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**TPB CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MONTHLY REPORT**

November 15, 2017

*Jeremy Martin, CAC Chairman*

On Thursday November 9, the committee received a briefing on the COG Cooperative Land-Use Forecasts and the Commuter Connection's State of the Commute Survey. The committee also discussed how to provide input to the Long-Range Plan Task Force as it considers its possible recommendations to the TPB.

**COOPERATIVE LAND-USE FORECASTS**

Paul DesJardin, director of COG's Community Planning Services, presented on the history of and methodology for developing the COG Cooperative Forecast. He summarized the results of the 9.0 version of the forecast, showing where population and employment growth are anticipated. He also provided an overview of the COG Activity Centers and the Place + Opportunity report and explained how these tools can help prepare the region for anticipated growth.

The committee had questions about the methodology as well as the frequency and accuracy of the forecast. Committee members asked about activity centers that do not have strong transit access and the potential impacts of recruiting large employers to the region. Staff explained that all activity centers are different and that most have strong transit access. Staff also said that most employment growth is anticipated to occur in activity centers which help to mitigate impacts on the transportation system.

**STATE OF THE COMMUTE SURVEY**

Nick Ramfos, TPB Operations Program Manager, presented on the Commuter Connections State of the Commute Survey. He summarized the survey's findings, focusing on the nature of commute trips, trends in telework and rideshare, and satisfaction with commute benefits. He also explained how survey findings are used for air-quality targets, travel modeling, and performance planning.

Committee members were curious about how emerging trends like car sharing will be reflected in future surveys. Committee members also asked about how free parking impacts commuters' choices to drive alone or take transit. Staff said that the likelihood of driving alone goes way up when free parking is provided by the employer. There was also a question about employer-provided parking cash out programs. Staff explained that employers have a hard time managing those programs which has prevented them from being widely adopted.

**DISCUSSION ON PROVIDING INPUT TO THE LONG-RANGE PLAN TASK FORCE**

Jeremy Martin said that the CAC will be holding a special session on Thursday, November 16 from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. to receive a briefing on the findings of the analysis conducted for the Long-Range Plan Task Force. He said that following this session he will poll the committee to get a sense of which initiatives the CAC would recommend that the task force endorse.

**OTHER DISCUSSION**

- Staff announced the 2018 CAC application cycle and encouraged the committee to complete applications and nominate themselves to participate on next year’s committee.
- Lyn Erickson, Plan Development & Program Coordination Director, reviewed the agenda for the November TPB meeting.
- Bill Orleans and Jeremy Martin reported on a meeting with Ray LaHood to discuss LaHood’s Metro study.

**ATTENDEES**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	<b>ALTERNATES</b>	<b>TPB STAFF AND GUESTS</b>
Jeremy Martin, chairman	Jessica Smith	Lyn Erickson, staff
Katherine Kortum	Veronica Lowe	John Swanson, staff
Emmet Tydings	Evan Papp	Bryan Hayes, staff
Robert Jackson	Jeffery Parnes	Abigail Zenner, staff
Meredith Howell	Lorena Rios	Paul DesJardin, staff
		Nick Ramfos, staff
		Bill Orleans, resident