

# DISCUSSION ABOUT THE 2016 CAC WORK PLAN

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## Draft Priorities

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# CAC Mission

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The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) to the Transportation Planning Board (TPB) is a group of 15 people from throughout the Washington metropolitan region who represent diverse viewpoints on long-term transportation policy. The mission of the CAC is

- 1.) to **promote public involvement** in transportation planning for the region, and
- 2.) to **provide independent, region-oriented citizen advice** to the TPB on transportation plans and issues.



# Priorities Discussed in February

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After the CAC discussion on February 11, the following list was developed to group and summarize possible priorities identified by the committee.

- Unfunded capital needs
- Transportation safety
- Transportation technology
- Public involvement
- WMATA
- Cost of transportation
- Bicycle planning



# Refined Priorities

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The list of seven possible priority areas was narrowed based on discussions with CAC leadership and TPB staff to areas that are actionable and parallel with ongoing TPB work.

## **PRIORITIES**

- Unfunded capital needs
- Public involvement

## **SECONDARY PRIORITIES**

- Transportation safety
- Bicycle planning
- WMATA



# Priorities

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



# Unfunded Capital Needs

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The CAC has supported TPB efforts to develop a prioritized list of unfunded capital needs since the idea was first mentioned during a TPB meeting in 2014.

This activity is a major component in the TPB's effort to develop a new long range plan that will include both constrained and unconstrained elements.

Unfunded capital needs work will also be the focus of the TPB's outreach to the public through 2017.



# Public Engagement

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For over 20 years the CAC has been an integral part of the TPB's efforts to involve the public in regional transportation planning by supporting outreach efforts pushing staff to find new ways to engage the public.

TPB staff are currently conducting an evaluation of engagement activities that occurred during 2015. The CAC will have an opportunity to provide feedback on that evaluation and suggestions for how to improve engagement activities in the future.

The CAC will also be consulted as TPB staff plan for engagement activities related to unfunded capital needs.



# Secondary Priorities

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





# Secondary Priorities

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**Transportation safety** – In 2015 the CAC sent a recommendation to the board asking that the TPB commit to eliminating traffic deaths. The CAC has an opportunity to work with the TPB staff to track progress on the recommendation.

**Bicycle planning** – TPB staff are currently working with bicycle planners in the region to develop a regional bicycle network. There is an opportunity for the CAC to learn about and inform the TPB's regional bicycle and pedestrian planning.

**WMATA** – The CAC has expressed interest in advocating for change at Metro. A joint meeting with WMATA's Riders Advisory Council can help provide some direction for CAC interests.



# Next Steps

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- **Tonight** – Discuss these priorities and possible related actions with the CAC
- Staff will work with CAC leadership to develop a work plan based on inputs from the CAC and TPB staff
- CAC will approve the work plan at the April CAC meeting



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