ITEM 10 – INFORMATION
November 18, 2026

DMV*Moves*: Bus Priority Network Plan

Background: The board will be briefed on an executive summary of the DMVMoves Bus Priority Network Plan, one of the recommendations of the DMVMoves Plan adopted by the COG and WMATA Boards of Directors in November 2025 and an activity accepted by the TPB in R9-2026 in January of this year. The Bus Priority Network Plan will provide additional detail on the seven corridor network, the outcomes and performance targets that the service and priority investments need to achieve, identify agency roles and responsibilities for each corridor project, and include an impact analysis that makes the case for the network and evaluates implementation benefits and the costs of inaction.

National Capital Region
Transportation Planning Board

MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Planning Board

FROM: Eric Randall, TPB Transportation Engineer

SUBJECT: DMV*Moves* – Draft Bus Priority Network Plan Executive Summary

DATE: November 12, 2026

The TPB will be briefed on an executive summary of the draft Bus Priority Network Plan, including the impact analysis and the recommended implementation actions.

In January 2026, the TPB passed Resolution R9-2026, endorsing the DMV*Moves* Plan and accepting the request urged upon it to act as the lead coordinator for implementation of the Plan, including overall plan progress reporting and working with the region's transportation agencies and transit operators to move forward on implementation of the DMV*Moves* Plan's Regional Integration Action Plan.

A specific recommendation of the DMVMoves Plan, which was accepted in the TPB Resolution, called for the TPB to develop "a Regional Bus Priority Plan that will define outcomes and targets, system benefits, and roles and responsibilities for the initial 7-corridor system concept".

TPB staff and Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) staff coordinated to reconvene a DMV*Moves* working group of local agency subject-matter experts in the field of bus priority. In addition, a consulting team from ICF and Foursquare Integrated Transportation Planning was contracted by COG to provide technical expertise in the development of the Bus Priority Network Plan.

Staff and the consulting team conducted corridor interviews with more than 50 staff from jurisdictions, transit agencies, funding partners, and state DOTs. Information documented included project roles, planned and funded projects, corridor gaps, and implementation challenges. This information was used in the development of an impact analysis the summarized the network in numbers, the potential bus priority levels of investment, the benefits of investing and the cost of delay, the travel time and ridership benefits, and the costs and savings of the network. Technical documentation is still being drafted with detailed information.

Adoption of the Bus Priority Network Plan will not itself implement projects; the region must address funding, governance, project development, outcome-based design, road-space allocation, enforcement, and coordination among roadway owners and operators.

Regional bus priority

Recommendation	**Finalize and adopt a Regional Bus Priority Action Plan.**	
Summary	Region develops a plan and commits to design, fund, and construct regional bus priority corridors over the next 6-8 years.	
Key Actions	(a) DMV*Moves* Working Group identifies a limited, initial set of top-priority, high-ROI corridors the region should collaborate to deliver in the next six to eight years. Those corridors will be the subject of a Regional Bus Priority Action Plan and resulting regional implementation partnerships.	Completed
	(b) TPB convenes Metro and relevant local and state agencies to complete the Regional Bus Priority Plan. The Regional Bus Priority Plan will provide additional detail on corridors selected in Action (a), set outcomes and performance targets that the service and priority investments need to achieve; and identify agency roles and responsibilities for each corridor project.	Complete in Fall 2026
Recommendation	**Develop plans and implement regional priority corridors.**	
Summary	Local jurisdictions and roadway owners will partner with Metro to develop plans for bus priority on the identified corridors. Partners would then work together to implement plans to improve speed and reliability while providing service more cost-effectively. Metro operates "mainline" service where it is the primary provider; other bus providers may also operate service in corridors.	
Key Actions	(a) Metro, in partnership with local and state agencies, will prioritize and phase corridor projects; coordinate studies, preliminary engineering, and environmental reviews; engage stakeholders and the public throughout project development.	Phased implementation starting in 2026 over the next 5 to 6 years
	(b) Metro will partner with jurisdictions to pursue federal grants and identify matching funds, ensuring shared ownership of project financing.	Phased implementation starting in 2026 over the next 6 to 8 years
	(c) Metro and jurisdictions will advance projects into detailed engineering, construction, and rollout of bus priority infrastructure, with Metro serving as the regional coordinator.	Phased implementation starting in 2026 over the next 6 to 8 years