



TPB REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Meeting Summary: June 25, 2019

ATTENDEES

Clinton Edwards, DRPT (Chair)	Carrie Anderson-Watters, Fred.	Andrew Meese, TPB
Kristin Calkins, OPDC	Matthew Gaskin, TPB	Deanna Archery, MCDOT
Kyle Nembhard, MTA	Raka Choudhury, DDOT	Bill Orleans, Citizen
Sergio Ritacco, TPB	Charley Dingboom, WMATA	
Stacy Cook, TPB	David Koch, DDOT	
Nicole McCall, TPB	Eric Randall, TPB	
Ken Joh, TPB	Jim Maslanka, Alex.	
Dan Malouff, ART	Mark Phillips, WMATA	

AGENDA

1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**, *Clinton Edwards, Chair*
 - Call to order and introductions.
2. **H AND I STREET BUS LANE PILOT**, *Raka Choudhury, DDOT*
 - The purpose of this presentation was to share an update on the H and I Street Bus lane project which was recently launched. Both corridors are highly traveled by vehicles and buses, and congestion has lowered the reliability of the bus service.
 - This bus project was launch in response to public concerns that DDOT invests more time on performing studies instead of implementing projects, and lessons learned from an earlier bus lane project on the Rhode Island Ave corridor.
 - The operations for this project are from June 3 until September 27, 2019.
 - Coordination and planning for the launch of the project began in March 2019, contacting MPD, WMATA, DFHV, DPW, and BIDs in the affected service area.

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 Questions:

- What metrics are being used to compare performance? *Travel times, looking back to last year around this time when bus lanes were not in place as well as looking at travel times immediately before launching the bus lanes. WMATA is also looking at trace data. We are not looking at ridership because this project is occurring during the summer months and there is the shut down of metro stations on the Blue and Yellow lines.*
- What has been the overall feedback thus far? *From the public it has been overwhelmingly positive.*
- Has the initial success of this pilot, opening the possibility of a similar pilot on 16th Street? *The 16th Street Bus Lane will be in the final stages before implementation so a similar pilot would not be advisable, however a similar pilot could be used on 14th Street potentially.*
- What has been the reception from the businesses located in the area? *Not good. Some businesses have been complaining that it is difficult to make deliveries due to the bus lane. They have stated that before they could receive delivery trucks and vehicles, but now they*

cannot. It should be noted that it the parking of vehicles before the bus lanes was illegal.

3. FY 2020 UPWP REGIONAL TRANSIT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE COORDINATION, Nicole McCall, TPB and Mark Phillips, WMATA

- The purpose of this presentation is to provide an overview of the TPB's technical assistance program and to start a conversation for potential projects for FY2020. This program is unique to the TPB and the primary function is to respond to requests for technical assistance from state and local governments and transit operating agencies.
- There are three general project categories:
 - Assisting state and local agencies in pre-planning analysis
 - Internal data gathering
 - Studies that can help inform larger regional interests
- The budget for FY2020 is \$177,226.
- Potential Idea – TLC Program's Spring 2020 Solicitation/Fund Transit Projects
 - Suggested by WMATA
 - Short-term consultant assistance to local jurisdictions working on creative and sustainable plans and projects.
- Potential Idea – Phase II Station Access Project
 - Suggested by TPB Staff
 - Conduct a solicitation and fund planning/design projects to improve walk-bike access for station areas on a, currently under development, prioritized list.
- Potential Idea – Transit Travel-Shed Analysis
 - Suggested by DC Office of Planning
 - Research, identify, and acquire a tool for creating regional place-based transit, mainly bus, travel-sheds.

Questions:

- *A possible suggestion for a study that could use technical assistance would be the examination of the transportation alternatives used in Alexandria, during the summer shutdown. This type of information in the future will be useful in the future with other projected Metro shutdowns of stations. Currently TPB staff are compiling data and information about travel, highway travel times, during the shutdown.*
- *A possible suggestion for technical assistance would be the usage of buses using lanes on the highway as a means of providing an alternative, creating a highway bus map for the region, which currently doesn't exist.*
- *A possible suggestion for technical assistance would be a study investigating the creation of a transit center downtown (District of Columbia) used as a possible staging location for commuter buses.*

4. SECTION 5310 ENHANCED MOBILITY SOLICITATION, Sergio Ritacco, TPB

- This presentation was conducted to provide a brief overview of program and upcoming solicitation to prepare interested applicants in applying.
- The purpose of the FTA Enhanced Mobility Program is to improve the mobility of seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation services and expanding the transportation mobility options available.
- The program provides matching grants (50% operating, 20% capital and mobility management that go above and beyond traditional public transit and ADA complementary paratransit service.
- Pre-Application Conferences will occur during August and September of 2019.
- Solicitation will be open from September 1 until November 3, 2019.
- The funding available is approximately \$5.6 million.
- Non-profit agencies, private providers, transit agencies, and local governments are eligible to



apply.

- The type of projects that are funded are capital and operating grants that improve transportation for people with disabilities and older adults.
- Projects must benefit populations in the Washington DC-VA-MD UZA.

Questions:

- No Questions.

5. STATE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION REPORT UPDATE, *Matthew Gaskin, TPB*

- The purpose of this presentation was to provide and update and to receive feedback and comments concerning the in progress 2018 State of Public Transportation Report.

Questions/Comments:

- *Comment provided include DC Streetcar in the profile sheet section.*
- *Comment provided include additional information on regional paratransit efforts.*

6. ADJOURN

- Clinton Edwards adjourned the meeting at 2:00 PM
- The next meeting is scheduled for July 30, 2019

All meeting materials are available for download from the subcommittee's website:

<https://www.mwcog.org/events/2019/1/29/tpb-regional-public-transportation-subcommittee/>

