

Meeting Highlights TPB Technical Committee – May 6, 2022

The Technical Committee met on Friday, May 6, 2022. Meeting materials can be found here:
<https://www.mwcog.org/events/2022/5/6/tpb-technical-committee/>

The following items were reviewed for inclusion on the TPB's May agenda.

TPB AGENDA ITEM 7 – APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT 2022 UPDATE OF THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLAN FOR THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

The draft 2022 Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for the National Capital Region, which was briefed to the committee and to the TPB in March, is slated to return to the TPB for approval at its May 18 meeting. The committee was briefed on the updated plan.

TPB AGENDA ITEM 8 – COMMENTS ON THE 2022 UPDATE TO VISUALIZE 2045, FY 2023-2026 TIP AND AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY ANALYSIS OF THE PLAN AND TIP

Staff provided a brief update on the comments received during the 30-day public comment period from April 1-May 1 2022 for the draft plan, TIP and Air Quality Conformity Analysis of the draft Plan and TIP.

TPB AGENDA ITEM 9 – UPDATE ON TPB PLANS TO SET GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION GOALS AND STRATEGIES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION SECTOR

Between February 28 and April 1, TPB members completed a survey to gauge the TPB's interest in setting greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction goals and strategies specifically for the transportation sector. The findings from the survey were presented on April 20, at both a TPB work session and the TPB meeting. There appears to be consensus that the TPB could adopt both GHG reduction goals and strategies, and the TPB will discuss the optimum levels for the goals and the levels of implementation that could be pursued for the strategies. Staff provided an update on the process.

TPB AGENDA ITEM 10 – PBPP: CMAQ PROGRAM DRAFT TARGETS

The committee was briefed on requirements under the federal performance-based planning and programming (PBPP) rulemaking for MPOs to set targets for CMAQ Program performance measures for traffic congestion and emissions reduction. A draft set of targets developed by staff in coordination with the state DOTs was presented. In June, the board will be asked to adopt traffic congestion and emission targets for the region.

The following items were presented for information and discussion:

WRAP-UP OF VOICES OF THE REGION PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT FOR VISUALIZE 2045

Staff briefed the committee on the final public engagement activities for Visualize 2045, which included three phases that have been collectively branded "Voices of the Region." The final phase was a public engagement campaign conducted last summer called "Aspiration to Implementation." That campaign solicited input using posters and QR codes. Staff gave the committee a demonstration of a new GIS Story Map that combines and displays public input received through all phases of outreach.

MARC BRUNSWICK LINE STUDY BRIEFING

MTA is currently developing the MARC Brunswick Line Study, including an examination of service to Western Maryland. As part of outreach efforts, MTA staff provided a briefing to update jurisdictions on the study and confirmed understanding of local plans and expectations at existing or potential station areas.

TRANSFORMING RAIL IN VIRGINIA UPDATE BRIEFING

VPRA staff updated regional planners on the latest information regarding actions and schedules for the Transforming Rail in Virginia initiative and specifically the Long Bridge and Northern Virginia track projects.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Resiliency 4-Part Webinars Series: Webinar: May 13, please visit: <https://www.mwcog.org/events/2022/5/13/get-started-climate-vulnerability-assessments/>
- Street Smart Kickoff Event April 26
- MD TAP Solicitation April 15 - May 16
- Federal grant opportunities
- Staff Update