

ITEM 7 – Action
January 22, 2025

Approval of 2025-2026 Appointments to the TPB's CAC

Action: Appoint members to the 2025-2026 CAC.

Background: Every two years, the TPB appoints residents of the Washington region to serve as members on the TPB's Community Advisory Committee (CAC) for the upcoming two years.



National Capital Region
Transportation Planning Board

MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Planning Board
FROM: Laura Bachle, TPB Transportation Planner
SUBJECT: Appointment of 2025 – 2026 Community Advisory Committee Members
DATE: January 16, 2025

This memorandum presents the TPB officer nominations for membership on the TPB Community Advisory Committee (CAC) for the Board's consideration and approval. The term begins in February 2025 and ends in January 2027.

According to the CAC operating procedures approved by the TPB in November 2020, the CAC comprises 24 members. A minimum of five members must be designated from each state-level jurisdiction (District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia) and nine additional members are designated to incorporate a variety of perspectives from communities in TPB member jurisdictions. The committee's membership is intended to reflect the region's racial and ethnic diversity, as well as different ages, life experiences, and travel patterns found among various communities throughout the TPB's member jurisdictions.

From October 4 to December 2, 2024, TPB staff received 66 completed applications from 14 member jurisdictions. TPB Staff advertised the application period widely through blast emails, the TPB News, the TPB website, targeted outreach to individual jurisdictions, and social media, including boosted posts. In addition to TPB-led recruitment efforts, member jurisdictions participated by sharing the call through their own communication methods.

In December 2024, the TPB officers received a memorandum including all completed applications and staff recommendations for membership on the 2025 – 2026 CAC. The officers reviewed the applications and concurred with staff recommendations, which are attached. Staff considered regional criteria, including jurisdiction and state, leadership and other experiences, past service on the CAC or completion of the TPB's Community Leadership Institute (CLI), demographics, and more.

At the TPB meeting on January 22, the board is requested to consider the nominations and approve, with or without changes, the 24 members. Following the board's action, TPB Chair James Walkinshaw will announce the appointment of the CAC chair.

The new committee will convene its first meeting on February 13. A list of the 24 nominees and excerpts from their applications are attached.

Nominations for the 2025 – 2026 Community Advisory Committee

District of Columbia

Ra Amin	Ward 5
Juanita Beltran	Ward 8
Martha Fedorowicz	Ward 4
Cooper Lohr	Ward 3
Mónica Martínez López	Ward 5
Rick Rybeck	Ward 1
Gail Sullivan	Ward 6

Maryland

Keba Baldwin	Prince Georges County
Felicia Brannon	Montgomery County
Timothy (Tim) Davis	Frederick County
Kyle Dunn	Montgomery County
Heather Gaona	Rockville
Madeline Kaba	Charles County
Jenene Lee	Prince Georges County
Dorothy Menelas	Frederick City
Felipe Millan	Prince Georges County

Virginia

Dan Hardy	Fairfax County
Kevin Jiang	Arlington County
Asa Orrin-Brown	Alexandria
Daniel Papiernik	Fairfax County
Jeffrey Parnes	Fairfax County
Lorena Rios	Loudoun County
Mark Scheufler	Prince William County
Connor Young	Manassas

Ra Amin
District of Columbia, Ward 5
CAC – 2020 to 2024

Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's CAC?

If accepted, this will be my 3rd term as a TPC/CAC member which will make me the longest and most consistent member of the DC jurisdiction. It has been an honor to be a member and I have nearly a perfect attendance record. I only had to miss one meeting last term to attend an ANC meeting when a vote on a Plan Unit Development (PUD) was necessary. I'm interested in housing, Zoning, land use and environmental justice and how it all intersects with transportation planning. Transportation access is a key factor to achieving an equitable society and a thriving DMV region where every citizen has choices and opportunities. Also, having a vision with an attainable plan will assure that planet is safe and cared for the future generations. Meeting and working with others from around the DMV region has expanded my awareness of "Think Regionally, Act Locally" and has definitely made me a better elected official.

Affiliations

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 5B-04
ANC Vision Zero Caucus
ANC Rainbow Caucus
Fifth District MPD CAC
DC Bicycle Advisory Committee (DC BAC)
DC PAC
DC MAAC

Juanita Beltran

District of Columbia, Ward 8

Why are you interested in serving on the CAC?

As an ANC Commissioner, I am baffled by the city's and Metro plan to remove the circulator with no real plan in place. Our residents are going from 10 minutes waiting for a bus to over 20 to 30 minutes.

Affiliations:

ANC Commissioner

Martha Fedorowicz
District of Columbia, Ward 5

Why are you interested in serving on the CAC?

I've been a longtime public transit rider and advocate—dating back to my childhood in Michigan where my father worked as a Transportation Planner for our local transit authority. Today, I commute to work using Metrorail, take buses and metro to get to appointments and fun activities, use regional transportation like the MARC, Amtrak, and VRE to visit friends and family in other cities, and also ride a Capital Bikeshare e-bike to work once a week. Not only do I frequently ride public transportation, but I have also contacted WMATA to report issues, I regularly fill out public opinion surveys, and I've engaged in transportation plan development by submitting comments and feedback. The main reason I want to serve on the CAC is because I believe in the value of transportation and know how it can promote thriving communities and promote the health, wealth, and safety of our residents and our environment. In my role at the Urban Institute, I regularly provide technical assistance and capacity building to local governments all over the country hoping to create better communities for their residents. I would love to apply my passion for supporting the greater good here in the DC region too. In particular, I'm interested in bringing a deep focus on equity and serving marginalized communities to the CAC and ensuring that our region's services prioritize those who need them most.

Affiliations

Urban Institute
Big Brothers Big Sisters of the National Capital region
Washington English Center
Project Soapbox
Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Washington, DC.

Cooper Lohr

District of Columbia, Ward 3

Why are you interested in serving on the CAC?

I'm interested in serving on TBP's Community Advisory Committee because I am deeply committed to ensuring transportation solutions are safe, accessible, and equitable for everyone in the DMV. As a bike commuter living on Connecticut Ave. in Northwest DC, I have a personal stake in making our transportation network safer and more inclusive. Every day, navigating this major corridor highlights the challenges of biking alongside dense vehicular traffic that often leaves me and my fellow cyclists feeling exposed and vulnerable. This has deepened my resolve to advocate for streets that prioritize safety for all users. Additionally, my years of experience working in and around transportation policy have equipped me with a deep understanding of safety and equity issues in transportation. Currently, as a Transportation Policy Analyst with Consumer Reports, I work to advocate for policies that protect all road users. I've led initiatives to push for stronger vehicle safety standards, championed crash avoidance technologies, and advocated for comprehensive pedestrian and cyclist protections. As a member of the advisory committee I would bring both my personal and professional experiences to amplify community voices, advocate for safety improvements, and ensure that the region's transportation system is equitable and forward-thinking.

Affiliations:

Coalition for Smarter Growth

Mónica Martínez López

District of Columbia, Ward- 5

Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's CAC?

I would like to engage with our regional transportation planning board as someone who 1) lives and travels throughout the region without a private car; 2) has experienced life in the region with reduced mobility/a mobility device; 3) aims to encourage others to use mass transit/walk/bike as means of transportation. Learning from and collaborating with residents across jurisdictions and planners alike as we all plan for the future of our region sounds like an amazing opportunity. I would love to serve on the TPB CAC and contribute to having a wide range of voices represented in this community body.

Affiliations

ANC Commissioner, Northeast DC, 2025-2026.

Rick Rybeck

District of Columbia, Ward 1

CAC – 2020 to 2024

Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's CAC?

To offer expertise in solving transportation problems through land use and funding mechanisms that promote better transportation decision-making

Affiliations

Coalition for Smarter Growth

Former Deputy Associate Director for Policy and Planning at DDOT

Former legislative assistant to WMATA Board Member, Hilda Mason

Gail Sullivan

District of Columbia, Ward 6

CAC – 2023 to 2024

Why are you interested in serving on the TPB's CAC?

I realized there are so many neighborhoods and sectors of people that are not aware of the transportation issues.

Affiliations

Community organization Committee (Ward 6).

Ward 6 Public School Organization

Senior Medicare Patrol under the Legal Counsel for the Elderly

Keba Baldwin
Prince Georges County, MD

Why are you interested in serving on the CAC?

As the Transportation Director for Prince George's County Public Schools it is important to understand our community needs and work to align services to better fit our community.

Affiliations

National Association Pupil Transportation
Virginia Association Pupil Transportation
World Resources Institute (WRI) Ambassador

Felicia Brannon

Montgomery County, MD

Why are you interested in serving on the CAC?

I am very interested in the work of the Community Advisory Committee, which provides input to decision-makers. As a retired Government relations professional with a background in transportation/land-use planning, now living with a disability, I understand the importance of community involvement in regional planning.

Affiliations

Maryland Rare Disease Advisory Council

Montgomery County Council on People with Disabilities

Maryland Health and Wellness Advisory Council

Southern California Association of Governments

Westside Cities COG, South Bay Cities COG

Los Angeles Dept. of Building and Safety

Tim Davis

Frederick County, Maryland

CAC 2022-2024

Why are you interested in serving on the CAC?

I am the Chair of the Frederick County Planning Commission and want to deliver back to the County the activities of TPB and how more people can get involved and stay informed.

Affiliations

TPB (many committees)

TSAC of Frederick County

City Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

County Planning Commission Member

Staff for the City of Frederick

MDOT Committees / Advisory work in AQ Attainment, Bike/Ped Safety, multiple safety and capacity highway projects.

Kyle Dunn
Montgomery County, MD

Why are you interested in serving on the CAC?

As a graduating senior of a university in the TPB region, I want to advocate for other students and young people who rely on public transit to complete daily activities from going to class to getting groceries

Affiliations

Sigma Alpha Mu - Delta Beta (social chair, wellness chair, current alumni)

Heather Gaona

City of Rockville, Maryland

CAC 2023 to 2024

Why are you interested in serving on the CAC?

I make an effort to walk/bus/Metro more than I drive, and I think we can make a lot of improvements to our region's transportation systems. We should have accessible and available transit for everyone in our National Capital region, but we still have places and times when driving is the best (or only) option. I would love to help get us to a place where our commuter rail services function as regional rail (trains in both directions 7 days a week) and we can get anywhere without needing to drive.

Affiliations

Action Committee for Transit

Bread for the City

Madeline Kaba

Charles County, MD

Why are you interested in serving on the CAC?

Transportation equity is very important to me. My county is extremely car dependent, and is therefore mostly hostile to anyone walking or biking. I try to walk and bike to as many of my daily errands as I can, and so I have experienced many times the danger of navigating these roads outside of a car. I believe that everyone should be able to access all of their day to day needs without being forced to drive, whether in a large city or a small town, and so I have already been getting involved at the local level to influence policy and overall development practices to be more people-oriented and less car-oriented. Serving on the CAC would allow me the privilege of representing the people in my community who are nondrivers in a car-dependent area either by necessity or by choice, and to continue advocating for better transportation services and transit oriented development in my county at a more regional level. I am also interested in hearing about the experiences of other people in the region, sharing ideas, and working with the TPB to improve our transportation infrastructure and connectivity in the greater DC Metro area.

Affiliations

Strong Towns Charles County, leader/co-founder

Jenene Lee
Prince Georges County, MD

Why are you interested in serving on the CAC?

I would like to join the Community Advisory Committee and represent Prince Georges County because the county is often overlooked when it comes to renewing transportation initiatives. There are limited bus routes for the suburbs of Prince Georges County, which is an economic disservice to those who work, live, and play here. Traffic is often backed up for those who commute to DC and or Virginia, which takes away from a healthy work-life balance. I want to advocate for short rail lines from PG to DC and PG to VA.

Affiliations

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.,
Junior League of Prince Georges County

Dorothy Menelas

Frederick, MD

Why are you interested in serving on the CAC?

As a Planning Commissioner for the City of Frederick, currently serving my second five-year term, I recognize the vital role transportation decisions play in shaping urban planning, economic development, and overall quality of life. I am eager to deepen my understanding of the regional perspective on transportation, particularly in relation to the following:

- The processes involved in making transportation decisions.
- The ways various factors, such as environmental concerns, accessibility, and public safety, influence those decisions.
- The key considerations for balancing short-term and long-term transportation goals.
- Points of intersection between the multiple elements involved in regional planning.
- How transportation decisions are implemented and translated into tangible, actionable outcomes.
- The integration of local projects within the broader framework of regional planning.

Affiliations

City of Frederick Planning Commission

Felipe Francisco Millán
Prince George's County, Maryland
CAC – 2023 to 2024

Why are you interested in serving on the CAC?

I find it is a great opportunity to dive into the details of transportation funding, programming, review, and planning. It has also been a good opportunity to see the complexity of something like transportation (which needs to account for environmental, equity, economic development, land use and other demands and constraints) intersects with the complex DC/VA/MD jurisdictions and the various levels of government - from the local to the federal. Finally, I believe my continued focus on accessibility for individuals with disabilities from the get-go, and not as a retrofitted afterthought will continue to add value to our conversations.

Affiliations

Every-Mind (formerly Mental Health Association of Montgomery County)
Spina Bifida Association of America
TPB Community Advisory Committee

Dan Hardy
Fairfax County, VA

Why are you interested in serving on the CAC?

I am fortunate that my vocation has also been an avocation. As part of my transition into retirement, I'm seeking to continue helping the transportation planning community through opportunities such as the Community Advisory Committee. My career has also been focused on the intersection of elements of relevance to the CAC: how to balance science, data, policy, community, and commentary to seek consensus.

Affiliations

Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE): Washington DC
Transportation Research Board (TRB)
ULI Technical Assistance Panels
Guest panelist on the MWCOG TAP
Braver Angels
Democratic National Committee

Kevin Jiang
Arlington County

Why are you interested in serving on the CAC?

During some of my youth summer vacations spent abroad in China, I distinctly recall scouring the Shanghai transportation map exploring the abundance of options in every area within a short bus, subway, or bike ride—my first experience living in a 15-minute city experience. As I gained education and experience, seeking to understand the effects of transportation planning has continued to be a personal focus, albeit not my primary area of study or work. While in college, I took advantage of an open-ended project in my topological data analysis course to learn about the Simulation of Urban Mobility (SUMO) package. During a months-long period living in Fort Worth, I was able to spectate and participate in the large-scale feedback programs included in the DARTzoom New Bus Network Plan (Dallas/Fort Worth area). Similarly, through old friends, I closely followed community feedback offered during the NEXT GEN RTA project in my hometown of Cleveland, OH. More recently, I've challenged myself to learn more about urban design and car-centrism by reading Wade Graham's Dream Cities and Henry Grabar's Paved Paradise: How Parking Explains the World. And of course, during the past year plus, WMATA's Better Bus Network initiative has been a project I followed closely, despite not having the opportunity to participate because I was completing my university studies. By applying to the TPB's Community Advisory Committee, I seek to take the next step in actively contributing to building a more equitable and sustainable community, while developing a more well-rounded perspective by hearing a diverse range of informed opinions on our region's transportation now and in the future. In my more formative years, I was substantively involved in local politics, but gradually moved away from that type of work, and my current area of employment is very quantitative. Because of my passion for transportation planning, I see the TPB CAC as a fantastic opportunity to re-engage, while potentially being a distinctive source of ideas and feedback. While I do not have the same innate familiarity with the DMV as a native, I believe my experience seeing community-influenced transportation planning across the country combined with my knack for approaching transportation questions from a quantitative, network perspective, make me a great fit for the CAC.

Affiliations

Head Coach in Arlington Little League
Site Coordinator (VP) for the Academic Competition Federation

Asa Orrin-Brown
Alexandria, VA

Why are you interested in serving on the CAC?

I grew up in the Detroit suburbs, where car travel was the default. In the last few years my whole family has taken to using multi-modal transit more regularly for a variety of reasons. From those experiences, as well as efforts to support local T&ES projects here in Alexandria, I have become very aware of how important funding is in shaping the future of infrastructure in our community. I am happy to serve in the advisory group if it helps to ensure that the needs of families with neurodivergent kids and environmental concerns for the future get a voice in shaping the future of transportation in our region.

Affiliations

Friends of the Mount Vernon Trail
Alexandria Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Tahirih Justice Center
Food Gatherers Food Bank

Daniel Papiernik
Fairfax County, Virginia
CAC – 2017 to 2024

Why are you interested in serving on the CAC?

I continue to have a strong interest in supporting greater regional interoperability of our transportation systems and sustainable methods of funding the operations and maintenance of our transportation infrastructure.

Affiliations

Transportation Research Board, Data subcommittee
International Bridge, Tunnel, and Turnpike Association
ITS Virginia
Pine Ridge Civic Association

Jeff Parnes
Fairfax County, Virginia
CAC – 2010 to 2024

Why are you interested in serving on the CAC?

I believe the transportation network of any community can make or break that community. The system provides the residents opportunities to commute for jobs, pursue their education, explore their surroundings and the freedom to grow. Communities without adequate transportation networks are at a disadvantage compared to other communities and provide a disservice to their residents. I have been active in land use and transportation matters for ~45 years in Fairfax County and the Greater Washington Area. I have watched both the Orange line being built in the I-66 median in the mid-80s and watched with satisfaction the Silver line inch its way up the Dulles Road median in Fairfax County. I remember the completion of the Green line and extension of the Blue lines into Prince George's counties. What is needed now is connectivity between neighboring communities without necessarily traveling through the region's core. I can only see that resulting from a regional approach, and the only body capable of making that happen is the Metropolitan Washington Council of Government's Transportation Planning Board. Therefore I wish to continue to participate on and serve that body.

Affiliations

Fairfax County Transportation Advisory Commission
Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations
Sully District Council of Citizens Associations
Chantilly Highlands Homes Association
Land Use Committee Chair of the Greenbriar Civic Association
Fairfax County Citizen representative to the Dulles Area Transportation Association
Sully District Transportation Advisory Commissioner, Vice Chair, and Chair.
MWCOC Greater Washington 2050 Coalition

Lorena Rios

Loudoun County, Virginia

CAC – 2012 to 2024

Why are you interested in serving on the CAC?

It is important to have inclusivity in regional committees, not only racially diverse but different incomes, with different modes of transportation and a range of opinions to promote discourse among the members. Listening to different points of view, opinion and knowledge enhances members' learning and allows them to provide comprehensive solutions.

Affiliations

Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Hispanic American Freethinkers

Loudoun County Housing Advisory Board member

APA Transportation Committee

TPB Access for All committee member

National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB)

Virginia Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects (APELSCIDLA)

Mark Scheufler

Prince William County, Virginia

CAC 2023-2024

Why are you interested in serving on the CAC?

- Promote public involvement in transportation planning in Greater Prince William County Area
- Collaborate with other jurisdiction members on regional planning efforts

Affiliations

Active Prince William

Prince William County Planning Commission

Connor Young
Manassas, VA

Why are you interested in serving on the CAC?

As we enter the second quarter of the 21st century, we're faced with challenges like the affordability and climate crises. I believe transportation infrastructure and services is a powerful tool for addressing those challenges and want to be a part of transitioning our communities from legacy solutions addressing the problems of the last century to those that address the problems of this century.

Affiliations

FIRST Technical Challenge Team 6540 in Philadelphia
Active Prince William