



MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Planning Board Steering Committee
FROM: Abigail Zenner, TPB Communications Specialist
SUBJECT: Mid-year appointments to CAC
DATE: June 30, 2017

In May, Keith Benjamin, one of the members of the CAC from the District of Columbia, resigned. This memorandum presents the nominations to replace the member from the District of Columbia for the remainder of the 2017 term.

TPB Vice-Chairman Charles Allen has nominated one of the District of Columbia alternates, Paul Angelone, to take the place of Keith Benjamin as a full member of the CAC. In addition, he has nominated David Murphy as a new alternate from the District of Columbia.

Since these are mid-year appointments, it was decided that they could be approved by the TPB Steering Committee and do not need to be sent to the full board.

As a reminder, according to the TPB's Participation Plan, the CAC comprises 15 members. Six of these members—two each from the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia—are designated by the previous year's CAC. The TPB officers nominate nine individuals—three each from the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia. The 2017 CAC members were approved by the TPB in January.

The applications for the two new appointees are attached.

Paul Angelone

Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

I have an interest to utilize my experiences to help implement the region's forward-thinking transportation plans. I am an active bicyclist, metro rider, and pedestrian but also own a car. Transportation decisions impact the lives of every resident and I would like to contribute to ensure that future decisionmaking by the TPB enables the region to become more equitable and accessible for both current and future residents.

What are your public policy and transportation interests? Please briefly describe your experiences related to those interests and how they will help you contribute to the CAC.

My strong background in public policy, educational background in urban planning, and experience working for the Urban Land Institute (ULI) and the Obama Administration would make me an excellent addition to the CAC. This experience will help me to translate community needs into meaningful recommendations for the TPB on to long-range regional transportation policy. In my current position, I am director for the ULI's Advisory Services Program which has been providing strategic advice to communities and organizations on a wide variety of real estate, planning, urban design and public policy subjects. I have managed panels addressing complex infrastructure, transportation, and land use issues across the United States. I also have led the development of a learning tool to provide public officials a better understanding of the trade-offs that affect real estate development.

Prior to joining ULI I worked for the federal government – first for the White House Council on Environmental Quality and then for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Department of the Interior – to actively promote and advance Administration policy regarding the environment. I coordinated major cross-cutting programs among multiple Federal agencies, states, local governments, tribes, and the public related to climate change, infrastructure, and resilience efforts within the United States and territories. This included working closely with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to speed up their planning process and increase public engagement through the National Environmental Policy Act, which included studying the need for additional multi-modal freight terminals near the Illinois International Port District.

List any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may inform your involvement in CAC discussions.

I attend community meetings hosted by a variety of public policy organizations, District government, and Trinidad neighborhood groups. My role in CAC would be in my personal capacity as an interested District resident. I have volunteered on multiple political campaigns for District offices.

Is there anything else you'd like us to know related to your interest in serving on the CAC?

I have a strong interest in making the metropolitan region's 22 jurisdictions, two states and the District of Columbia, plus the federal government work better together. Transportation is one of the key areas where there has been successful regional cooperation but a re-envisioning of this structure needs to be done. By better structuring our transportation planning across jurisdictional boundaries, the Washington D.C. region will be able to better address other critical issues such as economic and racial inequalities, inadequate housing supply, climate and environmental issues, and economic development.

David Murphy

Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's Citizen Advisory Committee?

Washington, DC has become one of the largest metropolitan areas in the country and continues to grow. I want to help assure that growth is met with viable transit alternatives that compliment the diversity and prosperity of the region.

What are your public policy and transportation interests? Please briefly describe your experiences related to those interests and how they will help you contribute to the CAC.

I am particularly interested in rail transport, transit accessibility for lower income regions, and encouraging commuting.

In my previous employment, I served as the leader of a MARC train riders advisory group, dedicating much of my efforts towards recruiting new riders and creating a more transit friendly environment at Fort Meade. I successfully lobbied for additional shuttles during off-peak hours, and a safer bike connection between the station and the base.

I would like to parlay this experience toward advocacy for larger projects that connect more people to a car-free commute, alleviating traffic, and making it safer and easier to get around the region without an automobile.

List any relevant organizations or groups in which you participate that may inform your involvement in CAC discussions.

Former contributor and active advocate with Greater Greater Washington

Is there anything else you'd like us to know related to your interest in serving on the CAC?

I am retired and car free. I dedicate much of my free time to independent research on American transit systems, their growth, and impact on their communities.