

Meeting Highlights: TPB Technical Committee, July 12, 2019

The Technical Committee met on July 12, 2019 in the Ronald Kirby Training Center at COG. The following items were reviewed for inclusion on the TPB's July agenda:

- **TPB agenda item 7 - Regional Car Free Days 2019 Proclamation**

The committee was briefed on the international context and history of the event that will be taking place this year in the metro region from September 21 – 23. The committee was provided background on media coverage, the event's regional history and information relating to the events webpage and registration. Promotional materials and social media advertisement were shared in addition to marketing strategies. Jurisdictional events including the regional College Campus Challenge were also highlighted. Members were asked to help in promoting this year's event throughout their respective jurisdictions and to register for the event as well.

Posted material: <https://www.mwcog.org/assets/1/28/07122019 - Item 2 - Presentation - Car Free Days 2019.pdf>

- **TPB agenda item 8 – FY 2021-2024 TIP and Visualize 2045 Updates: Inputs for the Air Quality Conformity Analysis and Air Quality Conformity Scope of Work**

The board was briefed on the inputs received and the Scope of Work for the air quality conformity analysis of the FY 2021-2024 TIP and 2020 Amendment to the Visualize 2045 Plan in June. The committee was informed that the board will be asked to approve the project inputs and the Air Quality Conformity Scope of Work at the July meeting.

Posted material: <https://www.mwcog.org/assets/1/28/07122019- Item 3 - VDOT letter Beltway Express project aqc sensitivity test july 2 - Copy.pdf>

Posted material: [https://www.mwcog.org/assets/1/28/07122019 - Item 3 - Memo - Project Inputs and Scope of Work for the AQ Conformity Analysis of the FY21-24 TIP and 2020 Amendment \(updated July 10\).pdf](https://www.mwcog.org/assets/1/28/07122019 - Item 3 - Memo - Project Inputs and Scope of Work for the AQ Conformity Analysis of the FY21-24 TIP and 2020 Amendment (updated July 10).pdf)

- **TPB agenda item 9 – FY 2020 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program for Maryland TPB Jurisdictions**

The committee was provided background context related to the federal Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TAP) which was established by federal law to fund a variety of smaller-scale transportation projects such as pedestrian and bicycle facilities, trails, safe routes to school (SRTS) projects, community improvements, and environmental mitigation. Recommended projects were reviewed, and the committee was notified that the TPB will be briefed on recommended projects and asked to approve them at the July meeting.

Posted material: [https://www.mwcog.org/assets/1/28/07122019 - Item 4- Memo - MD Transportation Alternatives Program \(TAP\) Projects.pdf](https://www.mwcog.org/assets/1/28/07122019 - Item 4- Memo - MD Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Projects.pdf)

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- **TPB agenda item 10 – FY 2020 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program for the District of Columbia**

The committee was provided background context related to the federal Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TAP) which was established by federal law to fund a variety of smaller-scale transportation projects such as pedestrian and bicycle facilities, trails, safe routes to school (SRTS) projects, community improvements, and environmental mitigation. Recommended projects were reviewed, and the committee was notified that the TPB will be briefed on recommended projects and asked to approve them at the July meeting.

Posted material: [https://www.mwcog.org/assets/1/28/07122019 - Item 5 - Memo - DC Transportation Alternatives Program \(TAP\) Projects.pdf](https://www.mwcog.org/assets/1/28/07122019_-_Item_5_-_Memo_-_DC_Transportation_Alternatives_Program_(TAP)_Projects.pdf)

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- **TPB agenda item 12 - Bus Transformation Project: TPB Comments**

The committee was briefed on the request by TPB members to provide comments to the Bus Transformation Project which had been presented previously to the board. Previously, TPB members were asked to identify recommendations from the study that would best be supported regionally and could be quickly implemented. Board officers worked with TPB staff to draft a letter that will be presented to the TPB at its July meeting.

Posted material: [https://www.mwcog.org/assets/1/28/Item 7 - Letter Under Review.pdf](https://www.mwcog.org/assets/1/28/Item_7_-_Letter_Under_Review.pdf)

- **TPB agenda item 13 - Notice of Proposed Amendment to Update Projects and Funding in the District of Columbia Section of the FY 2019-2024 TIP**

The committee was notified that the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) has requested an amendment to update projects and funding in the District section of the FY 2019-2024 TIP. The amendment will be released for a 30-day public comment and inter-agency review period on July 24, 2019. The committee was also informed that the board will be asked to approve this amendment at the September meeting.

Posted Material: [https://www.mwcog.org/assets/1/28/Item 8 - DDOT TIP Amendment.pdf](https://www.mwcog.org/assets/1/28/Item_8_-_DDOT_TIP_Amendment.pdf)

The following items were presented for information and discussion:

- **Visualize 2045 Initiatives: Ped/Bike Station Access Update**

The committee was briefed on a TPB project to identify a set of regionally prioritized high-capacity transit station areas with deficient pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure and where there is significant potential demand for more walking and biking. The development of this prioritized list will advance one of the seven aspirational initiatives of Visualize 2045 (“Improve Walk and Bike Access to Transit”) and will fulfill the directive provided in TPB Resolution R10-2019, approved in December 2018. In recent months, staff has developed a preliminary list of priority station areas based on an analysis of regional data. The committee was informed that staff plans to meet with jurisdiction staff in the coming months to refine the list.

Posted material: [https://www.mwcog.org/assets/1/28/07122019 - Item 6 - Memo - Station Access Project.pdf](https://www.mwcog.org/assets/1/28/07122019_-_Item_6_-_Memo_-_Station_Access_Project.pdf)

Posted material: [https://www.mwcog.org/assets/1/28/07122019 - Item 6 - Presentation - Bike-Walk Access Priority Stations - Tech 7-12-192.pdf](https://www.mwcog.org/assets/1/28/07122019_-_Item_6_-_Presentation_-_Bike-Walk_Access_Priority_Stations_-_Tech_7-12-192.pdf)

Posted material: [https://www.mwcog.org/assets/1/28/Item 6 - GIS Walksheds Map.pdf](https://www.mwcog.org/assets/1/28/Item_6_-_GIS_Walksheds_Map.pdf)

- **Safety Study: Scope of Work and Status Update**

The committee was briefed on the progress of the TPB's safety study. Local jurisdictions will also be asked for safety activities to bring to the board's attention.

Posted material: <https://www.mwcog.org/assets/1/28/07122019 - Item 9 - Memo - Safety Study Scope and Tentative Schedule for TPB Safety Updates.pdf>

Posted Material: <https://www.mwcog.org/assets/1/28/07122019 - Item 9 - Presentation - Safety Topics.pdf>

- **Enhanced Mobility Solicitation**

The committee was provided an overview of the federal Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility grants solicitation process, which begins in August.

Posted material: <https://www.mwcog.org/assets/1/28/07122019 - Item 10 - Package for printing.pdf>

Posted material: <https://www.mwcog.org/assets/1/28/07122019 - Item 10 - 2019 EM Solicitation handout.pdf>

Posted material: <https://www.mwcog.org/assets/1/28/07122019 - Item 10 - DRAFT - Tech 2019 Enhanced Mobility Solicitation.pdf>

- **Draft State of Public Transportation Report**

The committee was briefed on the draft of the 2018 annual State of Public Transportation report. The purpose of this report is to provide a concise overview of the state of regional public transportation in the National Capitol Region. A request was made to jurisdictions who did not submit data for the report to do so soon.

Posted material: <https://www.mwcog.org/assets/1/28/07122019 - Item 11 - 2018 State of Public Transportation Draft Report.pdf>

Posted material: <https://www.mwcog.org/assets/1/28/07122019 - Item 11 - Presentation - 2018 State of Public Transportation Draft Report.pdf>

- **COG Title VI Plan**

The committee was briefed on the COG Title VI Plan, which was approved by the COG Board in April 2019.

Posted material: <https://www.mwcog.org/assets/1/28/Item 12 - TPB 2019 Final Title VI Plan Update.pdf>

- **Other Business**

- Nice/Middleton Bridge (reminder that it is on the July TPB agenda)
- Census Transportation Planning Products (CTPP) Training Announcement
- CAVs related activities
- Briefing on the Transportation Climate Initiative
<https://www.mwcog.org/assets/1/28/Item 13 - 20190712 TCI Briefing Memo for TPB Tech.pdf>
- Request for presentations on local projects which exemplify the seven endorsed initiatives

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