

# OVERVIEW OF TPB WORK ACTIVITIES

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## Roles and Responsibilities of the TPB Citizens Advisory Committee

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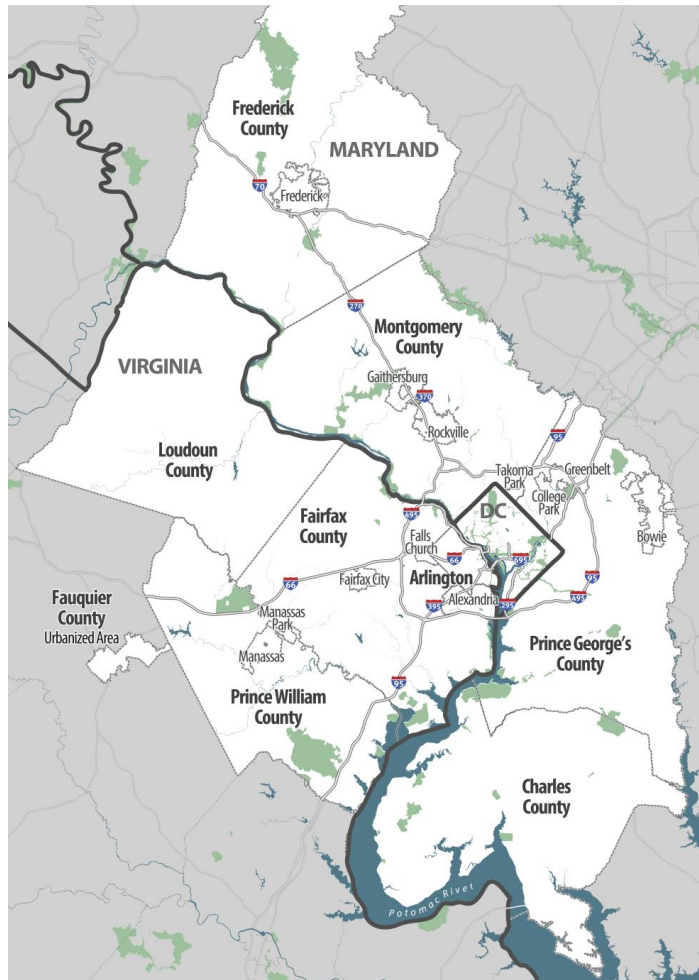
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# Federal Requirements for MPOs

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- Serve as a representative group of local stakeholders of the region
- Carry out the “3C Process” – “Continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive” consultation process
- Lead the *REGIONAL* transportation planning process in cooperation with the state DOT(s) and transit operators
- Develop plans and programs that consider all transportation modes and support metropolitan community and economic development
- Work in conjunction with state air and transportation agencies to meet federal Clean Air Act standards

# About the TPB and its Planning Area

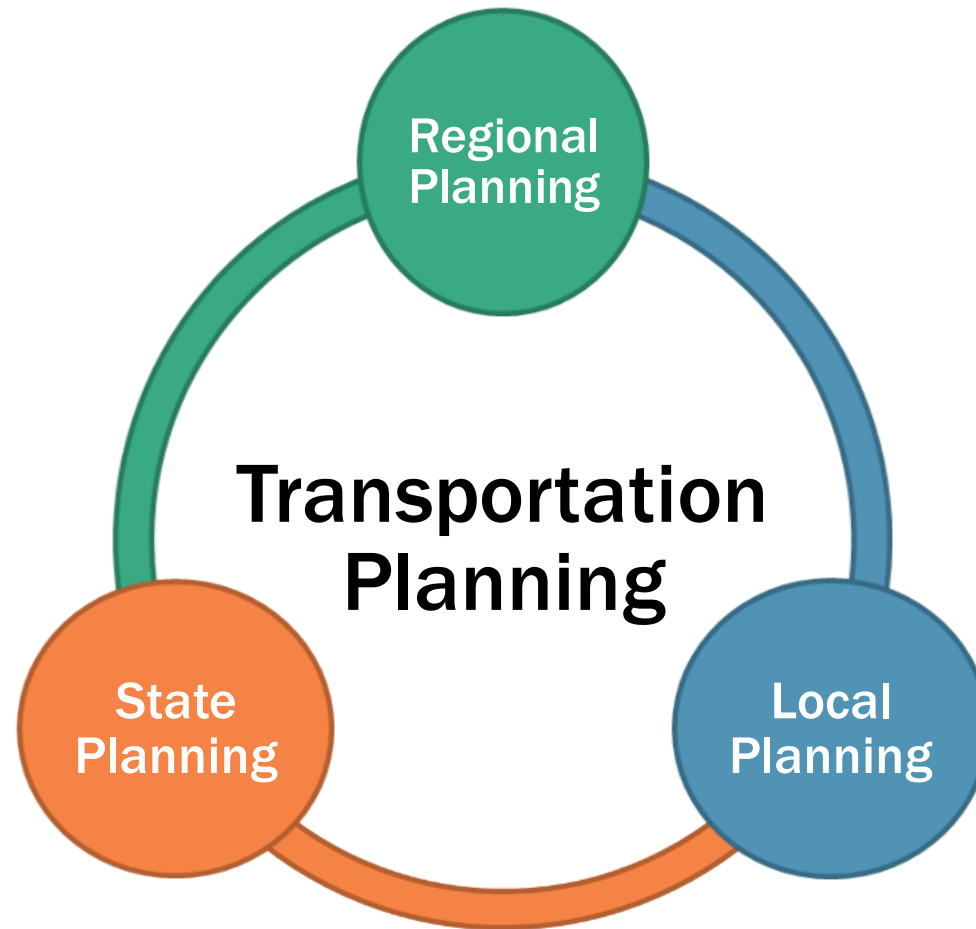


- Federal planning body - TPB
- Approximately 3,500 square miles
- Includes over 4.5 million people and 3 million jobs
- **Jurisdictions/Agencies**
  - State and D.C. legislatures
  - State transportation agencies (3)
  - County and City governments (22)
  - Transit Agencies (19)
  - Federal Entities (4)
  - Other (2)



# Transportation Planning Process

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# Is Transportation Decision Making Process more like

An assembly line?



Or sausage-making?



## BOTH!

### Assembly line

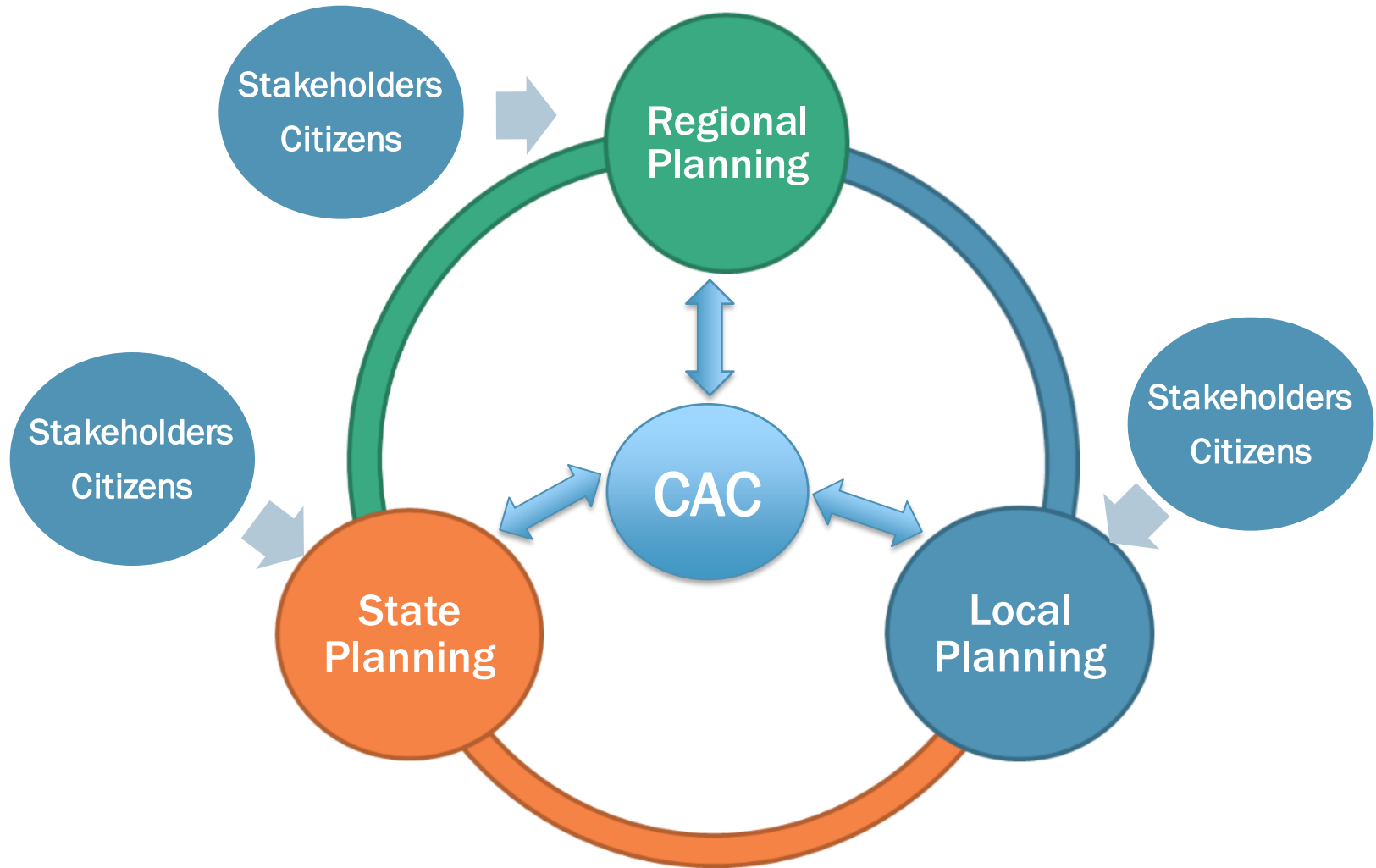
There are steps and requirements that effective community leaders should know about.

### Sausage-making

It's sometimes messy and has unpredictable ingredients...  
It's political.



# Transportation Planning Process



# TPB's Citizens Advisory Committee

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## Two-part mission:

- to *promote public involvement* in transportation planning for the National Capital Region; and
- to *provide independent, region-oriented citizen advice* to the TPB on **transportation plans, programs and other related issues** in the Region; **responding to requests from the TPB** for comments on specific issues or subject matter.

# TPB Project Authority: A Dose of Reality

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- **Who develops projects?**

Project development typically occurs at the state and local levels. The TPB usually does not select and fund projects.

- **Who controls the money?**

D.C., Maryland and Virginia each controls its own funding stream. Each has its own system for moving projects forward.

- **Influence of the TPB process is often indirect.**

Regional policies and federal transportation planning requirements exert an influence on the types of projects that are developed and submitted by the states and locals to the TPB.





# TPB Policy Framework



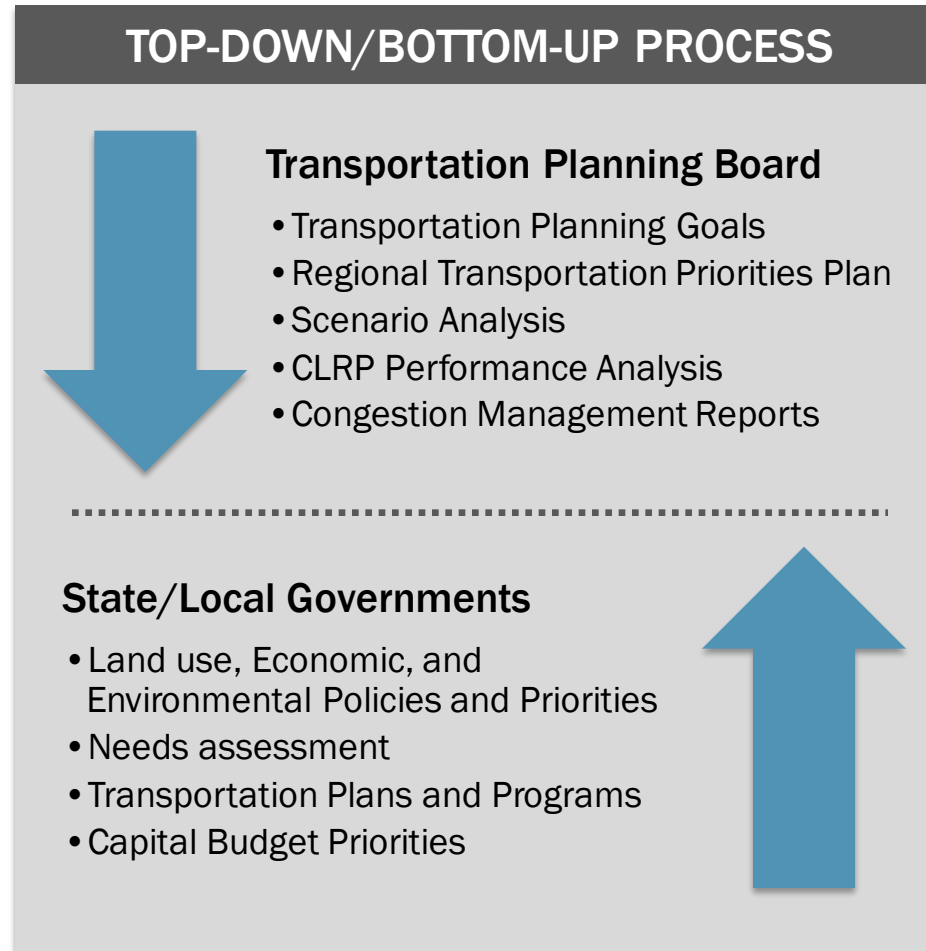
Consider regional needs when developing local projects and programs for funding and implementation.

- Provide a Comprehensive Range of Transportation Options
- Promote Dynamic Activity Centers
- Ensure System Maintenance, Preservation, and Safety
- Maximize Operational Effectiveness and Safety
- Protect and Enhance the Natural Environment
- Support Interregional and International Travel and Commerce

## Think Regionally, Act Locally



# TPB Long-Range Planning Approach



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