
**TPB CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MONTHLY REPORT**

April 20, 2016

Douglas Stewart, Chairman

On Thursday, April 14, the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) held its third meeting of the 2016 session. The CAC was briefed on the results of the 'No Build' Scenario Draft Analysis and updates on the Long Range Planning Task Force. The committee also voted to approve its 2016 Work Plan.

DISCUSSION ON 'NO-BUILD' SCENARIO DRAFT RESULTS

Dusan Vuksan gave a presentation on the draft results of a "No Build" scenario analysis, which looked at how the region's transportation system would operate in 2040 with and without the existing projects in the CLRP. This analysis was conducted as an activity of the Long-Range Plan Task Force, formerly known as the Unfunded Capital Needs Working Group.

Mr. Vuksan said the analysis indicated that relative to the No Build scenario, the CLRP would yield significant reductions in congestion, as well as increases in transit use and access to jobs for both highways and transit.

However, CAC members observed that the changes between the two scenarios actually appeared quite small. Members further noted that this information was quite difficult for a non-technical audience to understand. As staff proceeds with the next steps in the analysis, the committee agreed that staff should be sure to focus on how the results are communicated to the region's leaders and to the public.

UPDATE ON THE LONG-RANGE PLAN WORKING GROUP

John Swanson said that the Long Range Planning Task Force will continue the work of the Unfunded Capital Needs Working Group. Staff will work on two objectives: develop the list of unfunded priority projects and promote regional criteria among TPB members.

A committee member observed that the previous name "Unfunded Capital Needs Working Group" was more specific than the new name "Long-Range Plan Task Force," which is very general. He said he was concerned about how this work was being branded and whether the original focus on identifying a limited list of unfunded projects might be diluted. Committee members also emphasized the importance of making the plan focused and relatable for public buy-in.

APPROVAL OF 2016 CAC WORK PLAN

The committee discussed their draft 2016 draft work plan. The plan includes two main priorities: unfunded capital needs and public engagement, and three secondary priorities: transportation safety, bicycle planning, and WMATA. Discussion focused on public engagement. Members wanted to involve TPB members in outreach efforts and also host educational forums focused on the TPB and regional priorities.

A motion to approve the 2016 Work Plan was carried and passed unanimously. The Work Plan is attached to this report.

OTHER DISCUSSION

- Kanti Srikanth reviewed the agenda for the March TPB meeting.
- Ben Hampton and Abigail Zenner presented the new, online-only TPB News site.

ATTENDEES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Douglas Stewart, Chairman

Jeremy Martin, Vice-Chairman

Keith Benjamin, Vice-Chairman

Robyn Jackson

Jeanose Lexima

Nancy Abeles

Tom Sanchez

Stephen Still

Tina Slater

Emmet Tydings

Alex Tremble

Rob Jackson

Lorena Rios

ALTERNATES

Gary Hodge

TPB STAFF AND GUESTS

Kanti Srikanth, staff

Bob Griffiths, staff

Dusan Vuksan, staff

John Swanson, staff

Lamont Cobb, staff

Ben Hampton, staff

Lori Zeller, staff

Abigail Zenner, staff

Bill Orleans



Citizens Advisory Committee 2016 Work Plan

In an effort to maximize the impact of the Citizens Advisory Committee to the TPB, the committee has developed a work plan that articulates committee priorities and goals for committee work in 2016. This work plan builds on the CAC mission and acknowledges that the CAC is most effective when it **promotes public involvement** in transportation planning for the region, and **provides independent, region-oriented citizen advice** to the TPB on transportation plans and issues.

Priorities are topics that the CAC will engage with multiple times throughout the 2016 session. These are the areas in which the CAC hopes to have the biggest impact.

Unfunded Capital Needs / Long-Range Transportation Plan – The CAC seeks to promote public input into the TPB’s effort to develop a prioritized list of unfunded capital transportation needs.

- Goal: Appoint a CAC representative to sit on the Long-Range Plan working group, ensuring CAC presence and participation at meetings, and regularly report back to CAC
- Goal: Develop recommendations on CAC input and participation to the TPB regarding the long-range plan process

Participation – The CAC encourages TPB staff to explore new ways to engage the public around regional transportation planning issues.

- Goal: Assist TPB staff with scheduling and hosting a series of outreach meetings related to the TPB’s new long-range planning process
- Goal: Work with TPB staff to develop recommendations for improving TPB participation activities as part of the TPB Evaluation of Participation in 2015
- Goal: Advise TPB staff to work with jurisdictions to raise public awareness about small project funding opportunities, like the Transportation/Land-Use Coordination, Transportation Alternatives, and Enhanced Mobility

Secondary priorities are topics that the CAC will address a few times throughout the session while still providing the committee with an opportunity to inform TPB work.

Transportation Safety – The CAC asks TPB staff to respond to the 2015 CAC recommendation that the TPB commit to eliminating traffic deaths in the Washington region.

- Goal: Work with the TPB’s Safety committee to document safety initiatives underway in Washington area jurisdictions to eliminate traffic deaths in the Washington region

Pedestrian & Bicycle Planning – The CAC asks to be briefed on regional pedestrian and bicycle planning activities.

- Goal: Advise the TPB on the creation of a prioritized list of unfunded pedestrian and bicycle projects

Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority – The CAC encourages the TPB to promote the importance of Metro for the Washington region.

- Goal: Share CAC response to upcoming plans at WMATA to improve the Metro system
- Goal: Collaborate with WMATA’s Riders Advisory Council to explore ways for the public to advocate for change at WMATA on specific issues