

MEMORANDUM

TO: TPB Technical Committee

FROM: Laura Bachle, TPB Transportation Planner

SUBJECT: Application period is open for the 2025-2026 Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

DATE: October 25, 2024

The TPB is now accepting applications for the 2025-2026 Community Advisory Committee (CAC). More information, a link to the application form, and a recruitment video can be found at www.mwcog.org/cac. The application deadline is November 18, 2024.

We encourage members of the TPB Technical Committee to spread the word! This is a great opportunity for community members who are interested in regional transportation issues to provide input to decision-makers and promote public involvement in the regional planning process. Share the About the CAC video to hear from current CAC members.

The CAC is a group of 24 people who represent diverse viewpoints on regional transportation issues, including long-term planning concerns, and short-term policies and programs. The CAC's mission is:

- to promote public involvement in transportation planning for the region,
- to advance equitable representation in regional transportation planning, and
- to provide independent, region-oriented citizen advice to the TPB on transportation plans and issues.

The 24 members of the CAC are appointed. Fifteen members are appointed evenly between the District of Columbia, suburban Maryland, and Northern Virginia. An additional nine members are appointed to represent TPB member jurisdictions, different perspectives on transportation, and to ensure a diverse committee. According to CAC operating procedures, committee membership should represent environmental, business, and civic interests in transportation, including appropriate representation from low-income individuals, individuals with disabilities, and traditionally disadvantaged racial and ethnic population groups and from the geographical area served by the TPB.

The CAC meets once a month on Thursdays, six days prior to the monthly TPB meeting, with the exception of August. The CAC meetings have typically been held in the evening from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Meetings are hybrid or virtual. There is always a virtual option for members. In-person meetings are typically held at the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments.

For more information on the CAC's activities, including committee reports and agendas, please visit mwcog.org/cac. You can also contact Laura Bachle at (202) 962-3273 or lbachle@mwcog.org.