TPB CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MONTHLY REPORT

June 17, 2020

Nancy Abeles, CAC Chair

The 2020 CAC met for an online-only meeting on Thursday, June 11. At the meeting the committee discussed two items on the TPB agenda: Transit Access Focus Areas and Safety Study Recommendations.

TRANSIT ACCESS FOCUS AREAS

John Swanson, TPB Transportation Planner, presented on the regional list of Transit Access Focus Areas identified by the Transit Within Reach project. He said these focus areas are opportune locations for improving pedestrian and bicycle access to transit to support Visualize 2045 initiatives and related project programs like TLC and TAP.

SAFETY STUDY

Jon Schermann, TPB Transportation Planner, briefed the committee on the recommendations for reducing fatalities and serious injuries in the region based on-findings of the regional safety study and outreach. Pam Beers, Cambridge Systematics, also presented.

Bryan Hayes, TPB Transportation Planner, reminded the committee that they've been discussing transportation safety for over a year, and that many of the recommendations from the safety study reflect comments from the committee. These include a call for region-wide Vision Zero programs and localized safety study plans.

The committee briefly discussed why people drive without seatbelts and talked about equity issues related to the focusing on drivers rather than pedestrians when discussing the impact of behavior on safety.

The committee requested that this topic be revisited at the July committee meeting so that members can continue to discuss the recommendations before they are approved by the board.

VRE-MARC RUN-THROUGH SERVICE

Nicole McCall, TPB Transportation Planner, provided a high-level summary of the Market Assessment and Technical Considerations for VRE-MARC Run-Through Service. She addressed questions and concerns the committee submitted before the meeting via questionnaire. Through the questionnaire, the committee expressed general support for VRE-MARC run-through service. They said it would help unite the region and provide needed redundancy to the system. They also said it would attract new riders. The committee encouraged the TPB to continue to explore this topic.

OTHER BUSINESS

Nancy Abeles, CAC Chair, walked the committee through the discussion at the May TPB meeting. She also thanked Theodore Wilhite for his service on the committee. He is leaving for a job in Pittsburgh.

Lyn Erickson, TPB Plan Development and Coordination Program Director, walked the committee through the June TPB agenda.

Bryan Hayes, TPB Transportation Planner, started a presentation covering updates to the Participation Plan. The presentation was cut short to adjourn the meeting. An extra session of the CAC will be held for the presentation and discussion.

ATTENDEES

MEMBERS		STAFF AND GUESTS
Nancy Abeles, chair	Theodore Wilhite	Lyn Erickson, TPB staff
Audrey Derissaint-Nwaze	Rob Jackson	Bryan Hayes, TPB staff
Jeremy Martin	Kalai Kandasamy	John Swanson, TPB staff
Chris Smariga	Jacqueline Manapsal	Jon Schermann, TPB staff
Ricky Tejada	Daniel Papiernik	Abigail Zenner, TPB staff
Emmet Tydings	Jeff Parnes	Karen Armendariz, TPB staff
Veronica Lowe	Lorena Rios	Andrew Meese, TPB staff
Tony Giancola		Nicole McCall, TPB staff
Katherine Kortum		
		David Helm, public
		Bill Orleans, public
		Heather Foote, public

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