session in November.

Posted material: <https://www.mwcog.org/assets/1/28/10052018 - Item 6A - Commuter Connections TDM Initiatives LRP Memo Final 091818.pdf>

- **Transit Recommendations: Regional Public Transportation Subcommittee**

Gary Erenrich, a Regional Public Transportation Subcommittee member, briefed the committee on the recommendations of the Regional Public Transportation Subcommittee (RPTS) for projects, programs, and policies to advance the endorsed aspirational initiatives. These recommendations will be presented at a special TPB work session in November.

Posted material: <https://www.mwcog.org/assets/1/28/10052018 - Item 6B - Presentation - Initiatives and RPTS.pdf>

- **Non-Motorized Recommendations: Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee**

Cindy Engelhart, Chair of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee, briefed the committee on the recommendations of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee for projects, programs, and policies to advance the endorsed aspirational initiatives. These recommendations will be presented at a special TPB work session in November.

Posted material: <https://www.mwcog.org/assets/1/28/10052018 - Item 6C - Presentation - BP Recommendation to TPB Tech Final1.pdf>

- **Performance Based Planning and Programming – Transit Safety Rule**

Matthew Gaskin, TPB Transportation Planner, briefed the committee on the new Federal Transit Administration Performance Based Planning and Programming (PBPP) rulemaking on transit safety. Transit agencies that receive federal funds will need to set safety targets by July 2020.

Posted material: <https://www.mwcog.org/assets/1/28/10052018 - Item 7 - PBPP Update Memo.pdf>

Posted material: <https://www.mwcog.org/assets/1/28/10052018 - Item 7 - Presentation - PBPP Transit Safety.pdf>

- **Nice Bridge Bicycle/Pedestrian Information Memo for Discussion**

Michael Farrell, TPB Transportation Planner, provided the committee with an overview of an informational memo that staff developed for use by the board members regarding the development of making an official TPB recommendation on accommodating bicycle and pedestrian travelers across the region's river crossings in general, and specifically across the Nice Bridge.

Posted material: [https://www.mwcog.org/assets/1/28/10052018 - Item 8 - Presentation - Nice Memorial Bridge Replacement Project - Proposed Bicycle and Pedestrian Accommodation.pdf](https://www.mwcog.org/assets/1/28/10052018_-_Presentation_-_Nice_Memorial_Bridge_Replacement_Project_-_Proposed_Bicycle_and_Pedestrian_Accommodation.pdf)

Posted material: [https://www.mwcog.org/assets/1/28/10052018 - Item 8 - TPB Informational Memo Nice Bridge Bike Ped Facility1.pdf](https://www.mwcog.org/assets/1/28/10052018_-_TPB_Informational_Memo_Nice_Bridge_Bike_Ped_Facility1.pdf)

- **Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations Annual Conference Highlights**

Abigail Zenner, TPB Communications Specialist, briefed the committee on conference highlights from several staff members who attended the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations Annual Conference from September 24-28.

Posted material: [https://www.mwcog.org/assets/1/28/10052018 - Item 9 - Memo - AMPO Annual Conference Highlights and Reflections.pdf](https://www.mwcog.org/assets/1/28/10052018_-_Memo_-_AMPO_Annual_Conference_Highlights_and_Reflections.pdf)

- **Other Business**

Staff gave quick announcements and updates about the following:

- FAA Planning Grant Opportunity: The committee was informed of an FAA grant opportunity to evaluate and make recommendations to enhance the Regional Air Passenger Survey program.
- The committee was informed of additional FTA Grant Opportunities, and a follow up email provided more specific details on the opportunities.



TR1-2019  
October 5, 2018

**NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD**  
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**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FROM THE  
TPB TECHNICAL COMMITTEE FOR THE LONG-RANGE  
TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION  
CALLED "VISUALIZE 2045"**

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Planning Regulations of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) implementing the FAST Act, which became effective June 27, 2016, specify the development and content of the long-range transportation plan and require that it be reviewed and updated at least every four years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Transportation Planning Board Bylaws call for the creation of a Technical Committee; and,

**WHEREAS**, the bylaws give the TPB Technical Committee the task of advising and assisting the TPB in the technical actions of the planning process, including: reviewing the cost and content of the work program, reviewing methodology and procedures, and reviewing plans and programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Technical Committee makes recommendations to the TPB on numerous products and procedures to ensure coordination of procedures and standards between city, county, state and local planning agencies and the metropolitan transportation planning process, as governed by the provisions of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act for developing and carrying out a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Washington D.C. metropolitan area; and

**WHEREAS**, the bylaws provide the Technical Committee with the opportunity to consider and make recommendations concerning any other matters referred to it by the TPB; and

**WHEREAS**, the TPB has developed a plan called "Visualize 2045" that meets federal planning requirements, addresses the federal planning factors, will further goals in the TPB Vision and the Regional Transportation Priorities Plan, and includes a new "Aspirational Element" as specified by TPB Resolution R8-2018;

**WHEREAS**, the TPB Technical Committee has led the development and review process for this multi-year effort, by informing and providing guidance and technical expertise to staff for each element of Visualize 2045, by participating in and contributing to the expanded public outreach effort, and by helping to ensure that all federal regulations are followed and upheld; and

**WHEREAS**, the adoption of Visualize 2045 is scheduled for October 17, 2018 upon completion of a 30-day public comment period including interagency consultation on the results of the regional air quality conformity analysis of Visualize 2045 and the FY 2019-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP);

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TPB TECHNICAL COMMITTEE:**

1. Commends and expresses its appreciation to the TPB staff for their exhaustive efforts to produce a leading-edge plan that looks at the long-range transportation needs of the National Capital Region, including the District of Columbia and portions of Maryland and Virginia, called “Visualize 2045”; and
2. Recommends that the Transportation Planning Board approve Visualize 2045 at its October 17, 2018 board meeting.

**TPB TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES  
ATTENDANCE – October 5, 2018**

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