

**National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB)
Regional Bus Committee**

Mission

The mission of the Regional Bus Committee is to provide a permanent process for the coordination of bus planning throughout the Washington region, and for incorporating regional bus plans into the Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and for. High quality bus service in the region depends upon successfully linking vehicles, services, stops and stations, running ways, operating facilities, maintenance shops, storage yards, and passenger and operating support systems to produce a service that is easy to use, provides rider information where and when needed, and facilitates intra- and inter-agency service transfers. Increased customer satisfaction can broaden the appeal of transit in the transportation market place and generate increased ridership. Considerable cooperation among the agencies responsible for bus service and transportation in the region is required to implement these high quality bus services, owing to the complex nature of transit service provision and transportation facility ownership in this multi-state region.

Goals

1. Continued review and refinement of the recommendations of the Regional Bus Study and development of a priority list of near term service implementation strategies for inclusion in annual operations budgets.
2. Coordination and evaluation of CLRP and TIP proposals and amendments with regard to bus transit service plan implementation.
3. Coordination and input definition for the TPB regional travel forecasting model.
4. Technical advice and input regarding regional transportation and land use coordination, including the development of transit scenarios for the TPB Regional Mobility and Accessibility Scenario Study.
5. Facilitation of technology transfer and information sharing, as it relates to regional, state and local bus transit services.
6. Coordination with other regional committees regarding bus transit participation in planning and training activities, including RESF #1 at COG and the associated regional transit operators group.
7. Coordination with MOITS regarding integrated planning for bus services and street operations.
8. Coordination with Commuter Connections regarding ridesharing facilities and joint promotional messages.
9. Coordination with the TPB Private Operators Group to strengthen the alliance between public and private interests.

10. Coordination with the TPB Access for All Committee to enhance regional mobility for all populations.

Participation

Participation would be encouraged by all members of TPB to support the described planning processes and activities for public transportation activities in the National Capital Region. Participating committee members would ideally be principal transit planners for local, state, and regional agencies.

The committee will coordinate with and engage the following transit services in the Regional Transit Network:

Metrobus
Montgomery County Ride On
Prince George's County The Bus
DC Circulator
Alexandria Dash
Arlington Transit (ART)
Falls Church George
City of Fairfax CUE
Fairfax Connector
Loudoun Commuter Transit
PRTC Omni Ride
MTA Commuter Bus
Metrorail
Virginia Railway Express
Maryland Commuter Rail
DC Streetcar

The committee may recommend the establishment under its jurisdiction of special task forces for subcommittees to address particular topics in greater depth, such as transit marketing or priority lanes.

Governance

Governance of this committee would follow standard TPB protocols. The committee would be established and approved by the TPB as a Subcommittee of the TPB Technical Committee, with a regular meeting schedule and member jurisdictions appointing members to serve on the committee. A chair would be selected by the committee members, and a member of the TPB staff would be designated as the lead staff person for the committee. A new work activity and budget would be developed for inclusion by the TPB in the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).