
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MONTHLY REPORT

March 16, 2022

Ashley Hutson, CAC Chair

The Community Advisory Committee (CAC) to the TPB met on Thursday, March 10 for an online-only meeting. The committee was briefed on the COG Cooperative Forecast and plans to raise awareness for the completion of Visualize 2045.

Materials for the meeting can be found here:

mwcog.org/events/2022/3/10/tpb-community-advisory-committee

COOPERATIVE FORECAST

Paul DesJardin, COG Director of Community Planning and Services, briefed the committee on the Round 9.2 Cooperative Forecasts for the Washington region. He talked about plans to prepare for the next major update, known as Round 10. He also described how the Cooperative Forecast is used to inform COG and TPB work activities.

The committee engaged with the presentations and asked a series of questions to help them better understand the forecast.

VISUALIZE 2045 – PUBLIC COMMENT, VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSES, AND AMBASSADORS

Bryan Hayes, TPB Transportation Planner, briefed the committee on plans for the upcoming public comment period for Visualize 2045. He also described plans to hold two virtual open houses to raise awareness and educate the public on the completion of Visualize 2045.

Rachel Beyerle, TPB Communications Manager, briefed the committee on the ambassador program for Visualize 2045. Members were encouraged to serve as ambassadors and to help raise awareness about the plan update.

CAC DISCUSSION – IN-PERSON MEETINGS AND MEETING WITH THE BOARD OFFICERS

Bryan Hayes, TPB Transportation Planner, divided the committee into small groups. The committee was asked to answer questions about plans for returning to in-person meetings and to meet with TPB officers.

Following the small group discussions, the committee shared highlights from their discussions with the whole committee.

The committee is excited to start meeting in-person some. There is a feeling that generally online-only meetings are less spontaneous and less energetic. They suggested holding in-person meetings quarterly. This would help strengthen group cohesion while easing the transition to more regular in-person meetings. The committee also expressed some concern about the safety of returning to in-person meetings among some members. They said masks should be optional, but they'd like doors in the room to remain open. They also asked to meet in a larger room to make it easier to remain socially distant.

The committee is excited about the possibility of meeting with the TPB officers and other interested board members. The committee is curious to hear what the officers believe are the most pressing issues for the region. They also wanted to know how elected officials on the board are working to

make sure that Visualize 2045 and other regional planning efforts align with local plans. The committee also wants to know how the different jurisdictions are planning to use new federal infrastructure money. Committee members said it was important for board members to work with TPB staff and committees to raise more awareness about Visualize 2045 in the region.

The committee suggested that staff coordinate with the officers to find a time when they are available and invite the CAC. They said it would be good to make sure there was time for CAC members to meet with elected officials from their state, but that there is also value in meeting as a whole group so that everyone can learn from different perspectives and approaches.

TPB staff plan to schedule this meeting for May or June 2022.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Lyn Erickson, TPB Plan Development and Coordination Program Director, briefed the committee on March TPB agenda.
- The committee also acknowledged Robert Jackson’s many years of service on the CAC and to the TPB. Robert and his wife are moving from Virginia to North Carolina.

ATTENDEES

Members	
Ashley Hutson	Katherine Kortum
Daniel Papiernik	Lorena Rios
Dr. Kia James Daniels	Michael Artson
Elisa Watson	Nancy Abeles
Eyal Li	Ra Amin
Jeff Jamawat	Robert Jackson
Jeff Parnes	Solomon Haile
Guests	
Matthew Hernandez	Tony Giancola
Staff	
Bryan Hayes	Tim Canan
Lyn Erickson	Paul DesJardin
Rachel Beyerle	