
TPB CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

June 19, 2019

Rob Jackson, CAC Chair

The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) met on Thursday, June 13. At the meeting the committee was briefed on transportation safety and the regional travel survey. They also discussed ways that CAC members can assist with implementation of the aspirational initiatives from Visualize 2045.

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY IN THE WASHINGTON REGION

Jon Schermann, TPB Transportation Planner, briefed the committee on the board's recent briefings on transportation safety. He provided some context around the board's interest and shared TPB transportation data. He encouraged the committee to review presentations by each of the state DOTs to the TPB. He will be back to provide more information at a future CAC meeting.

Like the TPB, the committee expressed a desire for aspirational targets that exceed federal standards. They talked about the trade offs of focusing on education, enforcement, engineering, and emergency response. They felt too much emphasis on education and enforcement may not be as effective at improving safety as significant changes to infrastructure, while recognizing financial constraints.

IMPLEMENTING THE VISUALIZE 2045 ASPIRATIONAL INITIATIVES

Stacy Cook, TPB Transportation Planner, led a discussion with the committee about the Visualize 2045 aspirational initiatives. She said that staff is exploring ways to raise awareness of the initiatives and to promote projects, policies, and programs that support the initiatives. She asked the committee to talk about their comfort being ambassadors for Visualize 2045 and the ways that staff could support their efforts.

The following is a summary of committee discussion. The italicized summarize questions that the CAC would like staff to think about as they plan outreach around Visualize 2045.

- It can be difficult to identify the right person or department in a community to raise concerns. Information isn't always accessible about planned changes, and opportunities to provide feedback aren't always clear. *How can staff help the public make these connections?*
- Elected officials on the TPB and members of the CAC are working towards similar ends. The CAC could be more effective if they had the support of their elected officials. That CAC can also support elected officials in their efforts to raise awareness about the aspirational initiatives. *How can staff help make connections between the CAC and board members?*
- Every week there are community meetings happen across the region. If TPB staff does not have the capacity to raise awareness about Visualize 2045 and the aspirational initiatives by attending these meetings, perhaps the CAC can share information. *What information and training does the CAC need to effectively raise awareness about Visualize 2045?*

- Most members of the CAC are not trained community advocates. There is an interest in raising awareness about Visualize 2045 in their community and with their elected officials, but there is a gap in the level of comfort with doing this. *What type of training might benefit the CAC when raising awareness about Visualize 2045?*
- There are many advisory committees and groups across the region. Perhaps the committee could be more effective if they teamed up with those groups in addition to reaching out to public at large. *How can staff facilitate these connections to other advisory groups?*

THE COMMITTEE ALSO DISCUSSED

- Ken Joh, TPB Transportation Planner, briefed the committee on the ongoing regional travel survey.
- Abigail Zenner, TPB Communications Specialist, reviewed the agenda for the June TPB meeting.

ATTENDEES

MEMBERS PRESENT	ALTERNATES	TPB STAFF AND GUESTS
Rob Jackson, chair	Tahari Johnson	Bryan Hayes, TPB staff
Nancy Abeles, vice-chair	Jacqueline Manapsal	Abigail Zenner, TPB staff
Meredith Howell, vice-chair	Katie Weintraub	Ken Joh, TPB staff
Kalai Kandasamy	Tony Giancola	Jon Schermann, TPB staff
Jeff Parnes	Elisa Walton	Stacy Cook, TPB staff
Ricky Tejada		
Emmet Tydings		Bill Orleans, public
Audrey Derissaint-Nwaze		
Karthik Balasubramanian		
Katherine Kortum		
Theodore Wilhite		
Jasmine Young		