CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MONTHLY REPORT

October 15, 2015

Bob Summersgill, Chair

On October 15, the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) discussed the upcoming TPB agenda, public comment on the 2015 CLRP, and Unfunded Capital Needs working group. The committee focused the rest of the meeting on transportation safety – with a presentation on the "Street Smart" education safety campaign and a discussion about eliminating traffic deaths in the region.

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THE 2015 CLRP AMENDMENT

Andrew Austin presented the summary of the 2015 CLRP public comments. The documents presented the major themes from the comments, including several regarding interest in the Virginia Department of Transportation's alternatives for the I-66 corridor inside and outside the Beltway. TPB staff will work with VDOT to coordinate the TPB's responses to those comments.

Members of the CAC asked questions about the likelihood that VDOT's proposed I-66 projects might change. Staff said that VDOT is open to input from the public and stakeholders and is still in the process of determining what the final project may become. The CAC also asked about the TPB's approval process for the CLRP and the ability of submitted public comments to impact decision-makers on the Board.

UPDATE ON THE UNFUNDED CAPITAL NEEDS WORKING GROUP

John Swanson provided an overview of the Unfunded Capital Needs Working Group's first meeting, which is tasked with discussing how to use the list of unfunded capital needs to inform regional transportation planning. A scope of work for the group is not expected till later in the year.

CAC members requested that the working group find ways to incorporate bicycle and pedestrian projects, provide more details for the DC projects, focus on WMATA capital needs and building circumferential rail, and look at the work of other MPOs.

BRIEFING ON THE REGIONAL "STREET SMART" PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE SAFETY EDUCATION CAMPAIGN

Michael Farrell presented on COG's Street Smart campaign, which uses regional strategies in advertising and public events to spread safety awareness to all road users across different modes. He also presented ad awareness analysis of last year's Street Smart efforts and reported that this year's kickoff event would be held October 27 in Alexandria, VA.

CAC members asked Mr. Farrell about the ways that law enforcement can utilize the Street Smart program. They also flagged the area near Minnesota Avenue and Benning Road in northeast DC as a location that could benefit from the program.

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

Chair Summersgill presented a draft resolution to the TPB that encourages member jurisdictions to commit to set the goal of eliminating of all traffic deaths in the region.

Members discussed the resolution and noted corrections for the document. The committee requested a speaker at the November CAC meeting who can provide more regional context around

what area jurisdictions are doing to reduce traffic deaths. The committee will discuss the draft resolution by e-mail before the next meeting.

OTHER DISCUSSION

- Staff announced that the TPB meetings are now being broadcast live online at <u>mwcog.org/TPBmtgLIVE</u>.
- John Swanson reviewed the agenda for the upcoming October TPB meeting.

ATTENDEES

MEMBERS PRESENT

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Bob Summersgill (DC) Keith Benjamin (DC) Gary V. Hodge (MD) Jeremy Martin (MD) Jeff Parnes (VA) Lorena Rios (VA) Tom Sanchez (DC) Tina Slater (MD) Alex D. Tremble (MD)

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Nancy Abeles (MD) Rob Jackson (VA) Lara Hegler (VA) Michael Rodriguez (VA) Veronica O. Davis (DC) Douglas Stewart (VA) John D. Epps (MD) Andrea Hamre (VA) Holly Muhammad (DC) Stephen Still (VA) Emmet Tydings (MD) John Swanson Andrew Austin Michael Farrell Bryan Hayes Lamont B. Cobb

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