Meeting Highlights TPB Technical Committee – October 1, 2021

The Technical Committee met on Friday, October 1, 2021. Meeting materials can be found here: mwcog.org/events/2021/10/1/tpb-technical-committee/

The following items were reviewed for inclusion on the TPB's October agenda.

TPB AGENDA ITEM 8 - STATUS REPORT ON THE 2021 ENHANCED MOBILITY GRANT PROGRAM

The committee was briefed on the program and status of the 2021 solicitation and selection process for the Federal Transit Administration's Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program. The TPB is scheduled to approve funding recommendations at the November meeting.

TPB AGENDA ITEM 9 - PERFORMANCE-BASED PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING: DRAFT TRANSIT SAFETY TARGETS

The committee was briefed on the draft regional targets for transit safety performance measures, including fatalities, injuries, safety events, and systems reliability, as required under the federal performance-based planning and programming rulemaking for public transportation providers and MPOs. The board will be briefed on draft targets at the October meeting and will be asked to approve the regional targets in November.

TPB AGENDA ITEM 10 - TRANSIT SERVICE AND FARE EQUITY

The committee was briefed on a web map that visualized local bus service coverage and frequency in relation to the travel needs of traditionally disadvantaged populations. The committee will also be briefed on a memo summarizing national and local transit fare relief initiatives and experiences. TPB member jurisdictions and the interested public were encouraged to explore the web map (GIS Tool).

TPB AGENDA ITEM 11 - MOVING TOWARDS IMPLEMENTATION OF CLIMATE PLAN STRATEGIES - VEHICLE ELECTRIFICATION

The committee was briefed on regional and local efforts and opportunities for vehicle electrification. The primary focus was on zero emission vehicle strategies and actions for light duty vehicles, transit, and school buses. A proposed joint effort to coordinate transportation electrification planning was discussed.

The following items were presented for information and discussion:

VISUALIZE 2045 - PLAN DOCUMENT STATUS AND SCHEDULE

The committee was briefed on the development of Visualize 2045, including the outline of the plan document, new components, and the timeline for plan activities.

RTS IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS

The committee was briefed in-depth on research performed on the Regional Travel Survey. This research responded to questions submitted by member jurisdictions and transit agencies. TPB staff analyzed geographic, temporal, and sociodemographic dimensions of travel in the region.

UPDATED TRANSPORTATION IMPACTS OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

The committee was briefed on key multisectoral indicators on the impacts of COVID-19 in the National Capital Region. TPB staff highlighted findings of a recent analysis of regional travel that occurred before and after Labor Day 2021.

2015 OZONE SIP ANNOUNCEMENT

The committee was briefed on requirements for the 2015 Ozone Standard. This included information about the development of a State Implementation Plan and associated motor vehicle emissions budgets.

OTHER BUSINESS

- COG hybrid / in-person meeting status report
- COG-wide printing policy reminder
- Proposed rulemaking for CAFE standards
- Optimizing land-use around high-capacity transit and elevating Equity Emphasis Areas
- Resiliency Study Update
- Visualize 2045 Photo request
- Regional Roadway Safety Program