

ACCESS FOR ALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

June 12, 2018

Kacy Kostiuik, Chair

Ms. Kacy Kostiuik, TPB member and Councilmember from the City of Takoma Park, MD is serving as the chair of the Access for All Advisory Committee (AFA). The AFA met on June 7 and the highlights 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, minority communities, people with limited-English skills, people with disabilities, and older adults.

TPB'S COORDINATED HUMAN SERVICE TRANSPORTATION PLAN: STRATEGIES AND PRIORITY PROJECTS

Ms. Klancher of the TPB staff provided an overview of the Coordinated Human Service Transportation Plan which guides the funding decisions for the Enhanced Mobility grant program. The AFA is providing input on the update to the Coordinated Plan which is scheduled to be presented to the TPB for adoption in the fall. For a project to be eligible for Enhanced Mobility funding, the project must address a strategy or a priority project in the Coordinated Plan. Ms. Klancher presented the revised strategies and Ms. Winchell-Mendy presented the priority projects – both elements are based on unmet needs previously identified by the AFA. Meeting participants broke out into two groups to discuss these elements; Comments included:

- Increase awareness of existing transportation options for people who do not drive (more marketing is needed tailored to the targeted audience);
- The need for cross-jurisdictional options and coordination among transportation providers;
- Make services more frequent and reliable including those that address the East-West divide (promotion and addition of services that connect the eastern side to the western side);
- Specialized services should also be user-centered and easy to use; and
- The importance of considering accessibility in the planning and design phase of all transportation projects and programs.

Meeting materials, including the proposed strategies and priority projects are available at: www.mwcog.org/events/2018/6/7/access-for-all-advisory-committee/.

EQUITY EMPHASIS AREAS AND ENHANCED MOBILITY GRANTS

Mr. Sergio Ritacco of The TPB staff presented the update to the Equity Emphasis Areas (EEAs) with the latest American Community Survey data from the U.S. Census Bureau. AFA members asked if the new EEAs reflect gentrification and staff replied that household income was a contributing factor to why some tracts were added or removed.

Ms. Wendy Klancher described the TPB staff proposal to integrate the EEAs into the selection criteria for COG/TPB Enhanced Mobility funding: applications that provide service in the EEAs in the Washington DC-MD-VA Urbanized Area could receive up to five points out of 100. AFA members supported this idea and requested that a map be made that shows the service area for existing Enhanced Mobility grants and the EEAs.

MEETING ATTENDEES

District of Columbia	Virginia	Chair
Anthony DeLorenzo, DC Department of General Services	Tomi Adeleke, Virginia Department of Transportation	Kacy Kostiuk
Nechama Masliansky, S.O.M.E.	Tom Furlong, Diamond Transportation	TPB Staff
Brenda Richardson, Women Like Us	Alexa Mavroidis, Arlington Transit Advisory Committee Accessibility Subcommittee	Brandon Brown
Maryland	Jeanna Muhoro, Fairfax County Department of Transportation (phone)	Lyn Erickson
Harriet Block, JCA Connect-A-Ride (phone)	Doris Ray, ENDependence Center of Northern Virginia	Wendy Klancher
Shawn Brennan, Montgomery County DHHS	Andy Wexler, Arlington County Transit	Sergio Ritacco
Gloria Butler, Arc of Prince George's County (phone)	Regional	Lynn Winchell-Mendy
Charlie Crawford, represents people with disabilities	Angela White, National MS Society	
Thomas Curtis, Maryland Department of Disabilities	Glenn Millis, WMATA Office of ADA Policy and Planning	
Debbie Fisher, CHI Centers, Inc.	Janine Ashe, FHWA DC Division	
Maxine Powell, Maryland Department of Transportation		
Gloria Swieringa, Prince George's Commissions for Individuals with Disabilities		
Kevin Thornton, Prince George's County DPWT - the Bus		