



MEMORANDUM

TO: TPB Technical Committee
FROM: Andrew Meese, TPB Program Director, Systems Performance Planning
SUBJECT: Planned November 16 TPB Work Session on Transportation Safety
DATE: October 28, 2022

This memorandum provides a preview of a planned Transportation Planning Board (TPB) Work Session on the topic of Transportation Safety, scheduled for Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 10:30 A.M. to 11:45 A.M. (in-person/virtual hybrid format), immediately prior to that day's regularly scheduled TPB meeting.

BACKGROUND

In 2019, in conjunction with approving that year's federally-required Performance-Based Planning and Programming (PBPP) highway safety targets, the TPB requested that member departments of transportation (DOTs) report periodically on their efforts to improve safety. Following this request, safety subject matter experts from the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia departments of transportation briefed the TPB during the remainder of 2019, fostering important discussions. Since then, safety has remained a frequent TPB agenda item, including sharing the findings of TPB-requested regional [safety studies](#); the TPB's July 2020 adoption of R3-2021 – [Resolution to Establish a Regional Roadway Safety Policy](#); establishment of the TPB's [Regional Roadway Safety Program](#); and, most recently, the September 2022 presentation by Federal Highway Administration representative David Petrucci on the U.S. Department of Transportation's [Safe System Approach](#) to roadway safety.

This year, TPB staff has been planning to bring state DOT representatives back to provide updates to the board. With the TPB's recent agenda time constraints, it is now recommended to accomplish these briefings in the form of a Work Session immediately prior to the November 16 TPB meeting. Staff will then provide a short summary of the Work Session at the main TPB meeting, as part of a larger transportation safety agenda item that will also include draft PBPP transit and highway safety targets.

PLANS FOR THE WORK SESSION

Following opening remarks from TPB Chair Pamela Sebesky, DDOT, MDOT, and VDOT safety representatives will be invited to each present for about 10-15 minutes, with a brief time for clarifying questions and answers, concluding with an open question-and-answer period for (and among) all presenters. Staff has suggested that the DOTs consider addressing:

- Current trends and significant roadway safety challenges (including pandemic-related challenges)
- Key strategies/initiatives their agency is pursuing

- Ways they are working with other TPB member jurisdictions, and recommendations for further collaborations
- Whether and how their agency is incorporating the U.S. Department of Transportation's Safe System Approach into their efforts
- Their agency's consideration of the new [Vulnerable Road User Safety Assessment](#) requirement in the Highway Safety Improvement Program under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (including required consultation with MPOs)
- Relationships between their agency's safety target setting process and policies/strategies/activities in place to improve roadway safety

WORK SESSION LOGISTICS

TPB members and Work Session presenters will be able to participate either in person (in the COG Board Room) or virtually. TPB members' virtual access for the November 16 Work Session will be via the same meeting login information as for the main TPB meeting, and will be broadcast on the TPB's YouTube channel (as will be the main meeting). Login information will be provided to board members and alternates with the November 10 mailout of the November 16 TPB meeting materials.