

## Meeting Highlights TPB Technical Committee – April 5, 2024

The Technical Committee met on Friday, April 5, 2024. Meeting materials can be found here: <https://www.mwcog.org/events/2024/4/5/tpb-technical-committee/>

The following items were reviewed for inclusion on the TPB's April agenda:

### **TPB AGENDA ITEM 7 – APPROVAL OF REGIONAL BIKE TO WORK DAY 2024 PROCLAMATION**

In an effort to increase public awareness of the viability of bicycle commuting in the Washington region, regional Bike to Work Day events are being organized at over 100 locations in the region for Friday, May 17. These events will encourage the business community and other regional decision-makers to support increased bicycle commuting through bicycle-friendly policies and initiatives.

### **TPB AGENDA ITEM 8 – APPROVAL OF FY 2025 TLC TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS**

Staff provided information on the TPB's Transportation Land-Use Connections (TLC) Program. It has provided support to local jurisdictions as they deal with the challenges of integrating land-use and transportation planning at the community level since 2006. Staff solicited applications for the FY 2025 TLC round of technical assistance between January 5 and March 8, 2024. The board will be briefed and asked to approve the applications that are being recommended for FY 2025.

### **TPB AGENDA ITEM 9 – VISUALIZE 2050: OVERVIEW OF MARYLAND EXPRESS LANE PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR VISUALIZE 2050 AND BRIEFING ON COMMENTS RECEIVED ON THE DRAFT PROJECT INPUTS AND SCOPE OF WORK FOR THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY ANALYSIS OF THE VISUALIZE 2050 NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND THE FY 2026-2029 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)**

Staff presented a draft memo on public comments received in response to the project inputs submitted for inclusion in the Visualize 2050 Air Quality Conformity (AQC) process and the draft scope of work. The 30-day comment period took place between March 1 and March 30, 2024. The committee also reviewed the updated Air Quality Conformity Inputs Table based on the agency feedback received and the related Project Summary Table with project information packets.

### **TPB AGENDA ITEM 10 – CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION GRANTS (CPRG) FINAL PRIORITY CLIMATE ACTION PLAN**

The committee received a summary of the final CPRG Priority Climate Action Plan that was submitted by COG.

The following items were presented for information and discussion:

### **EQUITY DEEP DIVE: DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES ANALYSIS**

The committee received a briefing on TPB's equity deep dive study: Analysis of Transportation Inequities in Disadvantaged Communities. ICF presented data and the completion of its first task: Comparing EEAs with Justice40 communities and understanding of current travel characteristics. ICF also updated the committee on their next task scheduled for completion in early summer: Examining the unmet mobility and accessibility needs of these important communities.

### **CRITICAL URBAN FREIGHT CORRIDOR DESIGNATION UPDATES FOR MARYLAND**

In accordance with federal transportation law, TPB designated the region's Critical Urban Freight Corridors (CUFCs) in 2017 (Resolution R6-2018), plus amendments approved by the TPB Steering Committee in 2021 (Resolution SR4-2022). With changes enacted in the recent Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), TPB has an opportunity to update and expand CUFC designations within Suburban Maryland. The committee was briefed on the context and specifics of proposed changes to the CUFCs for Suburban Maryland, anticipated to be presented to the TPB Steering Committee for approval on May 3, 2024.

### **PBPP GREENHOUSE GAS (GHG) EMISSIONS RULE UPDATE**

The committee was updated on the status of the federal rule that implements a performance measure for state DOTs and MPOs to track greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions as part of the federally required Performance Based Planning and Programming (PBPP) framework. TPB staff will also briefly report on methodologies being considered for measuring GHG emissions in accordance with the rule. Staff also reported on the recent legal actions and resulting implications on the requirements.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Street Smart
- MWAQC Environmental Justice Subcommittee
- Maryland TAP Application Period
- Coordination of Regional Transit Onboard Surveys
- New EPA heavy duty GHG pollutant rule
- Staff Update