

## Meeting Highlights TPB Technical Committee – March 3, 2023

The Technical Committee met on Friday, March 3, 2023. Meeting materials can be found here:

<https://www.mwcog.org/events/2023/3/3/tpb-technical-committee/>

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

### **TPB AGENDA ITEM 7 – BRIEFING ON THE DRAFT FY 2024 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM**

At the February 15 meeting, the board was briefed on the draft FY 2024 UPWP and the proposed carry over funding. Certain projects and budgets in the current FY 2023 UPWP have been identified to be removed from the FY 2023 UPWP and carried over to FY 2024. The committee was briefed on the amendment to the FY 2023 UPWP and associated FY 2023 carryover funding to FY 2024. The board will be asked to approve the FY 2024 UPWP at its March 15 meeting.

### **TPB AGENDA ITEM 8 – BRIEFING ON THE DRAFT FY 2024 COMMUTER CONNECTIONS WORK PROGRAM**

At the February 15 meeting, the board was briefed on the draft FY 2024 CCWP. The CCWP is an annual work statement that identifies alternative commute program projects and services designed to help improve traffic congestion and meet regional air quality goals. On March 15, the board was briefed on the final draft of the FY 2024 CCWP and will be asked to approve it.

The following items were presented for information and discussion:

### **TPB WORK SESSION: WMATA BETTER BUS DISCUSSIONS**

The committee was briefed on the outline for a work session which is now scheduled to take place immediately prior to the April 19 board meeting, to discuss key issues for the WMATA Better Bus project.

### **VISUALIZE 2050: COMMENTS RECEIVED TO DATE, MARCH LISTENING SESSION DETAILS, MEMBERS TO REPORT ON PROGRESS AND ASK QUESTIONS**

Staff reported on public comments received, shared the format and expectations for the March TPB project input listening sessions, and members were asked to report out on the development of their project inputs and their financial revenue and expenditure projections.

### **MPO HOUSEHOLD TRAVEL SURVEYS - STATE OF THE PRACTICE**

Since the last regional household travel survey conducted in 2017/2018 (Regional Travel Survey), travel survey methods have been evolving to address the need to capture regional travel patterns more frequently due to emerging technologies and shifts in travel behavior from the pandemic. To address these needs, TPB staff conducted a project to consider the approach and methodology used for future household travel surveys by researching the latest methods and approaches. Staff shared findings from interviews with peer MPOs conducted in the fall of 2022 and discussed next steps.

### **BRIEF OR LASTING: CHANGES TO BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN VOLUMES DURING AND AFTER THE PANDEMIC**

In the months that followed the arrival of the pandemic, the volume of bicycle and pedestrian travel soared. Was this a short-term change or a permanent outcome of the pandemic? TPB staff reported on the volume of bicycles and pedestrians recorded by continuous count stations before, during, and after the pandemic with a focus on Arlington County, VA.

## **MILITARY INSTALLATION RESILIENCE IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION: FOCUS ON TRANSPORTATION ELEMENTS**

Ms. Rainone reviewed past, current, and future resiliency planning work as it relates to the Department of Defense (DoD) in the National Capital Region and beyond. The presentation provided an overview of recently completed and planned resiliency studies, with a specific focus on transportation measures included, at military installations in the region.

## **FEDERAL CERTIFICATION REVIEW**

Every 4 years, USDOT reviews all aspects of how the TPB is meeting the federal transportation planning process requirements. The committee was briefed on the federal certification review of the TPB. The desk audit is underway and the (hybrid) site visit took place on March 8 and 9 in the Training Center.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Technical Assistance
- Air Passenger Survey Pretest
- Clean Data Determination
- Maryland Transportation Alternative Program application period April 14 – May 15
- Staff Update