
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MONTHLY REPORT
November 18, 2015

Bob Summersgill, Chair

On Thursday, November 12 discussed the TPB's regional freight planning and efforts in the region to eliminate all traffic deaths.

BRIEFING ON THE TPB'S REGIONAL FREIGHT PLANNING

Jon Schermann presented an overview of the TPB's freight planning efforts and the update to the Regional Freight Plan, which includes technical analysis of freight data, prescriptive policy goals, and support requirements of MAP-21.

The committee discussed several issues regarding safety, land use impacts, federal legislation, and public comment. There was also a discussion about the proposed Virginia Ave rail tunnel in the District, and air rights over existing freight lines. Mr. Schermann said he would return to the committee to continue discussing these issues.

BRIEFING ON DDOT'S VISION ZERO POLICY AND SIMILAR POLICIES IN THE WASHINGTON REGION

Jonathan Rodgers, a planner for DDOT, and Robyn Jackson, a consultant with Nspiregreen, presented on DC's Vision Zero policy, which aims to eliminate all transportation-related fatalities and injuries to zero by the year 2024 through programs aimed at education, enforcement, evaluation and data, and engineering and infrastructure. Mr. Rodgers described DC's unique challenges in implementing the policy, and Ms. Jackson outline some of DC's public outreach strategies.

Members asked about the challenges of enforcement, data transparency and infrastructure solutions. They wondered why neighboring states are not required to share data or maintain reciprocity for enforcing traffic regulations.

Rodgers mentioned that the DC has made the raw data on crashes publicly available and uses events like hackathons to harness civic expertise. He said DC has used protected bike lanes, slow zones, and will use other placemaking urban design solutions to encourage safer streets.

DISCUSSION ABOUT THE CAC RESOLUTION TO ELIMINATE ALL TRAFFIC FATALITIES IN THE WASHINGTON REGION

Chairman Summersgill distributed a draft CAC resolution that would call upon the TPB and its member jurisdictions to eliminate all traffic fatalities in the Washington region no later than 2035. He said he hoped the CAC would approve such a resolution at its December meeting. Members agreed that the draft resolution was concise, and suggested that it might be enhanced to include language calling upon jurisdictions to report progress back to the TPB. Members disagreed about potential implications of the resolution related to enforcement, especially in Maryland and Virginia where jurisdiction over roads is more complicated than in D.C. Members also discussed issues related to cost, available funding, and best practice-sharing among the jurisdictions.

OTHER DISCUSSION

- Staff announced the upcoming election and application process for the 2016 CAC.
- Kanti Srikanth reviewed the agenda for the upcoming October TPB meeting.

ATTENDEES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bob Summersgill (DC)
Keith Benjamin (DC)
Veronica O. Davis (DC)
Jeremy Martin (MD)
Jeff Parnes (VA)
Stephen Still (VA)

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Holly Muhammad (DC)
Tom Sanchez (DC)
Emmet Tydings (MD)
John D. Epps (MD)
Gary V. Hodge (MD)
Alex D. Tremble (MD)
Douglas Stewart (VA)
Lorena Rios (VA)
Andrea Hamre (VA)

TPB STAFF

Kanti Srikanth
John Swanson
Andrew Meese
Jon Schermann
Michael Farrell
Marco Trigueros
Bryan Hayes
Lamont B. Cobb

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Emily Oaksford (DC)
Nancy Abeles (MD)
Tina Slater (MD)
Rob Jackson (VA)

GUESTS

Bill Orleans
Ann Uyeda
Robyn Jackson
Jonathan Rodgers