



MEMORANDUM

TO: TPB Steering Committee
FROM: Lyn Erickson, Plan Development and Coordination Program Director
SUBJECT: Change of Dates for the TIP Public Forum and Visualize 2045 Fall Public Comment Period
DATE: February 23, 2018

The Technical Inputs Solicitation document for the constrained element of Visualize 2045, the long-range transportation plan for the National Capital Region, was approved by the TPB on October 18, 2017, and included a schedule for development and adoption of Visualize 2045 and the FY 2019-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). This schedule indicated that a Public Forum would be held on the development of the FY 2019-2024 TIP on May 10, 2018 and that a public comment period would take place from September 13 to October 13. TPB staff is proposing to change these dates for the following reasons.

TPB staff is recommending that the TIP Public Forum be postponed from May 10 to July 12. This delay would provide a longer gap and clearer differentiation between the Visualize 2045 public participation forums that are scheduled to take place in April and May and the TIP Public Forum, which would cover very different topics. The delay would also provide additional time for agencies to submit inputs to the TIP and for staff and representatives from member agencies to determine what performance-based planning and programming measures will be included in the analysis of the new TIP.

TPB staff is recommending the public comment period be advanced to take place from September 7 to October 7. In the fall, the TPB will release a complete draft of Visualize 2045 for an additional public comment period. The public comment period was previously announced as scheduled to take place from September 13 to October 13. Since the TPB is scheduled to approve the plan on October 17, there is very little time for the TPB and the jurisdiction staffs to review, consider and respond to the comments on this quadrennial update. In order to allow more time for TPB staff, member jurisdictions and member agencies, staff is proposing an earlier start to the public comment period.

TPB staff seeks the concurrence of the Steering Committee for these recommendations. An official announcement of the schedule changes can then be made at the March 21 TPB meeting.