
**TPB CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MONTHLY REPORT**

December 20, 2017

Jeremy Martin, CAC Chair

On Thursday, December 14, the committee received a briefing on the Long-Range Plan Task Force and the non-motorized regional priority projects. The committee also reflected on accomplishments from the past year.

LONG-RANGE PLAN TASK FORCE: UPDATE

Lori Zeller, TPB transportation planner, briefed the committee on the December 6 Long-Range Plan Task Force meeting. She provided an overview of the task force discussion and highlighted the five initiatives that the task force will recommend to that the board approve.

Chairman Jeremy Martin and CAC Task Force representative Emmett Tydings discussed the difference and similarities between the Task Force's recommendations and the committees. One member of the committee was concerned that a list of five initiatives was not aspirational enough. There was disappointment that none of the five selected initiatives address emerging transportation technologies. There was also a discussion about differentiating regional benefits versus corridor benefits, especially regarding commuter rail.

NON-MOTORIZED REGIONAL PRIORITY PROJECTS

John Swanson, TPB transportation planner, briefed the committee on a package of pedestrian and bicycle initiatives identified for inclusion in the unfunded aspirational element of *Visualize 2045*. He provided background on the policy framework and described how the non-priority projects fit in the *Visualize 2045* plan. He provided context for the two initiatives, 1) completion of the National Capital Trail and 2) access improvements to high-capacity transit stations.

The committee asked questions about methodology for identifying potential access projects, and expressed excitement about the potential impact. They group also had questions about funding through the federal TIGER program and the relative cost about building non-motorized infrastructure compared to roads and transit.

CAC YEAR-IN-REVIEW

Bryan Hayes, TPB transportation planner, presented a summary of CAC accomplishments in 2017. He reminded the committee about their mission, which is to provide region-oriented citizen advice to the TPB and to promote public participation. He said that in addition to meaningful contributions to the Long-Range Plan Task Force and *Visualize 2045*, the committee provided feedback to TPB staff on topics ranging from public participation to safety and access and transportation equity.

The committee expressed some frustration that there was not an opportunity to provide more feedback on WMATA and emerging issues of transportation equity.

OTHER DISCUSSION

- Staff reminded the committee to complete applications before the 2018 CAC application cycle ends.
- Lyn Erickson, Plan Development & Program Coordination Director, reviewed the agenda for the December TPB meeting.

ATTENDEES

MEMBERS PRESENT	ALTERNATES	TPB STAFF AND GUESTS
Jeremy Martin, chairman	Veronica Lowe	Lyn Erickson, staff
Katherine Kortum	Jeffery Parnes	John Swanson, staff
Emmet Tydings	Lorena Rios	Bryan Hayes, staff
Meredith Howell	Ronit Dancis	Abigail Zenner, staff
Robyn Jackson	Daniel Papiernik	Lori Zeller, staff
Jeanose Lexima	David Murphy	Bill Orleans, resident