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**TPB CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MONTHLY REPORT**

February 21, 2018

*Katherine Kortum, CAC Chair*

The 2018 CAC had its first meeting of the year on Thursday, February 15. The meeting focused on orienting new members to the CAC and the TPB. The committee also discussed priorities to include in the 2018 CAC work plan.

### **OVERVIEW OF TPB WORK ACTIVITIES AND PLANS FOR 2018**

Kanti Srikanth, TPB Staff Director, presented an overview of TPB work activities. He provided context for the TPB's work by explaining the federal requirements for MPOs and highlighting key information about the TPB and its policy framework, its members, and the planning area. He said that the CAC is unique because it interfaces with the public, the TPB, and the local jurisdictions. In other words, the CAC plays an important role in the TPB's top-down/bottom-up planning process.

### **VISUALIZE 2045: A QUICK OVERVIEW**

Lyn Erickson, TPB Plan Development & Program Coordination Director, briefed the committee on the plans for Visualize 2045. She provided background on the history of the plan update and focused on the outline of the document. She explained that the CAC will be involved throughout the process to develop the plan, especially on the public outreach components.

### **DISCUSSION ABOUT THE YEAR AHEAD**

Charles Allen, TPB Chair, described the effort that the TPB put into some of its recent accomplishments. He called out the work of the Long-Range Plan Task Force and said that it fostered a challenging but important regional discussion that resulted in five recommendations that were adopted by the TPB in December. He said that his two years as chair of the Access for All Advisory Committee – which provides a unique space to think differently about the east-west divide, land-use, bus rapid transit, affordability, and other issues – will inform his work as TPB chair.

Looking to the year ahead, Mr. Allen said that he plans to push the board to figure out how to put the recommendations from the Long-Range Plan Task Force into place. He encouraged the CAC members to raise awareness about TPB activities with their local civic associations and groups. He said that the TPB's major work activity this year will be creating and approving the Visualize 2045 plan. He added that he'd like to think about how the TPB can work with the local planning directors on land-use policy, and talk with other elected officials about easy to implement plans that would improve regional connectivity. He finished by saying that this is a pivotal year for WMATA and it is important that the region find long-term sustainable funding for the system. He urged the committee to not overlook WMATA's bus service.

The committee agreed that buses are an important part of the region's transportation network connecting activity centers. They also wondered what buses might look like in the future. The committee urged the board to consider the implications of changing technology on transportation and the way that different agencies work together.

## BRAINSTORMING PRIORITIES FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR

Bryan Hayes, TPB Transportation Planner, explained that the purpose of the CAC work plan is to assist in guiding CAC agendas and work activities for 2018. This year the committee's two main priorities are to provide independent, region-oriented citizen advice to the TPB and to participate in the Visualize 2045 plan, especially assisting with the outreach component.

The committee discussed possible topics to complete the work plan, including a focus on equity, mass transit, and technology in transportation.

## THE COMMITTEE ALSO DISCUSSED

- Introductions from CAC members and TPB staff.
- John Swanson announced the call for applications for the Transportation/Land-Use Connections program.
- Lyn Erickson, TPB Plan Development & Program Coordination Director, reviewed the agenda for the February TPB meeting.

## ATTENDEES

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	<b>ALTERNATES</b>	<b>TPB STAFF AND GUESTS</b>
Katherine Kortum, chair	Zunjing Jenipher Wang	Charles Allen, TPB Chair
Jeremy Martin	Daniel Papiernik	Kanti Srikanth, staff
Enrique Tejada	Cindy LaBon	Lyn Erickson, staff
Meredith Howell	Vicki Lancaster	John Swanson, staff
Josh Linden	Theodore Wilhite	Bryan Hayes, staff
Rob Jackson	Chuck Claar	Abigail Zenner, staff
Carol Tyson	Justin Lini	Nancy Abeles, resident
Veronica Lowe		Bill Orleans, resident