
**COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MONTHLY REPORT**

September 22, 2021

Elisa Walton, CAC Chair

The Community Advisory Committee (CAC) to the TPB met on Thursday, September 16 for an online-only meeting.

CAC BUSINESS – FALL 2021

The committee discussed two topics to help plan for the remainder of 2021.

First, the committee talked about comfort with returning for in-person meetings. Several committee members expressed eagerness to return for in-person meetings, though not all members currently feel comfortable for in-person meetings. There was a common desire that plans to return to in-person meetings prioritize safety for members and staff. One member suggested that meeting in the board room would allow more space for the group to spread out. Another member suggested that online-only meetings provide members more flexibility, while others suggested occasional in-person meetings alternating with online meetings.

Second, the committee shared ideas for topics the committee would like to discuss at future meetings. These topics include funding infrastructure maintenance and improvements and how members can identify priorities for new transportation spending; project development prior to the TPB approval process; getting the region ready for new transportation technology; viability of new types of transit and the expansion of public transit; and the ability of the region's electric grid to support more electric transportation.

REGIONAL ROADWAY SAFETY PROGRAM – UPDATE

Jon Schermann, TPB Transportation Planner, briefed the committee on projects selected for technical assistance for the Regional Roadway Safety Program. The committee also learned about the next round of projects and other safety activities.

The committee asked about placing speed cameras in school zones in Virginia and mentioned cameras on school bus stop signs in Manassas. The committee was also curious about why there were no applications from the District of Columbia. One member of the committee offered to help encourage the District to submit applications during future rounds, and the committee encourages all member jurisdictions to consider what projects they could submit for funding,

There was also a discussion of how certain safety projects could make differences in community safety, including a question about the safety benefit of raised crosswalks. Mr. Schermann said that raised crosswalks are effective safety countermeasures. Mr. Swanson encouraged the committee member to reach out to DDOT about other tactical options.

TRANSIT WITHIN REACH PROGRAM – UPDATE

John Swanson, TPB Transportation Planner, briefed the committee on projects selected to receive Transit Within Reach technical assistance.

The committee showed excitement for the program and project selections, especially the projects in Prince George's County and the City of Manassas. One member expressed concerns with maintenance for these transit access projects once they are built.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Elisa Walton, CAC chair, briefed the committee on the July 2021 TPB meeting.
- Bryan Hayes, TPB Transportation Planner, walked the committee through the September TPB agenda.
- Antonio Castañeda, TPB Transportation Planner, briefed the committee on the 2020 annual State of Public Transportation Report.

ATTENDEES

Members	
Elisa Walton, CAC chair	Ra Amin
Ashley Hutson	Robert Jackson
Dan Papiernik	Solomon Haile
Jeff Jamawat	Tracy Duvall
Lorena Rios	Delia Houseal
Michael Artson	Emmet Tydings
Guests	
Bong Delrosario	Bill Pugh
<i>Two unnamed participants called into the meeting</i>	
Staff	
Bryan Hayes	Andy Meese
John Swanson	Antonio Castañeda
Lyn Erickson	Jon Schermann
	Janie Nham