**TPB CAC RESOLUTION**

**Public Participation Activities for the 2018 Long Range Transportation Plan**

**Whereas,** the National Capital Regional Transportation Planning Board (TPB), as the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Washington Region, unanimously approved Phase II activities of the Long Range Plan Task Force (LRPTF) as preamble to the TPB’s 2018 Long Range Plan; and

**Whereas,** the Long Range Plan framework shall replace the Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP) framework in order to better promote the six regional goals stated in the TPB Regional Transportation Priorities Plan (RTTP): a healthy regional core and dynamic activity centers, adequate system maintenance, preservation and safety, maximizing operational effectiveness of the transportation system, enhancing environmental quality and protecting natural resources, and supporting inter-regional and international travel and commerce; and

**Whereas,** the LRPTF has been charged as its duty to identify and address regional challenges and to reevaluate project criteria to be able to surpass outcomes inherent in the current CLRP framework by recommendation, by December 2017, of 6 - 10 bundles and/or individual items of currently unfunded programs, projects, or policies for inclusion in the 2018 Long Range Plan; and

**Whereas,** the Long Range Transportation Task Force understands that one of its primary responsibilities, and integral to achievement of their mandated mission, is to inform their members’ selection of 6 – 10 final bundles and/or items by providing them fair, balanced, and comprehensive data and analysis; and

**Whereas,** TPB Staff has developed Stakeholder and Public Participation activities branded as Visualize2045 as part of the long range planning development process so that the LRPTF, the TPB, and the TPB’s member jurisdictions have a better basis of data and analysis needed to synergistically advance a more effective set of projects and policy inputs to the region’s long range transportation plans.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING BOARD’S CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

1. **Attests,** as a body comprised of planning practitioners as well as grass-roots and community advocates, that early and integral stakeholder/public participation and inputs guarantee more positive and productive outcomes through stronger “Buy-In” of transportation policies; greater use of stronger transportation programs; and more successful conceptualization of transportation projects at the local or regional level.
2. **Calls upon** the LRPTF to correlate findings from the TPB Staff’s Visualize2045 surveys or other public participation inputs, as soon as available in October-2017, as critical evaluative components in the following month of LRPTF analysis, discussion, and decision-making process to meet its December 2017 deadline for selection of recommended unfunded projects, programs, and policies.
3. **Requests** that earliest consideration of public participation findings is required to better fulfill the LRTF’s primary responsibility of providing provide fair, balanced, and comprehensive data and analysis to its members to better inform their selection of said projects, programs, or policies.
4. **Requests** that because transportation-user behaviors and land-use selection decisions made by the general public and stakeholders are as profoundly impactful as any transportation project, program, or policy, that stakeholder and public feedback must recognized as equally integral to the LRPTF’s considerations as any item termed “project,” “program,” or ‘policy.”
5. **Requests** that for the region’s ongoing sustainability and economic success, and in order to facilitate greater regional transportation planning transparency and more effective planning, it is critical that the LRPTF initiates a more synergistic, best practice integration of outreach feedback (that extends to lessons-to-be-learned from correlations in public commentary at TPB meetings) beginning with public participation feedback opportunities to be gained immediately through Visualize2045.

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