

Meeting Highlights TPB Technical Committee – March 5, 2021

The Technical Committee met on Friday, March 5, 2021 in an online-only session. Meeting materials can be found here: <https://www.mwcog.org/events/2021/3/5/tpb-technical-committee/>

The following items were reviewed for inclusion on the TPB's March agenda.

TPB AGENDA ITEMS 7 AND 8 – BRIEFING ON THE DRAFT FY 2022 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

The committee was briefed on the amendment to the FY 2021 UPWP and associated FY 2021 carryover funding to FY 2022. The board is asked to approve the FY 2022 UPWP at the March 17 meeting.

TPB AGENDA ITEM 9 – BRIEFING ON THE DRAFT FY 2022 COMMUTER CONNECTIONS WORK PROGRAM

The committee was briefed on the Commuter Connections Work Program (CCWP), the annual statement of work that identifies alternative commute program projects and services designed to help improve traffic congestion and meet regional air quality goals in the non-attainment area. The board is asked to approve the FY 2022 CCWP at its March 17 meeting.

The following items were presented for information and discussion:

VISUALIZE 2045 – INPUTS SUBMITTED

The committee was briefed on the air quality conformity inputs and all new projects and project changes received for the 2022 update to Visualize 2045. Staff provided notice about a facilitated TPB work session on project inputs scheduled for April 21.

VISUALIZE 2045 – UPDATE ON THE 2021 FOCUS GROUPS

The committee was briefed on the objectives, recruitment, and framework for the 2021 Focus Groups. Staff discussed next steps for this project including the qualitative data analysis.

VISUALIZE 2045 – TPB POLICY PRIORITIES – TRACKING PROGRESS

The committee was briefed on staff activities to support Visualize 2045 implementation and provide information about new efforts to track progress. Staff requested input from technical members to support this effort.

ROUND 9.2 COOPERATIVE FORECASTS

The committee was briefed on the draft 9.2 Cooperative Forecasts that the TPB staff use in the constrained element of Visualize 2045 and the Air Quality Conformity Analysis. Staff summarized forecasts and discussed next steps in the process.

TRANSIT WITHIN REACH

The committee was briefed on the upcoming launch of the Transit Within Reach program that funds design projects to improve bike and walk connections to Transit Access Focus Areas (TAFAs). Staff provided an overview of the program along with the timeline for the upcoming solicitation period.

REGIONAL ELECTRIC BUS OVERVIEW

The committee was briefed on an overview of national trends in electric buses, recent growth in the region's e-bus procurement, and local agency initiatives towards fleet electrification.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Visualize 2045 – Status Report
- Resiliency Study Update and Outreach Response Reminder
- Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriates Act of 2021
- Bike to Work Day May 21, 2021
- TPB Climate Change Mitigation Study of 2021 – Phase 1
- Transportation Climate Initiative
- Connected and Autonomous Vehicles
- Regional Travel Survey Tabulations and Continued Analysis
- USDOT INFRA Grants
- Staff reports