

ITEM 9 – Information
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DMVMOVES Update

Background: The board will be briefed on the progress of the DMVMoves regional transit initiative.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Planning Board
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SUBJECT: Update on the DMV Moves Regional Transit Initiative
DATE: October 10, 2024

This memorandum summarizes recent activities of the DMVMoves regional transit initiative, a joint effort supported by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA or Metro) and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG).

Activities to Date

The DMVMoves initiative was approved by a historic joint meeting of the COG and WMATA boards on May 1. A task force of elected and appointed officials from across the region was formed to coordinate the initiative. The task force is being advised by two advisory groups, one of community group representatives and one of government representatives.

The task force met initially in June and again on September 23. At the recent meeting, materials for which are posted on the [DMVMoves.org](https://dmvmoves.org) website, the board discussed a vision and goals for the initiative. The preliminary results of a regional survey on transit use and funding were presented, the final results of which will be available in the near future.

The two advisory groups have developed six initial recommendations for integrating and improving the regional transit system to make it world class. Action plans are being developed for implementing these recommendations. Additional recommendations are also being developed for longer-term considerations, such as transit-oriented development.

In addition to reviewing the six recommendations of the advisory groups, the task force also considered transit funding needs and was presented with two scenarios for future costs to operate and maintain the regional system. Two more scenarios are being developed for modernization and expansion for discussion at a future meeting. Regional success for transit will require new revenues, and the task force considered a list of potential revenue sources to evaluate.

The task force meets again in November and December, with further meetings in 2025 as it works toward the goal of completing its work by May 2025.

A review of the September 23 meeting can be found here:
<https://dmvmoves.org/momentum-builds-toward-new-regional-coordination-on-transit/>