TPB TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY

October 3, 2025

1. WELCOME, VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION PROCEDURES, AND MEMBER ROLL CALL PROTOCOL

Staff described the procedures and protocols for the virtual meeting and conducted a roll call. Meeting participants are documented in the attached attendance list.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING RECAP FROM THE SEPTEMBER 5, 2025 TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

There were no questions or comments regarding the September Technical Committee meeting. The summary was accepted as final.

ITEMS FOR THE BOARD AGENDA

3. VISUALIZE 2050 AND FY 2026-2029 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

In this multi-part presentation, Cristina Finch first provided an overview of the Visualize 2050 planning process including the topics that have been discussed with the technical committee. She provided examples of documents from each of these topics and explained how they are informing the plan's development. She reminded members of what had already been approved by the TPB and the next steps leading to plan adoption. Next, Laura Bachle explained how the public comment period would take place, what is expected of members, and how TPB staff will share comments with the board. Lastly, Rachel Beyerle reviewed the communications strategies that will be employed during the comment period.

Chair Weissberg asked about the timing of sharing the comments with the TPB since the comment period ends two days after the November TPB meeting. Ms. Erickson stated all comments received by November 9 would be included in the TPB mailout packet as part of an interim report. Mr. Koenig asked if the comment period was 30 days or something less to which it was confirmed to be a 30-day comment period. Director Srikanth provided additional reflections in advance of the plan's release for public comment acknowledging the work of member agencies contributing to the plan and the need to continue working together.

4. WMATA BETTER BUS UPDATE

Peter Cafiero and William Jones, WMATA, briefed the committee on the launch of the Better Bus Network redesign on June 29, including customer engagement, changes made since launch, how the network is performing, and next steps as WMATA continues to improve service and customer information. Peter spoke to the tremendous effort that went into the development of and preparation for the launch of the Better Bus redesigned network, reviewing key numbers and statistics. Critical to the effort was the successful public outreach and engagement, which ensured that 74 percent of bus customers knew about Better Bus by Launch Day. Peter also spoke to the continued engagement to collect feedback to help improve the network and the customer experience. Chief among this is customer information, including fixing data, maps, and bus stop flags and removing old flags.

William then spoke to operational achievements, with early service performance having been largely positive. Metro planners worked with bus drivers, customers, private app developers, and jurisdictional partners to make changes as needed. Customers are already benefitting with faster, more frequent, and more direct service while on-time performance and real time information accuracy are similar to the summer of 2024 even with all the changes. Looking ahead, work will continue to ensure quality service and improve the network and its performance following this huge effort, including addressing critical crowding and reliability issues. Peter then closed by emphasizing that launching the new network was just the beginning of Better Bus, with refinement and planning for improved bus service to continue with December 2025 service changes and then further improvements in 2026.

Kanti Srikanth asked about future expansion, under the Visionary Network plan. Peter responded that the Visionary Network was a financially unconstrained look at transit needs. It is not currently funded but is still an aspirational service plan that continues to provide a long-term focus for bus service planning. Current efforts are on increasing frequency on the most used routes, but additional routes and 24-hour service outside the District are still objectives.

Kanti Srikanth then noted generally to the committee that the network redesign was a significant undertaking years in the making, but that there are still many needs for transit service expansion which will be part of the next agenda item on DMVMoves. Kanti also noted that while the redesign is not highlighted in Visualize 2050, it still represents a tremendous effort by staff from across the region to accomplish. Peter then closed by noting the partnership with Prince George's County especially as fundamental to the implementation of the network redesign.

5. DMVMOVES UPDATE

Mark Phillips, WMATA and Eric Randall, TPB Staff, briefed the committee on the latest developments from the DMV*Moves* regional transit initiative and the additional funding the region is being asked to provide for public transportation. Mark reviewed the history and purpose of the DMV*Moves* initiative, as well as the schedule of final meetings as the initiative nears its end.

Mark reviewed the funding crisis that led to the initiative and the proposed investment plan and necessary regional commitment. He noted the role and responsibilities of both Metro and local jurisdictions in improving transit accessibility and ridership. The investment plan would enable rail automation and a priority bus network that would provide expanded capacity and a safer, faster, more reliable transit system in the future.

Eric then spoke to the six recommendations for regional integration. Four are focused on the customer: fares, service guidelines and performance reporting, wayfinding and amenities, and bus priority. Two are focused on the administration of transit, one on sharing resources and assets, including procurement, and one on training and certification. The briefing concluded with a recap of meeting dates and the implementation actions that would need to take place in 2026 and beyond.

Haley Peckett stated that the DMV*Moves* process has been excellent. She believes COG or TPB has a unique opportunity in regional fare enforcement that could improve effectiveness. Similar, bus priority is an opportunity for regional coordination. Kanti Srikanth responded that the DMV*Moves* Task Force and the joint board meeting will be setting the direction for the region and agreeing on commitment. The real effort will then be the challenge of implementing the adopted recommendations, and certainly TPB's role and the Regional Public Transportation Subcommittee as a forum will be important in bringing in other parties like the state departments of transportation and roadway owners together to help implement the recommendations.

6.   TPB GEN3 TRAVEL DEMAND FORECASTING MODEL UPDATE

Due to time constraints, this agenda item was deferred to the November Technical Committee Meeting.

7.   OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Lyn Erickson provided a brief summary of the AMPO Conference that was held in Providence, Rhode Island from September 15-19, 2025.

Mr. Mark Moran briefed the committee on the Modeling Mobility Conference that was held in Minneapolis from September 14-17, 2025. TPB staff sent five employees and two employees made presentations at the Conference.

Mr. Tim Canan shared an update of the Air Passenger Survey, an at gate intercept survey at BWI and DCA and IAD airports. It is conducted every two years. He said that we do this by intercepting people at their gates and asking questions about their ground access trip to the airport and related travel choices. He also mentioned the Regional Travel Survey, and how they have kicked off the contract and the team is conducting initial activities, including developing the sampling plan.

Ms. Erin Morrow briefed the committee on the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan. She said that the public comment period will be open from October 6 – November 10, 2025.

Mr. Michael Farrell shared that the StreetSmart campaign team recently held their first planning meeting and that the team is looking at running the campaign in November and holding the press event in mid-November.

Ms. Lyn Erickson briefed the committee on the COG office renovations that will be happening in the month of November through next year.

Mr. Sergio Ritacco provided a recap of September's subcommittee. He shared that there were a total of 6 subcommittees that met to discuss various transportation initiatives and programs in the region and nationally.

Mr. Andrew Austin discussed the FY 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Program tables and project descriptions and have distributed comments on amendments and modifications. He said that he would be keeping members posted on the TIP edits.

Mr. Tim Canan said that TPB hired a new transportation data analyst Uttara Sutradhar. She will be supporting TPB's travel monitoring program.

Mr. Tom Harrington said that Ceriann Price joined TPB as a transportation planner. She will be supporting TPB's safety program and a variety of other multimodal planning activities.

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES PRESENT	
Brent Riddle – Fairfax County	Janine Ashe – FHWA
Chloe Delhomme – City of Manassas	Kari Snyder – MDOT
Dan Malouff – Arlington County	Leo Pineda – VDOT
Douglas Smith – City of Gaithersburg	Mark Rawlings – District of Columbia
Evandro Santos – Prince William County/ DOT	Markus Tarjamo – Charles County
Sree Nsmpoothiri – NVTA	Meagan Landis – Prince William County
Regina Moore – VDOT	Nick Ruiz – VRE
Maria Sinner – VDOT	Rahul Trivedi – VDOT
Amy Garbarini – VDRPT	Victor Weissberg – Prince George's County
David Edmondson – City of Frederick	Christine Hoeffner – VRE
Carson Lucarelli – City of Alexandria	Mark Phillips – WMATA
Daniel Koenig – FTA	

OTHERS / MWCOG STAFF PRESENT	
Lyn Erickson	Mark Moran
Kanti Srikanth	Janie Nham
Andrew Austin	Charlene Howard
Sergio Ritacco	Cristina Finch
Sara Brown	Jamie Bufkin
Tim Canan	Robert d'Abadie
Laura Bachle	Eric Randall
Rachel Beyerle	Feng Xie
Tom Harrington	Ian Newman
Katherine Rainone	Ken Joh
Michael Farrell	Dusan Vuksan
Marc Moser	Greg Goodwin
Pierre Gaunaurd	Peter Cafiero – WMATA
	William Jones – WMATA