



# TPB ENDORSED INITIATIVES: ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

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# Presentation Items

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- Background: LRPTF Initiatives
- Questions and Feedback



# TPB Endorsed Initiatives

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- At the end of last year, the TPB endorsed seven initiatives after working through a year-long process with its Long-Range Plan Task Force (LRPTF)
  - Optimize Regional Land-Use Balance
  - **Regionwide Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and Transitways**
  - **Metrorail Core Capacity Improvements**
  - Employer-Based Travel Demand Management Policies
  - Regional Express Travel Network
  - **Improve Access to Transit Stations**
  - Improve Trail Network
- The board is interested in how to monitor and encourage the implementation of projects, programs, and policies that support the initiatives
- TPB subcommittees are tasked with conducting discussions and soliciting feedback from members for near and long term future implementation



# Initiatives Tasked for the Regional Public Transportation Subcommittee

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- **Regionwide Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and Transitways:** BRT, transitway, and streetcar routes that are in jurisdictions' plans but not yet in the TPB's long-range plan would be added at various locations throughout the region.
- **Metrorail Core Capacity Improvements:** This initiative includes running eight-car trains exclusively on all Metrorail lines—replacing six-car trains entirely. It would also add a second Rosslyn station, and a new rail line across the Potomac River connecting the District and Virginia through Georgetown to Union Station towards Waterfront.
- **Access Improvements to High-Capacity Transit Stations:** This initiative would add better bicycle and pedestrian access to rail stations.



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- What are the impediments to realizing the full potential of this/these initiative(s)?

## Feedback:

- The realization and understanding of the concept to move people instead a personal vehicles, funding and cooperation from agencies with relevant jurisdiction (i.e. city or state DOTs).
- Implementing this initiative will require continuing staff-level cooperation among the involved jurisdictions, NVTC, statewide transit funding agencies (e.g., DRPT), WMATA, and TPB.
- Funding may be required for right-of-way acquisition and/or construction.
- Political will and funding
- Existing local roadway networks and land uses, institutional and jurisdictional barriers, funding and prioritization challenges

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- What specific actions (including projects, programs, and policies) can your jurisdiction take to advance these ideas?

## Feedback:

- Corridor studies that recommend improvements to enhance service reliability and reduce bus travel times
- Coordinate local bus systems into a regionwide bus network
- Reduced and/or standardized fare on all transit
- Institute or continue cooperation and consultation with WMATA, TPB, state transit funding agencies, and regional counterparts.
- Continued study and analysis to demonstrate results and outcomes from local experience or by others. Continued discussion of the consequences of not taking action
- Jurisdictions can help by providing the political will to support these capital project, insist they good options are considered and have the political will to reduce underutilized rail service generally in outlying areas of the system



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- What resources are needed to enable you to take actions?

## Feedback:

- Operating support and cooperation from agencies with jurisdiction over roads
- Funding may be required for County projects, including those coordinated with development proffers
- Additional funding will be required to address impediments.
- Roadway improvements for better station access



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- What actions can the region collectively take?

## Feedback:

- Continued study and analysis to demonstrate results and outcomes from local experience or by others. Continued discussion of the consequences of not taking action.
- Support implementation of initiative.
- Institute or continue cooperation and consultation with WMATA, TPB, state transit funding agencies, and regional counterparts.
- Change land use policies in the suburban counties to encourage denser development adjacent to Metrorail stations.
- Communicate needs for dedicated transit facilities to increase political will.



# Next Steps

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- The purpose of this roundtable was to begin a discussion of ideas concerning three of the seven TPB Endorsed Initiatives. Notes from today's discussion will be made available
- For the July 24 meeting we will have a follow-up discussion concerning these initiatives, and work towards building a consensus
- September/October timeframe, findings from these discussion will be compiled into a briefing for the TPB



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